

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 2020

Town Council President Paul Stoelting called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 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.

Steve Snyder and Randy Morgan presented a declaratory resolution for a tax abatement for Polywood property at 1000 and 1018 W Brooklyn St. Larry Siegel moved to approve Resolution 2020-02, Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Dan Richard, Director for the Kosciusko Area Plan Commission, presented an ordinance to change the zoning for property at 801 S Sycamore St. The change would be from Industrial II District to a Public Use District. Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2020-02, Amending the Zoning Ordinance of Kosciusko County. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against.

The minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting was presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. Larry Siegel abstained. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 283 through 422 were presented for payment. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-01, Amending the Town Employees Benefits, 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 made the following requests:

- A change order from Kokosing Industrial for the wastewater aeration project. The amount is for \$14,893.00.
- A purchase request for the water department for a 2020 Dodge Ram for \$26,979.00.
- A purchase request for the street department for a new Chevrolet Truck for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- A purchase request for a plow for the new Chevrolet Truck not to exceed \$10,000.00.
- A bid from Precise Pile Driving for the Syracuse Lake Control Structure Improvement project for an amount not to exceed \$281,704.50. Payment would be divided in half between the Town and the Wawasee Property Owners.
- Inspection costs from Lawson-Fisher during the Syracuse Lake Control Structure Improvement project not to exceed \$68,000. Payment would be divided in half between the Town and the Wawasee Property Owners.
- Dredging services from Aquatic Weed Control for the Syracuse Lake Control Structure Improvement Project and not to exceed \$32,000. Payment would be divided in half between the Town and the Wawasee Property Owners.

Larry Siegel moved to approve all the above requests. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne requested to purchase a new video recording system from iRecord Systems. The total amount would be \$18,554.00. The county's prosecutor's office has agreed to pay \$9,000 towards that cost, leaving the town to pay \$9,554.00. Jim also requested that the Clerk-Treasurer make payment for the system immediately after

the installation is complete. Larry Siegel moved to approve the video recording system and pre-approval of payment. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against.

Jim requested that, due to the current Corona Virus pandemic, the Community Center and the Town Hall to be closed to the Public until April 1st. Larry Siegel moved to approve the request. Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

PARK

Chad Jonsson was absent.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott was absent.

CLERK

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Vern Landis had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Bill Pipp made a presentation to the council regarding the steps being taken in creation of the conservancy district. He stated that the Wawasee Property Owners Association has no interest in owning the dike located south side of town. Lengthy discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

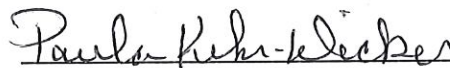
Paul stated that, due to the current pandemic, the regular meeting for April has been cancelled. They may call a special meeting if necessary.

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:31 pm.

ATTEST:


Paul Stoelting, Council President


Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer