

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 16, 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, Larry Siegel, Paul Stoelting, Clerk Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Attorney Jay Rigdon.

William Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the July 19, 2022, regular meeting presented for approval. Larry Martindale moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; Paul Stoelting abstained. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 949-1068 for \$1,004,005.05 presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-11-Annexation of Properties on Kern Road. No one objected or appeared.

Resolution 2022-05 Fiscal Policy Resolution for Annexing Contiguous Territory to the Town of Syracuse. Larry Siegel moved to approve Resolution 2022-05; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Re-appointment of Tom Hoover to the Turkey Creek Library Board. Paul Stoelting moved to approve re-appointing Tom Hoover to Library Board; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Alan Tio-KEDCO gave a 2022 Work Plan update to the Council. Larry Siegel asked about housing, specifically small/tiny housing communities. Alan stated they are looking into housing in the community, he noted modular housing along with other levels of housing.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

No report.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if the Council had any questions on his report. 303 N. Main Street is asking to buy 301 N. Main Street. The Town owns 301 N. Main Street at the corner of Main Street and Polywood Way. Council stated they are not interested in selling any of the Town's property.

12314 N. Kern Road & 12288 N. Kern Road would like to purchase the easement between their properties that is near the ballpark that is owned by the Town. The Council is not interested in selling the easement.

David introduced Myron Schwartz, Ridgestone Development Group, owners of the old Syracuse Elementary School. Myron updated the Council on the apartment project inside the old Syracuse Elementary School. The units will include utilities and high-speed internet. He also stated, he would like to donate the six lots in front to the Town, possibly develop a splash pad and dog park. The Council thanked and accepted the donation.

Polywood is requesting for a ramped crosswalk on Polywood Way. The Council denied the request due to, any speed bumps or ramp crossing would damage the snowplows in the wintertime.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions on report. Jim Layne informed the Council that school started, and we now have two crossing guards.

Bill Musser asked about his gas & oil budget for the rest of the year. Jim said he will be fine, found extra funds in his budget to cover the cost.

No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, informed the Council on Friday Sept. 9th there will be a Family Camp Out Night in Lakeside Park. Check in is Friday at 5 p.m. and check out is Saturday by 10 a.m. Families can enjoy games, campfires & movies.

Ballpark is moving forward. The fields have been graded; irrigation well being drilled tomorrow. Fence will also be installed tomorrow. Seeding the fields will start the last week of August.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions on report. IDEM meeting is set up for August 23rd. There was an IDEM inspection at the Water plant. Inspection went very well.

FIRE TERRITORY

No report.

CLERK

Request permission to put the 2023 Budget into Gateway. 1st reading of the 2023 budget will be at the September Council meeting and 2nd reading will be at the October Council meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Paul Stoelting made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Larry Siegel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


William Musser, Council President


Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer