

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 21, 2020

Town Council President Paul Stoelting called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Martindale, Larry Siegel, Tom Hoover, and Bill Musser. Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

Paul Stoelting opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Stoelting asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

The minutes of the December 17, 2019 meeting was presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1743 through 1779 and 1 through 138 were presented for payment. Tom Hoover moved to approve the claims; Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe reported that a new member is needed on the Redevelopment Commission. He nominated Jim Layne for that position. Larry Siegel moved to approve the nomination. Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike announced that the Town was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Harkless Foundation. He stated that it will be used towards beautification for the Town.

Mike also reported that the Wastewater Plant's Influent cover is about 75% finished. The Water Department still needs to fill the second tank for the anthracite. There was, also, a valve that failed in the Water plant that caused some rusty water in certain areas of town. The employees flushed hydrants to help clear it up. The Street department has been staying busy with small items and plowing this season.

Mike informed the council that he is two employees short in the Wastewater Department due to illness.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne was not in attendance.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported that January has been a slow month for the Park department and have been using this time to catch up on general maintenance items.

Chad announced that the Park Board was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Harkless Foundation. He stated the funds will be used towards the lighting in the Community Center's parking lot.

Chad also reported on the following events: The Kiwanis Soup Supper will be this Friday at 6 pm. The Winter Carnival will be this Saturday at 11 am, starting with the 5K Run at 8 am. The Cabin Fever Garage Sale will be on March 7th. Elsa & Anna's princess party will be on March 21st.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked the council if there were any questions on his report. There were none.

Mickey reported that there were 122 more Fire and EMS responses in 2019 than in 2018. One of the ambulances that were purchased has been delivered, the other is currently at the plant being built. They are trying to sell some parts off the ambulance that was wrecked. He would like to remind everyone to install and/or test all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. These alarms are free and can be picked up at either fire station.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Encumbrances totaling \$922,440.27. Larry Siegel moved to approve the encumbrances. Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Vern Landis had nothing to report.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Vern Landis swore in Paula Kehr-Wicker for the office of Clerk-Treasurer and Bill Musser, Tom Hoover, and Larry Martindale for their new terms as Town Council members

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Martindale reported that the Daycare committee has received 2 new members. He also stated that Little Lambs pre-school may have a donor. However, the Calvary Church, the venue for the daycare, states it may be a couple years before some renovations are complete.

NEW BUSINESS

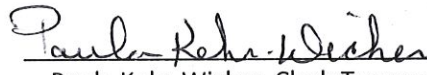
Paul Stoelting announced that he has appointed Larry Siegel as Vice President.

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:17 pm.

ATTEST:


Paul Stoelting, Council President


Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer