

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 17, 2019

Town Council President Larry Martindale called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 6:59 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Siegel, Paul Stoelting, Bill Musser, 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.

The minutes of the August 20, 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 1176 through 1303 were presented for payment. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Larry Martindale opened the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budgets. There were no questions and no discussion made. Larry Martindale closed the Public Hearing.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe made a purchase request to install a new seawall at the municipal pier. The seawall will be installed by Ousley Seawall for \$12,000. Ousley will need to get to a permit to do the work at a cost of \$350.00. Tom Hoover moved to approve the installation from Ousley Seawall and allow the Clerk-Treasurer to pre-pay the \$350.00 for the permit. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike reported that he and Virginia Cazier have applied and been awarded a Railroad Crossing Grant. Mike has also submitted the application for the Harkless Grant.

Mike made a purchase request for 2 solar powered speed limit radar signs from Radarsign for \$7,083.00 to be delivered within 60 days. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the purchase. Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike made a purchase request for 16 transducers for the lift stations. The cost would be \$10,353.00 and would be installed by the end of this year. Larry Siegel moved to approve the purchase. Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike reported that he had let out bids for painting and maintenance of the north water tower. L.C. United Painting came in with the lowest bid at \$129,000. The job would be completed by June 30th, 2020. Paul Stoelting moved to approve having L.C. United Painting work on the north water tower. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

POLICE

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

Jim reported that the insurance money from the damaged vehicle would be enough to pay the lease and replace equipment. He is currently getting quotes for another vehicle.

There were no ADA complaints. Jim stated he would have an ordinance to present at next months meeting regarding the extra handicap parking spot at the library.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported that the Superhero Academy will be on Sept. 21 with Spiderman. On October 12th will be the Annual Harvest Festival at Lakeside Park. The annual Indoor Garage Sale will be October 19th.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott reported on an accident that one of their ambulances got damaged. He stated that their other 2 ambulances are 7 and 11 years old and are continually in and out of the mechanics shop. They can borrow ambulances from other units if available. Because of the lack of an ambulance they have lost approximately 15 emergency runs. Mickey is requesting to purchase a demo ambulance from Penn Care Ambulance for \$230,528, a wrap for the outside of the ambulance from Enspire for \$10,000, a communication system from J & K Communications for \$10,000, and a new cot from Stryker for \$42,703.20. Tom Hoover moved to approve the purchases for an amount not to exceed \$293,231.20. Bill Musser seconded the motion. Five 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

Heidi Blake from the Kosciusko Tobacco Free Coalition made a presentation to the Council regarding the effects of secondhand cigarette smoke and vaping. She stated that, although the state does have restrictions for smoking in public; there are exemptions for some entities. She would like to see the local municipalities create ordinances to prevent the allowance of those exemptions. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

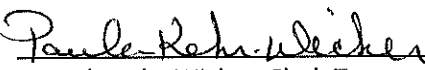
Larry Martindale asked if there has been any more information given regarding Travel Lite. Mike stated he has only heard rumors.

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:48 pm.

ATTEST:


 Larry Martindale, Council President


 Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer