

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 21, 2022 @7:00 P.M.

Town Council President William Musser called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Martindale, Cindy Kaiser, Paul Stoelting, Larry Siegel and Clerk Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Attorney Jay Rigdon.

William Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the May 17th regular meeting presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 663-813 for \$743,680.07 presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Declaratory Resolution 2022-03 Oakwood TIF presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve Resolution 2022-03; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Declaratory Resolution 2022-04 Allen TIF presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve Resolution 2022-04; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-08 Additional Appropriation from Fund #2404 Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant to Appropriation # 452 CCG-Reconstruction Railroad for \$188,117.25. Paul Stoelting moved to approve Ordinance 2022-08; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-09 Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Cell Tower at Wawasee Schools. Paul Stoelting moved to approve Ordinance 2022-09; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for motion; none against. The motion carried.

Larry Siegel introduced State Representative David Abbott. Mr. Abbott is our representative due to redistricting. He was extremely impressed with our town. Is working hard with the DNR to fund and rebuild our local lakes & rivers in our areas.

Josh Lantz introduced himself, he is with the Kosciusko County Welfare League. Gave the council an update on the shelter in Warsaw. New Executive Director, Tonya Blanchard started with the Shelter this year. New program "Shelter Buddies," children reading to the pets on every third Saturday of every month. The Cat House is currently underway for unwanted cats & kittens. Looking for donations.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Jeremy Hardy is asking a \$2,500.00 check for the right of way fee to CSX, before starting the Main & Railroad Reconstruction project. Paul Stoelting approved for the Clerk to write a check to CSX for \$2,500.00; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Lakeside Drive water main loop is out for bid.

Oakwood Lift Station preliminary layout is complete.

Yearly water loss audit is complete.

Met with the Town Manager and Public Works Director about a 5-year comprehensive plan. Future planning and growth for the Town. Commonwealth proposed spending \$55,000 for water testing throughout the town. Council all agreed to move forward. Jeremy said the study should be done by the end of the year. Will investigate finding the funds, will table till next month.

North Tower, bid documents need to be completed.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson, Town Manager, asked if there were any questions on his report.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions on report.

No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, reported on the Annual Mudtastic, there were around 250 participants. Next week will be preparing for the 4th of July. Ballpark, a lot of work as been done in the last month. Hope to be done by the end of August. No lifeguards have applied. Need to be certified to be a lifeguard.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, any questions on his report.

Mark thanked the public for their patience after the storm. Running 4 trucks / 20 loads a day.

Pulver gave the Town a quote for \$50,835.00 for concrete sidewalks. They waved the mobilization fee of \$7,000. Mark would like approval from the Council for \$50,835.00 from account (430) Street Dept Budget. Paul Stoelting approved the \$50,835.00 to be completed by the end of September; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Larry Siegel suggested organizing area events with the sidewalk construction. Larry Martindale will get with Mark on some events coming up.

Hunting Street Lift Station is the next to be replaced. Received a quote for \$83,200.00. Piping replacement will need to be done before pumps can be installed. Need to do an additional appropriation transfer for next month. Paul made the motion to advertise the transfer of funds; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, asked for approval to upgrade security system. Old system was put in December of 2008. Cannot get parts for the old system. Need to upgrade system for both stations. Mickey is asking Council for \$11,500.00 to come out of the Equipment Fund for the update to the security system. Paul Stoelting made the motion to install new security system not to exceed \$11,500.00; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Reminder of Annual Chicken BBQ on July 2nd.

The Fire Department received complaints about local businesses shutting their doors and locking them during business hours. Reason is because they are short staffed. It is a violation of Indiana Fire Code to lock the doors with customers still in the building.

CLERK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Noting to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

John Longenbaugh, 300 N. Main St., wanted to thank the Town for their services to him and the community.

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Matt Goodnight, 702 N. Lake Street, congratulated Paul Stoelting on his re-election. Matt is retired and looking for a way to be more involved in the community. Larry Siegel recommended Matt Goodnight to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

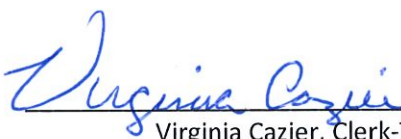
Bill Musser appointed Matt Goodnight to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Larry Seigel made a motion to approve the appointment; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Larry Seigel made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



William Musser, Council President



Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer