

## SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING Community Center

October 20, 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. Attorney Vern Landis, Clerk-Treasurer Virginia Cazier, Town Manager Mike Noe, Dr. Edington, Superintendent Wawasee Community Schools, and JR. Parent Oakwood.

The minutes of the September 15, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Bill Musser moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1313 through 1399 for \$949,346.18 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 20-08, 2021 Budget. Bill Musser moved to approve Ordinance 20-08. Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion: none against. The motion was carried.

Ordinance 20-10, Amending Syracuse Town Ordinance No. 2019-9. Larry Siegel moved to approve. Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion was carried.

Dr. Edington presented the referendum to the Council. Informed the Council where the money would be going towards if the referendum is passed.

JR. Parent presented future plans for Oakwood. Looking to build housing/duplex homes and possibly a retirement community in Oakwood. 57 lots, 1 or 2 big lots along Harkless. Planning on Spring of 2021 starting to build.

#### TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe first reported on the Utilities, the Water Department was asked by IDEM to do a water audit. The water audit is complete and is in the certification stage. Wastewater Department needed a furnace installed in the RAS room. The furnace is installed and finished. Street, Mike is sending in the Community Crossing Grant in tomorrow. A letter of support from the Town Council, will help with getting the grant.

Town Manager, we have completed the flood control structure. The Town owes \$209,443.83, County owes \$70,519.75, \$1, 740.92 less than original quote. There were private donations involved as well.

Fiber optic is coming into town and will be servicing Polywood. The town (All of town hall, public works, & park dept) would also like to have fiber optic system. Town will have to cancel Mediacom. Phones are about \$149.00. We will receive one bill and divide by departments.

Task Order for the Tech Park was passed by the RDC. \$38,900.00 for the engineering on the street. Estimated \$170,000.00 for the water main, will be paid off by the Benton TIF. Need a motion to pass. Larry Siegel made a motion to pass, seconded by Larry Martindale. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion was carried.

The Town is completely done with the Athletic Field, would like the approval from the Council as of November 15<sup>th</sup> to hand over the Athletic field to Polywood. Larry Siegel made a motion to pass, seconded by Bill Musser. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion was carried.

#### POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. No ADA complaints. New officer, Brandon Shipp, will be starting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. New officer came from Milford Police Department.

Police Officer, Cory Kenworthy is scheduled to go to the academy in February.

Jim reported that the new phones for fiber optic were installed last week.

Trick or treat is on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm-8pm.

There have been recent vehicle thefts, I would encourage all residents to lock their vehicles. Secure any out-buildings as well.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, The Park Dept. will be hosting a Drive thru Trick or Treat from 3-5. Current have 12 groups, passing out candy.

Tree lighting ceremony is usually done at Ward Park but due to the reduction on after school programs, the Elementary school choir is not meeting anymore. We will be doing a tree lighting out at Oakwood the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Breakfast with Santa- no set date.

The Parks Department started an Adopt a Bench Program. 6 benches were donated to put in our parks. We have sold three of them already. 2 by the municipal pier so far. \$500.00 for a 10-year commitment, any damage with in the 10 years the Parks Dept. will take care of it.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott was not present.

CLERK

Virginia Cazier had nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Vern Landis had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS


Nothing to report.

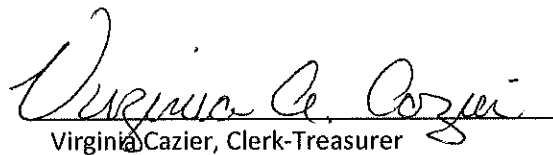
NEW BUSINESS

Larry Siegel thanked Vern for all his hard work on the Travel Star documents.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Paul Stoelting, Council President

  
Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer