

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 15, 2017

Town Council President Tom Hoover called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 6:58 p.m. Council members also present were Larry Martindale, Bill Musser, and Paul Stoelting. Larry Siegel was absent. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis, and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

Tom Hoover opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom amended the Agenda by allowing Jim Layne to introduce the incoming reserve officers. Vern Landis swore in the following officers: Jonathan Craig Fannin, Joseph Taylor, Terrence Wires, Joshua Gohlke, Cody Leer, and Matthew Eckard. A seventh reserve officer, Ryan Emery, was sworn in at an earlier date.

Tom asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

The minutes of the July 18, 2017, meeting was presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 990 through 1133 were presented for payment. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Larry Martindale seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Henry announced that the Technology Park annexation is complete. He also informed the Council that we would need to rezone the property as Kosciusko County's zoning and Elkhart County are not the same. He is recommending we zone it at the "I 2" or Light Industrial 2 level. He believes the approval will be done at the September meeting.

Henry also informed the Council that we would need to create a new Tax Increment Financing district for the Technology Park since it is now part of the Town of Syracuse. A Resolution will need to be passed at a Redevelopment Commission meeting 1st.

Henry stated that the Town will be hiring a utility attorney to help in analyzing the contract for the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District. This attorney will have experience in contracts and would like to meet with us and Turkey Creek within 3 weeks.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions on his report. There were none. He had nothing else to report.

There were no ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported the Kids Olympics will be on August 26th for children from Kindergarten age to 5th grade. He announced that the lifeguards will not be on duty after August 16th. Chad also stated he will be sending out a survey to the community on the 1st of September for the Parks and Recreation's master plan.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant was absent.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked the council if they had any questions about his report. There were none. He reported that only 41% of their 2017 budget has been used and the year is now over 50% done. He stated that there was a total of 122 responses for the month of July.

Mickey gave thanks to all the Boards working together on passing the Fire Territory budget this year. He is currently receiving bids for the upgrade of Station 2. He has been working on making the new Wawasee Elementary School with their safety regulations. He is also working on getting various business and commercial properties to install Knox Boxes that would allow the Fire Department access to the buildings for emergencies.

Mickey announced that everyone will need to slow down for buses now that school is back in session. Sharon Fowler spoke from the floor and asked what the drivers of an ambulance would do if they were on an emergency run to the hospital and came to a bus that was stopped and picking up children. Mickey answered that the ambulance would stop as well.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, asked if there were any questions or comments on the changes in the various departments budgets. There were none. She then updated the Council on current Motor Vehicle Highway Fund procedures for the new law.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

Henry announced that there would be a meeting in the Fall to discuss whether there may be a Round-a-bout, Ramp, or Jug Handle at the intersection of U.S. 6 and S.R. 13. He also informed the Council that there has been vandalism in various areas. He is also wanting to get speed limit signs posted in the Technology Park.

OLD BUSINESS

There is nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There is nothing to report.

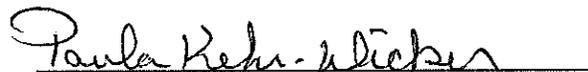
Paul Stoelting moved to adjourn; Bill Musser seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:27 pm.

ATTEST:



Tom Hoover, President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer