

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 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 Paul Stoelting, Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Tom Hoover. Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

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 April 16, 2019, meeting was presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 569 through 742 were presented for payment. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 19-06, Additional Appropriation for General Fund-Clerk Department for \$3,000, was presented. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the ordinance. Bill Musser seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike Noe presented an Official Action from the Indiana Department of Transportation to establish a "No Left Turn" for all east bound traffic on Railroad Ave. entering State Road 13. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the action. Bill Musser seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe reported that Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District is moving along well on making the July deadline to revert all sewer flows back to them. Mike is still getting water and wastewater assessments done for the proposed Kitson Park annexation. R & R Visual has run a camera through the East South Kitson Lane's sewer line but was unable to find East North Kitson Lane's sewer line. The water lines are too small for the 21 houses in the subdivision. Mike also stated that the repairs to the State Road 13 bridge south of the Town Hall is starting. There will be a stoplight installed at each end of the bridge to allow for one-lane only traffic. It may take approximately a month to complete.

Mike reported that the Water Department has started flushing fire hydrants. If a resident's water looks discolored or 'rusty', he suggests that the water is to run for a little while until it clears up. He is also getting quotes to paint the North and South water towers. The wastewater influent gate has arrived and will be installed within 2 or 3 weeks. Kokosing will be assessing the wastewater plant sometime in July for their Performance Guarantee. Mike said that the abundance of rain has made it difficult for the street department to get their normal spring tasks done. They have spent most of their time working on drainage issues. Tom Hoover asked about a couple potholes on State Road 13. Mike informed him that it was the State's jurisdiction and that he would try to contact them. Bill Musser asked what the green things were around the NIPSCO poles. Mike answered that they were "silt blankets". He said when NIPSCO digs around the pole, the blankets capture any silt or debris, so it does not drain into the storm water.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions regarding his report. There were none.

Jim requested that Vern assist in preparing an ordinance for a stop sign at Technology Way and Innovation Boulevard, and a stop sign at Thwaits Court and Wildwood Dr. The council agreed. Jim informed the council that he has received complaints about parking at a business on the west access road south of town. The Kosciusko zoning board has issued a letter informing the business that there is only a certain amount of parking spots allowed and the business is exceeding it. Discussion followed on possible resolutions. Jim stated he would bring some recommendations to next month's meeting.

Jim reported that the Public Employee Retirement Fund (PERF) required physicals are in process for the department's employees. Cody Leer has graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and is back on the road.

Regarding ADA complaints, Jim reported he received a call from a resident with several items such as: sidewalks on Harkless Drive and sidewalk access by McDonald's.

Mike Noe announced that he did hire a new Wastewater Foreman that already has their Class II wastewater license and is currently working on their Class III license. Mike will introduce the new employee later.

Jim also announced that Calvin Kline has been hired to fill the Code Enforcement officer position.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported that the park department has been very busy with the usual items. Lifeguards will be working this weekend, and then start working daily after school is out. Chad announced that the Annual Mudtastic Classic will be on June 22. Chad then reported on the building meeting regarding Laudeman Park plans. He stated that most people requested to have a quieter park.

Tom Hoover told Chad that the department did a good job on the Ward Park repairs.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked the council if there were any questions on his reports, there were none. Mickey reported that the building improvement project is completed. He announced that there is a free CPR class at Station One on May 29th at 4pm.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, announced that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Tim Yeager spoke to the council and requested that they investigate the parking for the business uptown and other areas.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Martindale stated that the study on childcare in town continues. He stated that Syracuse has one daycare, Little Lambs, and that they would like to double in size. They claim it would take approximately \$25,000 to make that happen. Larry stated that there are rumors of another daycare organization that might be coming to Syracuse.

NEW BUSINESS

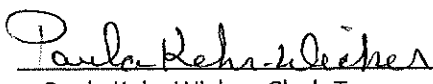
Nothing to report.

Bill Musser moved to adjourn; Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:22 pm.

ATTEST:


Larry Martindale, Council President


Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer