

# SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting

January 19, 2020 @7:00 P.M.

Town Council President Larry Siegel called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Tom Hoover, Bill Musser, Paul Stoelting and Larry Martindale. Town Manager Mike Noe, Attorney Vern Landis, Commonwealth Jeremy Harding, KEDCO Alan Tio, Travel Star Tony Truex, and John's Butcher Shop Marlin Miller.

The minutes of the December 15, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1675-1700 & 1-126 for \$565,491.97 were presented for payment. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Task Order Main and Brooklyn, total cost of \$68,000.00 & Task Order Wellhead Protection Plan, total cost of \$8,500.00 was presented by Jeremy Hardy. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the task order not to exceed the amounts; Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Marlin Miller, owner of John's Butcher Shop, would like to rezone the old Elementary School on Brooklyn Street to residential/commercial. Would like to renovate the school, covert the west end of the school into apartments and east end of the school (gym, cafeteria, and kitchen) use as a commercial food production area. Marlin said the cost to renovate the old school would be approximately 3 million. Council asked Jeremy Hardy to address the traffic issues around the elementary school. Jeremy Hardy will address the traffic issues at the next council meeting.

Tony Truex, Travel Star, is asking for the tax abatement to be approved for Travel Star. Travel Star started in Goshen, IN. Has been in business for 32 years. Vern Landis asked the council to approve the Declaratory Resolution 2021-01 for Travel Star, the next council meeting approve the Confirmatory Resolution 2021-02. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the Declaratory Resolution 2021-01; Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe reported on the Town Managers Report. Informed Council that Aluminum Insights requested the sewer line be moved at the Tech park, lot 13 & 14, to build their building. The Council did not have to approve if the RDC passed to approve the sewer line being moved.

Mike is working with a company, K & L, to address the copper limit at the wastewater plant. IDEM put a limit on Copper for .021. The Town of Syracuse is struggling to meet that limit. K & L can treat it with a chemical application and is willing to help the Town meet our limits for Copper. Hard to pin- point why the copper is so high.

The Street Dept. is digging the line for the fiber optic to reach the water department building. This is saving the Town \$11,500.00. By the end of the month fiber optic should also be installed at the Town Hall.

### POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne went over his year-end report. No ADA complaints. The vehicles and radios have been ordered, just waiting on delivery. Speed sign that was on S.R. 13 are in for repairs will hopefully be back before Spring. Cory Kenworthy will be starting the academy next month.

### PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, working on upcoming events. Easter and garage sales are coming up, trying to figure out if and how we can do them. Adult Basketball still going on.

Tree Summary for 2020 are in the packets for review.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, went over his year-end report.

Would like approval for the purchase of nitrous oxide (laughing gas), use in the ambulances. Total cost \$11,250.00. Bill Musser moved to purchase the Nitrous oxide; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer was absent from the Council meeting. Mike Noe presented the encumbrances for 2021 for 2020. The encumbrances were cut in half from last year. Both Mike and Larry spoke with SBOA just to make sure we are doing it correctly and we are.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Siegel asked Mike about Bose McKinney and the progress with the new ball field and the annexation. Bose said it would take up to a year, it will be in stages.

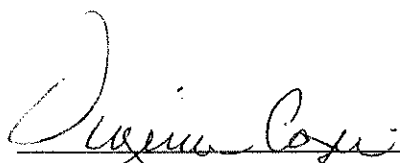
NEW BUSINESS

Mike asked Larry Siegel if he wanted to talk about the agreement with KEDCO. Larry Siegel feels KEDCO made a lot of promises they did not fulfill. Bill Musser stated we should give them \$5,000.00 this year. KEDCO is asking for \$15,000.00. Tom proposed to give them \$7,500.00. Need to maintain a good relationship with KEDCO. Would like to see more results coming from KEDCO. Bill suggested getting a monthly update from KEDCO on what they are doing for Syracuse. Bill Musser made the motion to give KEDCO \$7,500.00 and request a monthly report to the Council on what KEDCO is doing for the Town, Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Siegel, Council President

  
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Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer