

# SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

Via Zoom Meeting

December 15, 2020 @7:00 P.M.

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, Tom Hoover, Bill Musser, and Larry Siegel. Clerk-Treasurer Virginia Cazier, Town Manager Mike Noe, Attorney Vern Landis, and Candice Brown residing at 4572 E. Fox Run Drive.

The minutes of the November 17, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1533 through 1674 for \$587,776.81 were presented for payment. Tom Hoover moved to approve the claims; Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 20-14, An Ordinance Establishing Town Budget Accounts (Coronavirus Relief Fund). Council was asked if the Clerk Treasurer could write a check to the Turkey Creek Fire Territory for \$20,000.00. Larry Martindale moved to approve to write the check; Tom Hoover seconded.

Candice Brown would like to be de-annexed from the Town of Syracuse. Vern Landis will have to do some research if she could be de-annexed or not. Paul Stoelting stated the Town will have to table it till next month. Tom Hoover moved to table the de-annexation till next month: seconded by Bill Musser.

### TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe reported on the Town Managers Report. Would like approval, for Bose McKinney to obtain the property taxes for the Equipment as part of the T.I.F. other than just the property at the Industrial Park. Tom Hoover moved to approve; Larry Martindale seconded. The Town has received the Community Crossing Grant for \$343,875.00. The Grant will be use for the Brooklyn Street expansion. Mike will apply for the Grant again around January for the second phase, which will be County Road 1300 & Railroad Ave.

Task Order between the Town of Syracuse and Commonwealth Engineers for \$20,000.00. Bill Musser moved to approve the Task Order; Larry Martindale seconded.

Water and Wastewater Budgets for 2021, Wastewater budget went down 1.64% and Water budget went down 13.87%. Tom Hoover moved to approve the budgets; seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Appointments for 2021, 1 year term for each, Town Attorney Vern Landis, Police Chief Jim Layne, Redevelopment Commission Larry Siegel, Paul Stoelting, Jim Layne, Corey Mast, Jeff Goralczyk, Fire Territory Board Tom Hoover, Larry Martindale, & Corky Wong. Tree Board Mike Noe, Chad Jonsson, Elizabeth Goralczyk. Elizabeth is replacing Jerry Riffle who has passed. Park Board Paul Newcomer & Mary Hursh, Library Board Tom Hoover, County Board of Zoning Appeal Randy Cox, Syracuse Board of Appeals Joe Leatherman, and Joe Cazier. Tom Hoover moved to approve the 2021 appointments; seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Scadata system, to finish off our contract with Scadata, would like approval to pay from this year's budget a total of \$12,900.00. Tom Hoover moved to approve; seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

For safety reason, Street Department would like to purchase a trench box for excavating. In the past would borrow a trench box or did without. Cost of the Trench box \$20,415.67. Tom Hoover moved to approve of purchase; seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Speed limit signs on Huntington Street, INDOT is requiring breakaway polls., cost is \$2,031. 92.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne went over his report. No ADA complaints.

Syracuse Police Dept has money left over on their budget would like to replace 3 vehicles. Total cost \$88,042.00. The lease vehicles will be done in January 2021. Tom Hoover moved to approve the Clerk to write a check for \$88,042.00. Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion was carried.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported on receiving the first draft on the new athletic facility. Made a few changes and sent back to engineer.

Starting basketball leagues, will not have any spectators.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, reported having new Fire Engine is in service and at Station One.

Mickey thanked the Board for the Cares Act and protection for the guys at the Street Dept. approving the Trench Box.

Mickey Scott suggested everyone have a Carbon Monoxide detector in their homes.

CLERK

Ordinance 2020-15 needs a motion of approval that the Council does not want a year end meeting. Tom Hoover moved to approve no year-end meeting; seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Encumbrances were talked about, Larry Siegel wanted to make sure the list of encumbrances are emailed to the council for review before the next council meeting.

Ordinance 2020-14, An Ordinance Establishing Town Budget Accounts (Coronavirus Relief), asked permission to write a check for the radios for the Police Department. Want approval to write the check for the Federal Grant shared with the Wawasee High School for the equipment. Larry Siegel moved to approve writing the checks, seconded by Tom Hoover. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Vern opened nominations for Town Council President, Tom Hoover nominated Larry Siegel. No other nominations. Tom Hoover moved to approve; seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

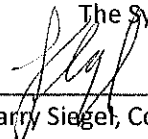
Tom Hoover mentioned an article in the paper, stating the Town Council was incompetent. Mr. Hoover did not agree with the article and was upset on what was falsely written about the Town Council. Council was given an apologize for that article.

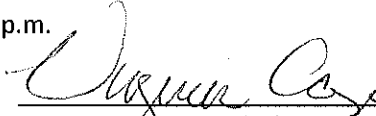
Larry Siegel nominated Tom Hoover for vice president for 2021.

Paul Stoelting mentioned Larry Siegel being the president of the Town Council and the president of the RDC. Suggested having another member be the president of the RDC. Larry discussed his qualifications. Bill Musser just asked for Larry to inform the Council soon than later, on decisions being made.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Siegel, Council President

  
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Virginia Cozier, Clerk-Treasurer