

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 19, 2019

Town Council President Larry Martindale called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Paul Stoelting. Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present. Tom Hoover was absent.

Larry Martindale opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry Martindale asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019, meeting was presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 266 through 400 were presented for payment. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Larry Siegel seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 19-03, Amending Zoning Ordinance for Wawasee School Corporation, was presented. Dan Richard presented this ordinance to the council. Dan stated that it would change part of land owned by the school from being zoned as Public Use to be zoned as Agricultural. This will allow the school to install solar panels. Larry Siegel moved to approve the ordinance. Paul Stoelting seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 19-04, Amending Salaries & Compensation Ordinance 2018-14, Section II, Town Manager, was presented. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the ordinance. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Paul Stoelting moved to change the agenda to allow for the introduction of an agreement for Bose Public Affairs Group. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

An agreement with Bose Public Affairs(BPA) group was presented. The agreement allows BPA to represent the Town of Syracuse in matters concerning legislation during the 2019 legislative session. Paul moved to approve the agreement not to exceed \$20,000. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike presented an agreement between the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's sign at the corner of U.S. 6 and State Road 13 needs to be removed for the round-about project. INDOT has offered to pay \$3,000 to the Chamber for the removal. The Town would be a 'passthrough' for receipt of the payment. The Town would then send the payment to the Chamber of Commerce. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the agreement. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe proposed to the Council to consider an agreement with Commonwealth Engineers. The agreement would put Commonwealth on a 'retainer' type situation. It would be a flat fee, possibly yearly, to be paid for their engineering services. He believes there could be a savings by doing this, rather than paying them for each project. Mike stated they are currently working on a quote. Larry Siegel requested that Mike try to produce bids from other companies.

Mike reported that he has spent some time with Tim Woodward from Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District (TCRSD). They are still trying to work out some billing interpretations. Mike also reported that their Lift Station on Medusa Street should be completed by April 15th. He stated that when the lift station is installed, it should relieve about 60% of the flow. The pipe boring should be done by the end of May. Mike displayed a 'sewer dish' that helps prevent storm water from draining into a sewer line manhole. They will be installing

about 160 of these sewer dishes. This will help in preventing excess sewer flow that could cause backups. Mike stated that the Town has put a padlock on the valve control system, and we are the only ones with the key. He stated that we have started reading the flow meter every day as of the first of March.

Mike reported that the Wastewater Department has implemented a Fats Oil & Grease (FOG) pre-treatment program. Surveys have been sent out to the restaurants as well as meeting with the owners to educate them on the need for the information. He reported that Craig Fannin and Dave Menefee will be going to a school on April 15th through the 17th to assist them on getting their Wastewater Certifications. The Chlorine System installation, with the SCADATA system, is completed. The Water Department has been repainting the inside of their plant. The Street Department is converting from Winter maintenance to Spring. Two Street Department employees, Paul Hoffman and Seth Long, will be attending school for Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) instruction. Mike announced that he will be out of the office all next week.

POLICE

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

There were no ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, was absent.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. Mickey presented a request to purchase 5 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and 18 SCBA bottles for \$41,654.36 plus shipping from TJ Nowak Supply Company. He stated they could be shipped within the week they are ordered. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the purchase. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, had nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nathan Scherer spoke to Council regarding the lack of child care facilities in town. He stated that Warsaw has some type of coalition ("Launch Pad") that helps with this kind of issue. He would like to know what the Council can do to bring something like that to this town. He explained that it is difficult to get people to move into our area if there isn't child care available. The Council responded by asking for help from the community to provide suggestions or ideas. It was stated that a committee of some kind could be created.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Musser reported that he attended the Park Board meeting to hear the public's suggestions and ideas for the Laudeman Park. He stated that SiteScapes, the company the assisted with the Park Department's Development Plan, will also assist in setting up plans for the Laudeman Park.

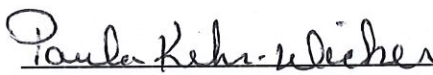
Larry Siegel moved to adjourn; Paul Stoelting seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:34 pm.

ATTEST:



Larry Martindale, Council President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer