

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Via Zoom Meetings

September 15, 2020

Town Council President Paul Stoelting called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Other Council members present were Larry Martindale, Tom Hoover, Bill Musser and Larry Siegel. Attorney Vern Landis, Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker, Steve Snyder from Snyder Morgan Federoff & Kuchmay, Ben Plikerd of Brooke Point Inn, Melodie Rodgers, Loni (no last name listed), Elizabeth Kennedy, and Cole Powell.

The minutes of the August 18, 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 1122 through 1141 for \$728,559.35 were presented for payment. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims. Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 20-07, Additional Appropriation for Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund – remaining balance, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the ordinance. Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Paula Kehr-Wicker made the First Reading of Ordinance 20-08, 2021 Budgets.

Paul Stoelting opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 20-08, 2021 Budgets. No comments were made from the public. Paul closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance 20-09, Rezoning of 900 W Brooklyn St from Residential to Industrial II, was presented. Steve Snyder discussed to the public the benefits and purposes of the zoning along with the Polywood Expansion. Representatives from D.J. Construction was also available with Steve Snyder to assist on discussions. Larry Siegel moved to approve the zoning ordinance. Larry Martindale seconded. Four voted for the motion, Bill Musser abstained. The motion carried.

Resolution 20-14, Memorandum of Understanding with Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO), was presented. Lengthy discussion was made on the necessity of working with KEDCO. Bill Musser moved to approve the resolution. Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; Larry Siegel opposed. The motion carried.

Ben Plikerd presented a request to the Council to have sewer lines extended to his property at Brooke Point Inn. Paul Stoelting referenced Ordinance 03-06 that in order to receive utility services from the Town, the property must be annexed. Lengthy discussion followed along with suggestions from the Council on how to get annexed.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe reported that the Wastewater Department has completed their training and repairs to the belt press. The Water Department has received their new Dodge Pickup and in the process of selling the old 2004 Ford Ranger. A request for bids was processed; however, there were no bids for \$1,000 or more. The department is still looking to sell the vehicle. The Street Department has completed installing a 2 inch water main for a new restaurant uptown.

Mike announced that there were hopes of having the Schrock Ball Field cleaned out by November 1st for Polywood. But, due to contractual obligations, it must be delayed until next year. Polywood is currently doing soil boring and moving water lines in the area.

Mike also announced that the Bond Anticipation Note (B.A.N.) closing will be on September 23rd. Mike has also applied for the Harkless Foundation Grant.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. Paul Stoelting asked if there have been any ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) complaints. Jim said there were none.

Jim reported that he will be presenting an amended ordinance for the Metropolitan Police Commissioners at the next meeting. It was discovered that all members of the commission must live within the corporation limits; therefore, Mike cannot be a member. Jim announced to the public that if anyone that lives in town is interested, to contact Mike.

Jim also announced that the Police Department has been approved for a \$214,375.00 grant from the Indiana State Homeland Security. The grant is for purchasing portable radios, metal detectors, and blue emergency phone stations.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, was absent

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. He reported that there have been 142 responses for the month, with a total of 859 runs so far this year. He informed the Council that the new engine will be delivered next week. The 2002 engine will be up for sale.

Mickey made a purchase request for 1 set of turnout gear for a new employee for a value of up to \$3,000. Bill Musser moved to approve the purchase. Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mickey announced that the department will be doing a benefit walk for the Burn Camp on September 27th. It will be a 5 mile walk and they will start at Station 1.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, gave thanks to the public for allowing her to serve as their Clerk-Treasurer for the last almost five years.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Vern Landis had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Siegel announced that Oakwood would be developing approximately 50 homes. He read a letter discussing the process.

Larry Siegel also announced that a purchase agreement and deposit has been made for Lot 5 in the Technology park by Travel Star. There is now only 2 lots left.

Bill Musser moved to adjourn; Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:37 pm.

ATTEST:



Paul Stoelting, Council President



Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer