

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 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, Paul Stoelting, and Attorney Jay Rigdon.

William Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – No public comments.

The minutes from the September 20, 2022, 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 1214-1353 for \$530,841.34 presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

William Musser opened the Public Hearing for the 2nd Reading of the 2023 Budget. Jay Rigdon read by title the second Reading of the 2023 Budget. There were no objections. Meeting closed.

Ordinance 2022-15 – Sewage Works Bonds for Oakwood Lift Station and Force Main. David explained the Ordinance to the Council. Larry Siegel asked if it was written in the Ordinance that once the 2028 Sewer Bond is paid off that we use that money to pay off the 5-year BAN. David did not think it was written in the Ordinance. Jay Rigdon explained we could not expect the future Council to pay the BAN the way the current Council would like them to pay off the BAN. The future Council may choose to do something different, by putting this in the minutes the Council is showing their intent on how to pay off the BAN in 5 years. Paul Stoelting moved to approve Ordinance 2022-15; Larry Martindale seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

David explained that this is only the introduction of the Ordinance. To approve Ordinance 2022-15, the majority of the Council would have to suspend the motion of future readings. Paul Stoelting made the motion to suspend the rules of future readings; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-16 – Water Works Bonds for Lakeside Dr. Water Loop. David explained the Ordinance to the Council. The same applies to this Ordinance, the majority of the Council would have to suspend the motion of future readings. Larry Siegel made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-16 and suspend the rules of future readings of Ordinance 2022-16; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Jeremy Hardy, stated Oakwood Lift Station Force Main Improvements permit was received by IDEM. Next month after the Public Works Director has a chance to review the equipment proposal, Jeremy will bring it to the board to be approved.

The Water Distribution Model, a flow test around town was completed, now calibration will start. Looking at fire protection and how the system will be in the future with growth.

Jeremy suggested combining Lakeside Water Main Loop, Oakwood Lift Station Improvements, and the improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as one project. He recommended a guaranteed savings contract. It would be a cost saving to the Town by combining the projects together. If bid out separately, it would cost more for each project. The Town would get more contractors to look at the bid and it would be more enticing if the projects were all together. Jeremy can start advertising next week if the Council approves. The Council agreed to proceed.

Larry Martindale asked about the CSX/Railroad. Nipsco has moved their lines. The intersection should be done by Memorial weekend.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if there were any questions in his report. Received the survey report back on the property that was donated to the town at the old elementary school. Next step is to get a title search, make sure everything is cleared.

The Town did not contribute to KEDCO last year, asking for \$15,000. The Town approved to give KEDCO \$7,500.00. Larry Siegel moved to contribute \$7,500 to KEDCO; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. KEDCO contribution will come out of the EDIT fund.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, was not present.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, informed the Council about a couple of upcoming events. October 29th will be the Trick or Treat Trails between 1-3 p.m. also with a 5K Creature Crawl beginning at 4 p.m.

The Ball Park project is not completed. The sprinkler system is installed and operational. Fence work has started. The buildings are complete. Grass is growing.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions on his report. Mark reported having around eighty truckloads of yard waste from falling limbs and trees down from Monday's snow fall. Focusing on getting the streets cleared.

The Scada system at the water and wastewater facilities worked great using generator power. Compliments to the Public Works employees, Fire Department and Police Department.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, asked if there were any questions on his report. The Fire Department was also busy with calls on Monday evening. No bodily injuries to his knowledge.

Mr. Musser complimented the Fire Department on a personal matter he was involved with, on their promptness, efficiency, professionalism, and kindness.

CLERK

Virginia Cazier, Clerk Treasurer, was not present.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Larry Siegel asked David to reiterate why we are taking out a BAN for the water loop and lift station. David stated the estimate we received was too high, the Town did not have the revenue to cover both projects at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Paul Stoelting made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Larry Siegel seconded. Meeting adjourned. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


William Musser, Council President


Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer