

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2015

Town Council President Paul Stoelting called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other council members present were Kathy Beer, Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Brian Woody. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis, and Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline were also present.

Paul opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul asked for public comment on agenda items; there were no comments.

The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Brian moved to approve the minutes; Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #129 to #263 were presented for payment. Larry moved to approve the claims; Kathy seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported the lighting for the signs at the Technology Park has been repaired. The repairs to the Front St bridge will begin in March; completion is expected by Memorial Day. All of the Oakwood regulatory signs are up.

Henry also recognized Police Chief Tony Ciriello. Tony received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Governor Mike Pence. The Indiana Association of Chiefs nominated Tony for the award.

Henry announced the Town of Syracuse received the 2014 Beautification award from the Syracuse Wawasee Chamber of Commerce.

POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello reported there were 333 calls for service in February. There were eight vehicle crashes, four misdemeanor criminal arrests, and four warrants were issued.

Tony commented about law enforcement agencies providing a public safety zone when purchasing items from websites such as Craigslist. The Syracuse Police department will be providing a safe zone for such transactions starting next week.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson announced upcoming events for the Park Department. The Indoor Yard Sale will be held at the Community Center on March 7. The Easter Egg Hunts will be on March 27 and March 28. The hunt on the March 27 will be after the middle school dance.

Chad reported Winterfest was held on January 30 and 31; Chad feels this was a really good starting point for events to build on in the future.

Chad noted the usage at the fitness center had 309 more participants in January 2015 compared to January 2014. K-21 provided a grant for this equipment; they are very pleased with the increased participation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Jeremy Sponseller announced he received two quotes for the 2015 Tree Removal; ten trees will be removed. The quotes received were:

D H Tree and Stump	\$8,925.00
Mudrack Tree Service	\$10,680.00
Wawasee Tree Service	\$12,200.00

Bill moved to accept the quote of \$8,925.00 from D H Tree and Stump; trees are to be removed by May 31. Larry asked if these removals included the trees that were damaged by the tornado last year; Chad advised those limbs were taken care of on an emergency basis. Kathy seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Jeremy updated the council on the Wastewater Project. He met with the contractor R.E. Crosby and presented the revised itemized scope. The contractor will check this revised scope; Jeremy will provide a report by the March meeting.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline reported the water meter readings were estimated again this month. Slightly over 300 residents have radio reads now; those customers will receive actual readings. Jeremy added he hopes to complete installation of the radio read meters by the end of the season.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Vern Landis had nothing further to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Sharon Fowler, of Pittsburg St, spoke about a letter she received about a dangerous tree in her yard. She suggested we have a fund to help residents pay for trees that need to come down. Discussion followed on our ordinances on dangerous trees. Our Emergency Housing Loan program was suggested to Sharon.

Sharon also asked about the town providing parking for large trucks. Paul advised we have no room in town to address the issue.

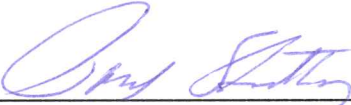
OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

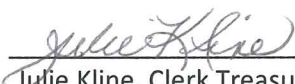
None.

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Paul Stoelting, President

  
Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer