

# SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

## REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 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 Martindale, Cindy Kaiser, Larry Siegel, Clerk Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Attorney Jay Rigdon. Paul Stoelting was absent.

William Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the June 21, 2022, regular meeting presented for approval. Larry Martindale moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 814-948 for \$758,441.37 presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-10 Additional Appropriation from #6203 Sewage Utility Depreciation to #770 WWT Depr. - Capital Improvements for \$80,000.00. Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-10; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-11 Annexation of Syracuse Elementary School, 12888 N. Kern Rd. & 12889, just letting the Council acknowledge this Ordinance for the August approval.

Ordinance 2022-12 Kern's Crossing Speed Limit 20 miles per hour. Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-12; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-13 Eliminated the Utilities Receipt Tax (URT). Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-13; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Chris Harrison, Commonwealth, presented two task order 2022-06 Water Distribution System Modeling and 2022-07 Paser and Asset Management Plan Development and support.

Lakeside Drive Water Main Loop Bid Analysis: only one bid received from HRP Construction, Inc. for \$797,694.60. Engineers estimate for the project is \$695,000.00. Original estimate for the entire project was \$315,000.00. \$797,694.60 is labor only not material. This is the busy season for contractor which could be the cause of the higher price quote. Commonwealth is thinking about looping this project with the Oakwood Lift Station project to lower pricing for the Town. The Town has agreed to buy the materials for the Water Main Loop Project ahead of time and bid the job out in December 2022 or early 2023. Larry Siegel made the motion not to exceed, \$70,000 for materials and supplies for the Water Main Looping and delivered by the end of the year; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if the Council had any questions on his report. David presented a letter from the St. Joseph River Basin asking for \$140.00. This helps cover the cost for the study and evaluation of water resource issues around the St. Joseph River Basin. Bill Musser asked David to approve the amount of \$140.00.

### POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions on report. Jim Layne informed the Council that his budget line item for Gas & Oil is running low. He would like to take out \$10,000 from General Fund and appropriate it into Police Gas & Oil. The Clerk and Jim will look into where money can be transferred from one appropriation to another in his budget.

No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, Tour des Lakes was this past weekend. There were around 250 bike riders participating in the race. Storm came through while the race was on, power went out, branches fell on the roads that the bike riders where racing on. With all that went wrong, it was a successful ride.

Upcoming Kiwanis triathlon on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

August 4-6 Annual Syracuse Garage Sale. Anyone interested, please call the Community Center.

Ballfield update: Playground installed; all the concrete work completed. Last thing done will be seeding around the ballfield. Projected by the end of August the Ballfield will be completed.

Council asked about lifeguards for the park. Chad said there are no applications but one, you do need to be certified to become a lifeguard.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions on report. Mark would like approval from the Council to purchase a Water Distribution System Modeling, for \$55,000.00. Funding out of 678.1 Water Depreciation. Complete by the end of the year. Larry Seigel made the motion to purchase the water distribution system not to exceed \$55,000.00; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Would like to purchase a PASER LTAP and Asset Management Plan Development (AMP) Assistance for \$22,800.00. This helps evaluate and report conditions on our roads to INDOT throughout the town. Mark will be going for training to be the contact for the Town. Larry Seigel made the motion to purchase PASER LTAP and AMP for \$22,800.00; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Fire Territory, Mickey Scott, asked if there were any questions on his report. Mickey informed the Council his Gas & Oil is also getting low.

First Friday of every month the sirens get tested around 11:00 a.m.

Fireworks display was a success with no issues.

Annual BBQ was a success.

Budget: 5% raise, INPRS increased from 17.5% to 18%. Larry Martindale made a motion to approve the Fire Territory Budget; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

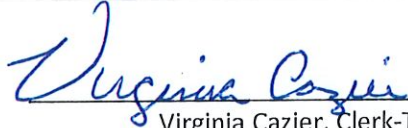
NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Larry Seigel made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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William Musser, Council President

  
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Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer