

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 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 Scott Renst.

Larry Siegel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – None

The minutes of the August 17, 2021, regular meeting, was presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1112-1263 for \$914,322.47 were presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Public Hearing and First Reading of 2022 Budget, Clerk Treasurer read aloud the 2022 Budget.

Resolution 2021-14 Tax Abatement request from Ridgestone Development Group, LLC for old Syracuse Elementary School property. Attorney Steve Snyder presented the Tax Abatement request to the Council.

Ordinance 2021-15 Emergency Transfer of Appropriations in Riverboat. Paul Stoelting approved Ordinance 2021-15; seconded by Tom Hoover. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-16 Establishing a Stop Intersection at the corner of W. Boston St and 1st Street. Paul Stoelting approved Ordinance 2021-16; seconded by Larry Martindale. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-17 Amending Ordinance 2020-11 Salary Ordinance, changing salary for the Town Manager and Public Works Director. Paul Stoelting approved Ordinance 2021-17; seconded by Tom Hoover. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Main & Brooklyn: Nipsco is relocating utility lines. Project should be completed by Fall of 2021.

Harkless Drive Improvement: Preliminary design.

The Town did not receive the SWIF Grant.

Burger King Lift Station: The pump is on order and will be replaced once the new pump is in.

North Business Park Drive: Original Contract Amount \$239,158. New Contract Amount \$253,856.75.

Commonwealth asked for approval for the extra \$14,698.75. Jeremy also asked the Council to have the Clerk write the check this month for \$253,856.75. Paul Stoelting approved the increase of \$14,698.75 and for the Clerk to write the check this month for \$253,856.75, coming out of the S. Benton TIF, for HRP Construction. Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Intersection of Kern Road and the High School/Elementary School. The best solution for this intersection is to have a four way stop signs. Tom Hoover asked if it will be monitored. Jeremy stated it will be a trail on the four way and hoping this helps with the traffic. Tom was satisfied that there was something being done. Tom also mentioned, he reached out to our State Representative and have not heard back from them on this matter.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson, Town Manager, talked about Travel Star wanting their reimbursement check for \$51,355.40. Dave asked the Council for approval, to have the Clerk write the check this month for \$51,355.40 to Travel Star. Tom Hoover approved for the Clerk to write the check this month for \$51,355.40 to Travel Star; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne stated that there will be a shortage on the Metropolitan Police Board. The Board meets four times a year. Paul Stoelting volunteered his service to be on the Board. Tom Hoover approved Paul Stoelting to be on the Metropolitan Board; Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. No ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, said the Farmers Market is still going on. Up-coming events, Harvest Festival on October 9th, 10-2 at Lakeside Park. Indoor Garage Sale at the Community Center on October 16, 9-2. Homecoming Parade is on September 24th at 4 o'clock. It will begin at the Polar Craft Building on Chicago Street heading west to the High School.

Ballfield Project is moving along well. Light bases are in. A lot of dirt has been moved. Buildings are supposed to be starting in the middle of October.

Bill Musser asked if the Haunted House was going to happen this year. Chad turned in the permit for the Haunted House and is expecting to have it up and running the last two weeks of October.

Chad also stated that there will be Truck or Treating at the Community Center on Saturday, October 30th, same as last year.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, contacted Middlebury Electric on our Scadata System. They will be working on the Lift Stations first, then work back to the plant. Bill Musser asked if the lift station were really in bad shape. Yes, they are in bad shape, Mark replied.

Mark encouraged the Council to come to the Public Works and see what has been accomplished recently.

Tom Hoover complimented Mark for such a good job on his report.

Mark is asking for approval, to hire Airmarking Company for \$11,476.00, to strip some roads in Syracuse. The length would be under 18,000 feet. The money will be coming out of Appropriation Paving (390), under Street Dept. Paul Stoelting approved to hire Airmarking Company for \$11,476.00 and to finished on or before November 30th; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion. None against.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, is still getting diversion calls. For example, patients going to Goshen Hospital, but Goshen is not accepting any patients. Need to find another hospital that will accept patients. Several reasons for diversion calls, not enough beds, or enough staff.

A CPR Class is available to anyone who wants to go, September 29th at 4 p.m.

CLERK

Had a lengthy discussion on the current bills coming in that have not been appropriated. Several examples, Annexation and/or the extra cost from Engineering invoices. Council suggested the Clerk and Town Manager finding the best appropriation for the invoices.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

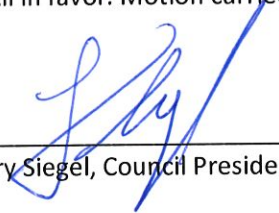
Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy Kaiser introduced herself and talked about her background in the community. Cindy will be replacing Tom Hoover on the Town Council.

Bill Musser made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m.; Paul Stoelting seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Larry Siegel, Council President



Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer