

# SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

April 20, 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, and Bill Musser. Clerk Treasurer Virginia Cazier, Town Manager Mike Noe, Attorney Vern Landis, Attorney Steve Snyder, Aluminum Insight Steve Brenneman Larry Siegel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the March 16, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Bill Musser moved to approve the minutes; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Shopko Building Rezoning for Commercial District to Industrial II District. Tom Hoover moved to approve the Ordinance 2021-09; Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Kim Richardson Easement, Right of Way on Main & Brooklyn St. Proposed to give Kim Richardson \$1,500.00: Tom moved to approve the \$1,500.00 to Kim Richardson, Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-05 Amending Regulations on Disposal of grass clipping, limbs, brush & debris. Bill Musser moved to approve; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Commonwealth Engineering Task Order for One Call Services. Bull Musser moved to approve the Task Order; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

HRP Construction Contract for the Tech Park Street. Tom Hoover moved to approve The HRP Contract; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

QES Realty, LLC/Quality Engineered Services LLC Abatement – Declaratory Resolution 2021-07. Tom Hoover moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-07; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Legacy Wood Creations, LLC Tax Abatement Declaratory Resolution 2021-06. Tom Hoover moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-06; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

Aluminum Insights Approval of Application for Property Tax Deduction/Confirmatory Resolution 2021-03. Tom Hoover moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-03; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

Notice to proceed for Main and Brooklyn Street. Larry Martindale moved to approve the notice to proceed; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

Agreement for the attached Easement in the Business Tech Park for Lots 2, 3, and 5 to vacate the 20' Utility Easement and the 40' Drive Easement to replace with a 60' wide Utility Easement.

Purchase Agreement for Lot 1, with Aluminum Insight, was signed and approved. Bill moved to approve agreement; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

Aluminum Insights AT & T Easement was forwarded to the Council for review.

Quick Claim Deed – Turkey Creek Flood Control Structure. Steve Snyder discussed the Quick Claim Deed. Town's responsibilities will stop. Bill moved to approve the Quick Claim Deed and control the water levels; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-08 Rescinding Ordinance No. 2021-03 Economic Development Agreement by and among the RDC and GB Partners. Rezoning of Old Elementary School. Tom Hoover moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-08; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

Syracuse TIF/Gateway was discussed. Jim Higgins sent the TIF information to Gateway and it was submitted and approved.

Ordinance 2021-07 Ordinance to establish the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. Tom Hoover moved to approve Ordinance 2021-07; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works-Wastewater laborer resigned last month, transferred Randy Cloud from Street Dept. to Wastewater. Hired Wesley Goodman, who was part-time street laborer, to full time Street Dept.

Ordinance No. 2021-04 Emergency Transfer from #440 New Equipment \$30,000.00 to #112 Laborers \$20,000.00 and #132 Retirement \$10,000.00. All signed Ordinance.

Would like to purchase a Backhoe for Street Department. Bill Musser moved to purchase a backhoe; Tom Hoover seconded. All voted for the motion; non against. The motion carried.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne went over his monthly report. No ADA complaints. One vehicle has been delivered. Expecting the other two at the end of May or first of June.

Homestead Grant we have with the school, we have received our first reimbursement, \$75,000 for the radios.

There is another grant we can apply for, asking for permission to apply for this other grant. Council approved for applying for the grant.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, March 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Saturday Easter Egg Hunt was a success.

April 17<sup>th</sup> Princess Party was also a success.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of May Touch a Truck Event.

May 8<sup>th</sup> the Farmers Market will start.

Meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Ballfield. Bids are submitted.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, still getting calls from other counties, they are going to start paying us for our service.

Smoke detectors, from June 30-July 1 there will be new smoke detectors that will be able to differentiate the difference from burnt food to a real fire.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pork Chop/BBQ

Fireworks Wawasee will be July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Syracuse will be July 4<sup>th</sup>

CLERK

Asked for additional appropriation for the TIF South Benton \$190,000.00 to cover HRP Construction for the new road at the Industrial Park. Council signed Ordinance 2021-06.

Will be attending the IIMC Conference from May 10-May 13.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

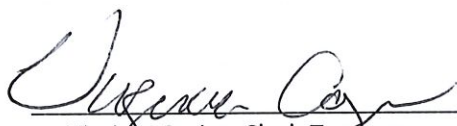
OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tom made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting at 8:24 p.m.; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Siegel, Council President

  
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Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer