

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2021 @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, Larry Martindale, Paul Stoelting and Bill Musser. Clerk Treasurer Virginia Cazier, Attorney Vern Landis.

Larry Siegel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – None

The minutes of the May 18, 2021, regular meeting was presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 694-827 for \$473,159.87 were presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The approved Polywood Tax Abatements CF-1 Forms was signed by the Town Council President, Larry Siegel.

The approved Patrick Industries, Inc. Tax Abatement CF-1 Form was signed by the Town Council President, Larry Siegel.

INDOT-LPA Contract-Larry Siegel will be the legal signer for the Town of Syracuse. Paul Stoelting moved to approve Larry Siegel being the legal signer for the contract; Bill Musser seconded.

Ballfield – Confirm the award to Beer & Slabaugh as the contractor and have Larry Siegel sign for the contract. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the Awardment and Larry to sign contract; Larry Martindale seconded.

Wastewater-Hiring Jeremiah Mench for the Wastewater position. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the hiring of Jeremiah Mench; Tom Hoover seconded.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Jeremy discussed applying for the SWIF Grant for the Town of Syracuse, due July 15th. Jeremy would like approval to apply for the grant. Paul Stoelting moved to approve to apply for the grant; Tom Hoover seconded.

Jeremy discussed two projects that need attention; North Water Tower needs painted and Lakeside Drive Waterline. The estimated cost will be \$900,000.00.

Main St & Railroad Bid - Phend and Brown bid was \$250,823.00. Paul Stoelting moved to approve bid from Phend & Brown; Bill Musser seconded.

Discussed the Wastewater lift stations. Booster Station on SR 13 is being worked on. Jeremy is working on the Burger King lift station, 530 N. lift station and N. Huntington St. lift station.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne went over his monthly report. No ADA complaints.

One of the two police vehicles we are waiting on came in.

A police officer will be leaving the Town of Syracuse on June 24th and will be working for the Town of Goshen. We are taking applications.

Tom Hoover asked Jim Layne about the residents not upkeeping their properties & trash/junk in their yards.

Tom mentioned around Larry Martindale's district is not well maintained. 301 N. Main Street has very tall grass, who is responsible? This has been going on for years. Why hasn't the town taken care of these issue? Jim & Vern will be looking into the Ordinances and making changes.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, the Mudtastic is going to be this Saturday the 18th. We have 260 registered for the race and are hoping for 300.

July 4th Park will be open to the public. Will have a live band, radio station, food trucks, hoping to have it back to the way it was before 2020.

Working on updates to Ward Park. Board walk will be complete this week. Eventually new bathrooms and playground.

Council recommended buying more booies for Lakeside Park will help with safety issues, especially since we don't have enough life guards this year.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, updating radios for the Fire Dept. will cost the Fire Dept. \$42,035.00 and K21 will pay \$168,139.92.

152 runs, most runs in quite a while.

There is an open position for the Fire Dept.

BBQ will be July 3rd.

Fireworks Wawasee will be July 3rd and Syracuse will be July 4th

CLERK

Clerk's office A/C is not working. Looking for quotes from three contractors. Havel informed us that the Police Dept. A/C and Furnace is as old as the Clerk Office. Will have a quote at the July meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Stoelting made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting at 7:39 p.m.; Tom Hoover seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Larry Siegel, Council President



Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer