

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

December 20, 2022 @7:00 P.M.

Town Council President William Musser called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Siegel, Larry Martindale, Cindy Kaiser, Paul Stoelting, Clerk Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Attorney Jay Rigdon.

William Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the November 15, 2022 regular meeting presented for approval. Cindy Kaiser moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. Larry Siegel abstained. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claim #'s 1472-1622 for \$777,898.89 presented for approval. Larry Martindale moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 2022-07 Transfer of Funds was presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-18; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mr. Musser introduced Chris Fancil and Jessica Camarena from Live Well Kosciusko County. Chris Fancil and Jessica Camarena did a short presentation on a project honoring and supporting the first responders in Kosciusko County. Chris held up a poster that will be put up in Kosciusko County honoring first responders. All first responders will receive a discount card from local businesses who participated in this campaign. The QR code on the posters will show first responders who are offering discounts and gifts though out the County.

2023 Appointments:

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| Police Chief | Jim Layne | 1 year term |
| Syracuse BZA | Randy Cox | 4 year term |
| Syracuse BZA | Cory Mast | 4 year term |
| Syracuse BZA | Scott Abbs-New member | 4 year term |
| Kosc. Area Planning Commission | Matt Goodnight | 4 year term |
| Redevelopment Commission | Jeff Goralczyk | 1 year term |
| Redevelopment Commission | David Rosenberry-New member | 1 year term |
| Fire Territory Board | Larry Martindale | 1 year term |
| Fire Territory Board | Cindy Kaiser | 1 year term |
| Fire Territory Board | Corky Wong | 1 year term |
| Fire Territory Board | Andrew Grossnickle | 1 year term |
| Tree Board | Mark Aurich | 3 year term |
| Tree Board | Elizabeth Goralczyk | 3 year term |
| Tree Board | Rex Smalley replacing Gary Green | 3 year term |
| Park Board | Jeff Nicodemus | 3 year term |

Paul moved to approve the 2023 Appointments; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Town Attorney, Jay Rigdon, sent the board a 2023 service agreement. Last time a service agreement was written was in 2012. Mr. Rigdon suggested paying semiannually based upon an agreement between the town and town attorney, then every year reviewed and modified if appropriate. He stated he would rather get paid for what he has done for the Town, and if not all the money budgeted for legal services is spent, then the Town spend the extra money on something else. The Council had other question on the service agreement and asked Jay to revise the agreement and Council President will sign once it is revised.

Jay Ridgon called the nominations open for 2023 Council President. Larry Siegel nominated Cindy Kaiser for 2023 Council President; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Jeremy Hardy received the proposal for the qualification for Oakwood Lift station, Force Main Improvements, Water Main Looping, and some wastewater issues. A proposal was sent to Kokosing Construction and F.A. Wilhelm Construction. Jeremy asked if the Council would like to do a scoring or an interviewing process with each of the contractors for this project. The council suggested having the Town Manager, Public Works Director, and anyone else from the water or sewer dept. to score the companies and get back with Jeremy on who they would recommend for the projects.

Water Distribution Model, next month they will have a full version of the report with the existing conditions.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if the Council had any questions in his report. Nothing to report. David has spoken with the library, and they are still interested in the Dolan / Main property. The library would like to come in next month and present their plans.

Dennis Otten prepared a Resolution 2022-08, regarding the 2022 BANS for Water and Sewer. The Resolution concerns how the Town will pay back the BANS in five years. After reviewing the Resolution, the council decided the wording needs to be more specific and tabled for next month.

David disclosed that his wife will be working for Kosciusko Economic Development Corp. (KEDCO).

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Nothing to report.
No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, Ballpark is finishing with minor things still to be done. Not much to report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions in his report. Mark recommended residents drip their faucets this weekend, since it is reported to be super cold. Drips should be a second or two apart. Cabinet doors should be open to allow warm air to get to the pipes. Residents should call the Clerk's office before allowing their water to drip just in case the bill is higher next month. Any adjustments will be made for those residents who contacted the Clerk's office.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, was not present.

CLERK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Paul Stoelting made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Larry Siegel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



William Musser, Council President



Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer