

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 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 Vern Landis.

William Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the March 15, 2022, regular meeting presented for approval. Cindy Kaiser moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 385-513 for \$915,719.84 presented for approval. Larry Martindale moved to approve the claims; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Arbor Day Proclamation read aloud by Mr. William Musser and signed.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation read aloud by Mr. William Musser and signed.

Resolution No. 2022-02 Waiving Noncompliance of Polywood LLC and P.W. Realty, LLC. Steve Snyder, Attorney, explained the Polywood Tax Abatement from April 2021, was never signed by the Town Council. Polywood could not receive the tax abatement 2021 for 2022. Steve said there is a process to fix the problem, file a waiver for failure to file in a timely manner. Larry Siegel asked who forgot to file it. Steve Snyder was not sure. Larry Siegel moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-02; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-06 Establishing of Development Drive, Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-06; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-07 Deeding of Line Street to Oakwood Resort, Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-07; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Nothing to report

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson, Town Manager, brought up a situation that had to do with a local restaurant in Town, Los Toritos. Steve Snyder explained the issue that Los Toritos is currently having with the Syracuse Board of Zoning. The Syracuse building inspector issued a permit to put up a front patio deck. Confusion over the permit, the patio deck encroached onto the right of way. Steve advised the town to sign an Encroachment Agreement with Los Toritos, allowing the patio deck to remain the same unless the town needs to widen the road sometime in the future. Council President, William Musser, signed the agreement. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the Encroachment Agreement; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

David asked the Council for approve on the Job descriptions presented. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the Job description; Larry Martindale seconded. Paul Stoelting withdrew the motion, due to needing more time to review the details of the Job descriptions. Council decided to table the Job descriptions for next month. Larry Seigel made a motion; Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion, Paul Stoelting abstained. The motion carried.

Travel Lite CF1 for tax abatement was submitted to the Town.

Kern Road Annexation is complete.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions on report. No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, ask the Council to approve Jamie Beer as a new park board member. Paul Stoelting moved to approve Jamie Beer as new park board member; Larry Seigel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Town received a grant for fifty trees from Releaf Michigan. On Saturday, April 30th we will be planting fifty trees around Syracuse, Lauderman Park, Public Works, and the corner of Polywood Way. Looking for volunteers to help plant the trees.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was postponed a week due to snowy weather conditions. Last weekend was our Annual Easter egg hunt, it was a success.

Touch a Truck will be May 7th.

Ballfield updates: Water and sewer lines are in and have been tested. Pressure is good. Working on wall covering this week.

Larry Siegel asked when the Bond payment will be paid off. This year the Community Center will be paid off.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions on report.

Drainage project at the intersection of Maple Grove and Harkless will be done in-house for \$13,961.00. Mark is asking Council to take out \$13,961.00 from Street budget (361). Larry Seigel made the motion to approve \$13,961.00; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

After the Drainage project is complete, the Town would need to grind and pave the roads. There is 17,030 feet on Maple Grove that needs to be grinded and paved, including 1,400 feet at the intersection of E. Pickwick and Chicago. We currently have an encumbered P.O. for Pulver Asphalt and would like to increase that P.O. by \$16,704.00 to complete the paving project. Mark is asking the Council for the additional increase of \$16,704.00. Paul Stoelting made the motion for the increase to complete the project; Larry Seigel seconded. All votes for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mark would also like to remove and replace curbing on Chicago Street and Harkless for \$5,775.00. Larry Seigel made the motion for \$5,775.00; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All votes for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Street Department is asking for a new leaf truck for \$201,364.00. The current equipment are old and need constant maintenance. The new leaf truck will help save time and effort collection leaves. Larry Seigel made the motion for the new leaf truck; Paul Stoelting seconded. All votes for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, asked if there were any questions on his report. Mickey is asking for approval for a new Polar Craft rescue boat \$15,075.51. Paul Stoelting made the motion for the new rescue boat; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All votes for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Last month Ordinance 2022-03 APR Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund was presented but no motion taken. Would like the Council to make a motion on this Ordinance. Paul Stoelting made the motion; Larry Siegel seconded. All votes for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Erin Rowland Jones, CASA, thanked the council for reading the proclamation. She mentioned events coming up, if anyone is interested, please contact CASA.

Rhonda Helser, introduced herself, and is running for County Auditor.

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Council President, William Mussler, discussed the dog park, a project for 2022. He has been working with Chad Jonsson, to locate a permanent place for a dog park in town. Hoping to report at the May's meeting, locations that may be a potential place for a dog park.

NEW BUSINESS

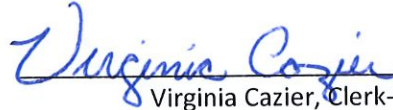
Nothing

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

ATTEST:



William Musser, Council President



Virginia Cozier, Clerk-Treasurer