

## SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

Via Zoom Meetings

August 18, 2020

Town Council President Paul Stoelting called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Martindale, Tom Hoover, and Larry Siegel. Bill Musser attended by phone call. Attorney Vern Landis, Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker, Mark Knecht of Chatauqua Wawasee, and Steve Brenneman from Aluminum Insights were also present.

The minutes of the July 21, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 980 through 1121 for \$1,016,837.97 were presented for payment. Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker also requested to add an additional \$7.59 to the balance of the docket to pay for a receipt for the credit card that was not provided prior to the docket deadline. Tom Hoover moved to approve the claims and the receipt for \$7.59; Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 20-05, Additional Appropriation for Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the ordinance. Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 20-06, Transfer of Funds Between Appropriation Class – Clerk Department, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the resolution. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 20-13, Designating Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration Week, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the resolution. Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

#### TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe presented a task order from Commonwealth Engineering. He would like to have them do the engineering needed for the Brooklyn Street Expansion. The payment for this service would be paid with the Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) and/or the Bonds proceeds we achieve for the Polywood Project. Mike presented another task order from Commonwealth that would reduce the contract previously made for the engineering services for the Medusa Street Project. The reduction would be for \$32,900. After some discussion, Tom Hoover moved to approve both task orders. Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike and Paula also requested approval for the Clerk-Treasurer to process payment prior to the September docket approval to Pulver Asphalt for the work completed for the Community Crossings project. It was not included on the August claims docket due to the need to pass the Additional Appropriation Ordinance 20-05 first. Larry Siegel moved to approve payment in advance of docket approval. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike reported that the August 10<sup>th</sup> storm damage has been cleaned up. There is a high service pump at the Water Department that went bad and is not sure how much it will cost to repair. There is a backup for the time being.

Mike made a purchase request for a new blower for the Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) that went bad. The estimate received from Middlebury Electric is for \$10,663.00, however, there are some unknowns with what would need to be repaired. It should be completed within 90 days. Larry Siegel moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to replace the blower. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike made another purchase request for a new furnace in the grit room. The estimated cost from Metcalf & Payne is \$9,593.15 and would be completed within 60 days. Larry Siegel moved to approve the purchase. Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. Jim informed the council that an officer, Gary Clark, is resigning as of the 27<sup>th</sup>. Gary still has 5 months remaining on his Police Academy contract that would be just a little over \$1,000. Jim is requesting approval from the council to waive paying back the amount remaining since Gary has worked as a Reserve for the department prior to being hired full-time. Bill Musser moved to approve waiving the payment. Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Jim did announce that the department is accepting applications.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, was absent

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott was absent

CLERK

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Vern Landis reminded the Council that two Economic Development agreements need to be presented and passed for Legacy Wood Creations and Aluminum Insights.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

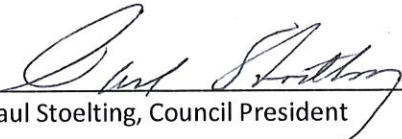
NEW BUSINESS


Larry Siegel moved to approve the Economic Development Agreements for Legacy Wood Creations and Aluminum Insights. Steve Brenneman, owner of Aluminum Insights, discussed his excitement for the possible move into the Technology Park and into Syracuse. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:42 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Paul Stoelting, Council President

  
Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer