

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

March 4, 2011

Paul Stoelting, President, called the Special Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 8:45 a.m. Other council members present were Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Brian Woody. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, and Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline were also present.

Paul introduced the bid award for design engineering for the onsite improvements at the Industrial Park. Henry advised we received only one bid. The bid was from Wightman Petrie and was for \$79,495.00. Brian moved to award the bid for the design engineering to Wightman Petrie for an amount not to exceed \$79,495.00; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry advised we also advertised for bids for grant administration; we received one bid from MACOG for \$73,000.00. Henry added the bid included the insurance he requested. Bill moved to award the bid for grant administration to MACOG for an amount not to exceed \$73,000.00; Brian seconded. Henry explained the bid is written so that we will be billed at an hourly rate for only the hours we use. Brian stated he wanted the record to show he feels the amount is excessive. Larry questioned the \$3,000.00 amount in the bid for environmental review; he asked if that is for the same thing we just authorized Wightman Petrie to do. Henry said he did not think so, but he will check and make sure it is not for Phase I. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry announced we received a petition to annex that was signed by 65 homeowners in Oakwood Park. Paul explained we need 51%. Henry noted the signatures are not certified. Henry stated he expects to receive a signed petition later today from the receiver for all the Oakwood Foundation properties. Larry presented a copy of correspondence where Judge Huffer authorized the receiver to sign the annexation petition; Larry advised that would give us about 75% of the property owners. Discussion followed. Brian made a motion to accept the annexation petition from the homeowners of Oakwood Park and to accept the petition for annexation from the receiver as authorized by Judge Huffer. Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against.

Henry explained we need the fiscal plan prepared, and we need to allow 60 days for the homeowners to view the plan. The worst case scenario is 120 days to complete the annexation. He also stated that Town Attorney Mike Reed has indicated he will have additional fees of about \$6,000.00 for his services for the annexation. Brian made a motion to authorize payment to Mike Reed of an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for services for the Oakwood Annexation matters; Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The selection of a member of the Fire Territory Board was discussed. Paul explained he and Bill Musser met with Bill Dixon of the Township Advisory Board. Paul stated our nominee was rejected. Paul, Bill Musser, and Bill Dixon all agreed things happened too soon. Paul would like the press to publish information that we are seeking qualified individuals for the Fire Territory Board. He supports doing a selection process over the next 30 days until about the end of March and possibly making a decision in April. Paul added there must be consensus between the town and the township. Larry noted the council unanimously nominated our appointee. Paul stated he and Bill feel we should go back to

square one. Discussion followed. Paul feels there is no mandatory need for the fifth person at this time. Larry and Bill added the same applicants can reapply. There was a consensus among the council members to proceed with the plan Paul suggested. Media members present asked for information about who should be contacted and a deadline. Council members decided that interested parties should submit their name and qualifications to the Town Manager by March 31. After discussion, it was decided the council will work out the interview process.

In other council business, Brian announced the police department has narrowed down the field of applicants to five. Larry asked if any of them are reserves; he was told yes. Interviews with each applicant will be on Monday, March 7.

Paul discussed the November request by the BZA to appoint a proxy to the BZA. He has found someone who is willing to serve as a proxy. Paul suggested we have the entire council approve the proxy, since the proxy may be replacing an executive or legislative body appointee. Paul will bring it up at the next meeting. Discussion followed on the possibility of replacing an appointee who misses too many meetings.

Bill stated he would like to see a schematic of the design for Vega field before construction begins. Chad will be asked to bring plans to the meeting.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting; Brian seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Stoelting, President

Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer