

# SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

December 21, 2021 @7:00 P.M.

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

Larry Siegel presented a crystal plaque to Vern Landis for 9 years served from the Town of Syracuse.

Larry Siegel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the November 23, 2021, regular meeting, presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1565-1706 for \$1,612,214.69 were presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Economic Development Agreement with EZ Vane, needs to be approved by the Council. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the agreement with EZ Vane; Bill Musser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth Engineering Report: Jeremy Hardy passed out the Kern Road Study to the Council for their review.

Main Street Project: Jeremy is asking for an approval to a second change order. This will increase the amount by \$7,270.44. December 20<sup>th</sup> will be the completion date. In the Spring, finish the project with stripping and re-seeding. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the second change order; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson discussed the 2022 Appointments.

Town Attorney (one year term) – Jay Rigdon

Police Chief (one year term)-Jim Layne

Redevelopment Commission (one year term)- Larry Siegel, Jim Layne, Cory Mast, and Jeff Goralczyk

Fire Territory Board (one year term)-Corky Wong, Andrew Grossnickle (Attorney)

Tree Board (2022)- Paul Hoffman, Gary Green, Mark Aurich

Park Board (2021-2023) – Vacant

Bill Musser moved to approve all appointments; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

New road at the Industrial Park needs to have a name. Entrepreneur Lane, Development Drive, or Engineering Avenue. Paul Stoelting moved to approve Development Drive; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

There needs to be a speed limit assigned to the Industrial Park. There will be an Ordinance established for next month for 25 mph.

\$200,000.00 from K21, was granted to the Town, for the Ballfield.

Spoke with Dennis Otten about Residential TIF's. It takes about 3 or 4 months to establish. David wanted to know if the Council would want to move forward, with looking into Residential TIF, for both Dr. Allen's project and Oakwood. Council agreed to move forward.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked if there were any question on his report. Police Dept. had two vehicles that were up for bid last month. Jason Sigler was the highest bidder on both vehicles. Asking for approval for Jason Sigler to buy both vehicles for \$4,435.00. Paul Stoelting approved \$4,435.00 for both vehicles; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. The Third vehicle donated to the Academy for training hours. Nothing further to report.

No ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, was not present.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, has two operations studying for their class I Wastewater license, one operator going for their class II Wastewater license, and one operator going for their Wastewater Distribution. Hoping to have the exams in January.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, was not present.

CLERK

Spoke to the Council last month about additional appropriation from EDIT-to-EDIT Infrastructure for \$550,000.00. Asking for approval and signatures for Ordinance 2021-25. Larry Siegel approved Ordinance 2021-25; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. Motion carried.

Clerk asked the Council last month if they wanted a year-end meeting. Asking for approval and signatures for Resolution 2021-16 Authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to make certain transfers. Paul Stoelting approved Resolution 2021-16; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. Motion carried.

Announced that Staci Armbruster will be leaving my office and will be working for the Turkey Creek Fire Territory. She will be the Admin. Assist to Mickey Scott. She will remain in the Town Hall.

Purchased a Metal Christmas Tree from Herman's in Pierceton. Already displayed in front of the Town Hall.

TOWN ATTORNEY

This is Vern's last meeting with the Town of Syracuse. He said it was a pleasure working with the Town for 9 years.

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 at 7:23 p.m.; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Larry Siegel, Council President

  
Virginia Cozier, Clerk-Treasurer