

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 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 Martindale, Cindy Kaiser, Larry Siegel, 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 August 16, 2022, regular meeting presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1069-1213 for \$901,834.75 presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

William Musser opened the Public Hearing for the 1st Reading of the 2023 Budget. The Clerk read budget. There were no objections. Meeting closed.

Ordinance 2022-11 - Annexation of properties on Kern Rd. Final vote to adopt ordinance. Larry Siegel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-11; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2022-14 – Rezoning 202 E. Benton Street. Matt Sandy from the Area Planning presented the Ordinance and explained the situation with 202 E. Benton Street. Larry Siegel moved to rezone 202 E. Benton Street; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Chris Harrison, spoke about the Main Street and Railroad Project. Asphalt plants will be closing around Thanksgiving, which does not give us enough time to complete the project. Chris would like to move the project to springtime and completed by Memorial Day. CSX is requesting \$36,761 for the project, to complete paperwork and CSX flaggers. Larry Siegel asked if a Community Crossing Grant will help pay for the project. Chris Harrison said yes, 75% of the project would be paid through a Community Crossing Grant and 25% will be paid for by the Town. The Town paid \$2,500.00 to begin the processing agreement between CSX and the Town. The Town needs to pay the remaining \$34,261.00. Paul Stoelting approved the contract agreement for \$36,761.00 and to have the Clerk write a check for the remaining \$34,261.00 to CSX; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Chris also presented a change order for additional cost of insurance for the contractors. CSX has insurance requirements that did not match what was in the contract. The cost is \$2,915 and is extending the project to May 26, 2023. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the change order for \$2,915; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson was not present.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions on report.
No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, talked about the first Family Camp Out Night on September 9th. Thirty-five people camping at Lakeside Park. It was a success.

The Homecoming Parade will be this Friday, September 23rd, on Chicago Street from the Polar Kraft building to the High School. Chicago Street will be closed at that time.

The Harvest Festival will be on October 8th.

Indoor Community Garage Sales will be on October 15th.

Ballpark updates, all the concrete work is done. Seeding has been completed. Fence work is almost complete. Irrigation has been held up because of the weather. The well & pump are in.

Paid our last payment for the Community Center last month. We still have the Syracuse Building Corporation open. We can continue to have the Syracuse Building Corporation, or we can dissolve it. If we keep it, it will require an annual meeting whether we are using it or not. Jay Rigdon suggested we keep it.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions on report. Mark asked the Council if they would raise his spending limit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 and raise the Town Managers from \$7,000 to \$15,000. Bill Musser made the motion to increase the spending limit for the Public Works Director \$10,000 and the Town Manager \$15,000; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

At the July 19th meeting, Mark asked for \$70,000 to cover the materials for the Lakeside Water Main Loop. The Oakwood Lift Station is now included with the Water Main Loop. The material quote is \$82,915 for both. Mark asked for another \$20,000, for a total of \$90,000. Larry Siegel made the motion for an extra \$20,000 for both projects; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mark sent out the proposed agreement with IDEM for review, agreement came out very well. The agreement with IDEM, needs signatures from William Musser, Council President and Jay Rigdon, Town Attorney. A check for \$3,712.00 needs to be written to IDEM with the agreement. Larry Siegel moved to approve the agreement with IDEM; Paul Stoelting seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, requested \$7,960.12 from the Equipment Fund for emergency lights and plumbing parts on the new fire rescue boat. Mickey is working with a local boat company on building the boat. The \$7,960.12 is just a part of the expenditures for the rescue boat. The rescue boat will cost \$55,000. Paul Stoelting approved the Fire Territory to spend up to \$55,000 for a rescue boat; Larry Siegel seconded. All voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mickey asked the Council to remember Joe Anderson, who just passed. Joe spent 50 years on the fire department.

CLERK

Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

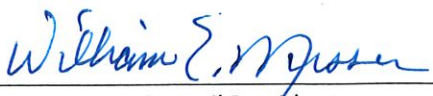
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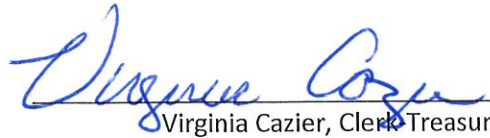
NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Paul Stoelting made a motion to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Larry Siegel seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


William Musser, Council President


Virginia Cazier, Clerk/Treasurer