

## SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2020

Town Council President Paul Stoelting called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council via Zoom Meetings to order at 6:01 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Martindale, Tom Hoover, and Larry Siegel. Bill Musser was absent. Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

Claims #'s 686 through 820 for \$680,929.27 were presented for payment. Larry Martindale moved to approve the claims; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 2020-07, Closing of the Lakeside and Hoy's Beach parks for July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, was presented. Tom Hoover moved to approve the resolution. Larry Martindale seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-03, Amending the Vendor Permit Ordinance to waive the need for permits for vendors participating in the Last Friday events. Tom Hoover moved to approve the ordinance. Larry Siegel seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

#### TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe reported that Pulver Asphalt Paving is in town doing their work for the Community Crossings Grant project. He provided quotes from Pulver for repairing/paving other streets while they are in town. The quote to repair Pickwick Dr from Harkless to Lakeshore Dr is \$22,041. The quote for repairing Front Street is \$14,900. The work would be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Larry Siegel moved to approve the street repairs from Pulver for an amount not to exceed \$36,941. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mike stated that he currently has received 2 engineering quotes, Commonwealth and JPR, and is still waiting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quote from Kimple. He has also received one appraisal from Beer Appraisal Co. He is waiting on the second appraisal from Smiley Appraisal Service.

Mike also reported that the Scadata system is installed and the transducers will be completed next month.

#### POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. Jim informed the council that mandated training was cancelled when the state shutdown however the officers were able to complete 55 hours of training online. Jim also reported that the interview camera system is installed. Jim announced that they have received gas masks purchased from a grant that was received. These masks are for use when entering hazardous buildings as well as they are more difficult to be pulled off. Jim also reported that the COVID-19 cases are rising, but the department will be returning to normal operations with the use of masks and sanitizers.

#### PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported that they have finished a lot of projects. He announced that the Annual Mud Run will be on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. The community center is open but have not had that many visitors. Masks are optional.

#### FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott confirmed that the COVID-19 cases have increased, and that information is available online to see how many are in what zip code. He stated that he has been meeting weekly with other emergency agencies for updates. Mickey reported that the county is working on the P25 radio system. This system should improve the emergency radio system by increasing the broadband output. He stated that it may take approximately 3 to 5 years to complete. Mickey gave thanks to the Council for the 3 new hydrants on Medusa Street.

Mickey also reported that the new fire truck construction would be finished by the first of August. The Syracuse Lake Association will put on their fireworks on Syracuse Lake on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Wawasee Property Owner's Association will put on their fireworks on Wawasee Lake on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated it is better to have the professionals set the fireworks off rather than having the residents shoot them from home.

Mickey also announced that their annual Pork Chop Fundraiser will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, asked if the council has any objections to the proposed 2021 Budget Calendar. There were none. Larry Siegel and Paul Stoelting provided ideas and guidance on how the departments could prepare their budgets due to the estimated loss in various revenues due to the pandemic. Paula requested approval for payment of 2 pay applications from HRP Construction and one change order. Larry Siegel moved to approve payment of HRP's pay app #2 for \$336,763.56, Change Order for increase of \$54,575.00, payment of pay app #3 for \$29,148.00. Contingent to receiving grant funds from INDOT. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Vern Landis had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

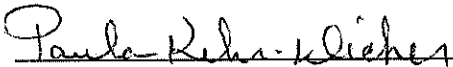
NEW BUSINESS

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 6:52 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Paul Stoelting, Council President

  
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Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer