

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2014

Town Council President Brian Woody called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other council members present were Kathy Beer, Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Paul Stoelting. Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline were also present. Town Manager Henry DeJulia was absent.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brian asked for public comment on agenda items; there were no comments.

The minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting were introduced. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #588 - #692 were presented for payment. It was noted the claim for Airmarking, which was higher than the original quote, was included in the claims. Paul made a motion to approve the claims; Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance #2014 -10, An Ordinance Creating a Town Budget Account, was introduced. Julie explained the reporting requirements for Redevelopment Commissions are getting greater and greater. At this time, we have one fund for the Syracuse TIF. In discussions with Henry, he would prefer the Oakwood TIF have it's own fund since all activity must be reported separately; we will be receiving revenue in the Oakwood TIF in June. Paul moved to approve Ordinance 2014-10; Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Brett Konarski, of Jones, Petrie, Rafinski, gave his monthly report to the council. He presented change order #1 for the contract with The Airmarking Company. Paul moved to approve Change Order #1 for The Airmarking Company; Brian is authorized to sign the change order. Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Brett reported Kline Excavating is expected to begin the repairs to the Long Dr. culvert next week. The project will take a day or two. Larry asked if the grade was going to be corrected. Brett answered there will not be such a severe drop off. For the Industrial Park sign, General Crafts has an additional cost of \$1,800.00 for the performance bond; Solar Energy Solutions will have additional costs of \$4,000.00 due to the performance bond and wage requirements. The changes will increase the total cost of the sign to \$62,000.00. Larry asked if this has been approved by EDA; Brett answered yes. Larry moved to approve an additional \$6,000.00 for the industrial park sign; Paul seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Brett requested permission to have Henry sign the contracts when they are ready so the project can meet the EDA deadline. Brian moved to authorize Henry to sign the contracts with General Crafts and Solar Energy Solutions; work is to be completed in 45 days. Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

No report.

POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello advised there were 476 calls for service in May. The fireworks on Syracuse Lake will be on July 4th. Long Dr will be closed from Washington St. to Northshore Dr.

Tony announced another closure. Washington St will be closed from S.R. 13 to Harrison St. on Saturday; the church is having a car show.

Brian asked Tony for information about the new moped law that will be in effect on July 1. Tony advised the new law creates different classes of mopeds. The law creates Class "A" and Class "B" mopeds ; both must be plated. Bill asked if seat belts are required in golf carts. Tony answered no and went over the various requirements in our town ordinance. Larry asked about ATV's; Tony stated that is run through the DNR.

Brian asked if there were any ADA complaints; there were none.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson announced the Chamber is sponsoring a parade on July 5; the parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. Starting tomorrow, June 18, there will be a produce only market at Crossen Mill Park . The produce market will be open every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Tour de Lakes Bike Ride is scheduled for July 19,

Kathy asked about the dumpster at the boat launch. Chad answered Park Department hauls the trash to the community center.

PUBLIC WORKS

Jeremy Sponseller, Public Works Director, reported the pedestrian bridge on Harkless Dr will take about one more week to complete.

The first 100 radio read meters are being installed in Oakwood; 72 have been changed to date. Utility Supply will be here next week for the software installation. They will also be here when we start reading meters the following week.

Jeremy discussed the asphalt roller that was destroyed by a fire. He received an insurance check to replace the roller; with the insurance check, we need to spend about \$900.00 to \$1,000.00 more to get a new one. It was the consensus of the council to proceed with the purchase.

Jeremy announced point repairs need to be made in Oakwood before we start paving the roads. He plans to use the Oakwood zoned rate revenue and property tax revenue to make the repairs.

Jeremy introduced discussion on the improvements to the Wastewater Plant. London Witte has recommended we not go with SRF. Jeremy would like to go ahead with the engineering; a PER will not be needed. Triad has prepared a proposal for engineering design and construction inspection; the total amount is \$182,000.00. Paul made a motion to approve the engineering services agreement with Triad; Brian is authorized to sign the agreement. Larry seconded. Jeremy introduced the Triad representatives, Jim Frazell, and Rick Pharis, who were present. Brian confirmed the notice to bidders will be ready in 60 days; the scope will be done. Jim Frazell explained the IDEM permits will not be done, but we will be ready with the replacement items. Five voted for the motion; none against. Carried unanimously.

Jeremy presented a purchase request for the Water Department. He would like to purchase a new Dodge truck; some of the equipment the water department uses does not fit in the Ford Ranger. He has a quote from Sorg Dodge for \$20,935.00 for a truck if it is ordered; delivery would take about eight weeks. He asked the council to authorize up to \$21,935.00 in case there is a vehicle at another dealer in the area that is available now. Larry asked if this is an additional vehicle, or are they going to trade the Ford Ranger. Jeremy answered an additional vehicle; they will only get about \$3,000.00 for a trade. If they keep the truck, they can use it for parts runs. Paul moved to approve the purchase from Sorg Dodge for an amount not to exceed \$21,935.00; delivery is to be in eight weeks. Kathy seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Kathy stated she has received comments that Palm Dr seems narrower. Jeremy explained the road width is the same; the defined curbs may make it seem narrower.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline introduced a request from FR Syracuse LLC to waive a penalty of \$700.74 from their utility bill. The late payment was due to a post office error. Paul moved to approve waiving the penalty; Kathy seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Julie presented the proposed 2015 budget calendar; budgets will be presented to the council at the July meeting. The First Reading and Public Hearing will be on September 16; budget approval and adoption will be on October 21. Council members were ok with what was scheduled. Paul asked about salary increases. Julie advised Henry is proposing no raise for hourly and bi-weekly salaried amounts since there will be 27 pays in 2015. Employees will not see an increase on their checks, but the total amount on their W-2's would be an increase of 3.85%. Bill asked how often this happens; Julie advised every 11 or 12 years. Brian stated he agrees with Henry's suggestion.

Julie announced the Notice to Proceed was issued to Niblock for the Brooklyn Street Storm Drainage project.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Vern Landis had nothing further to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

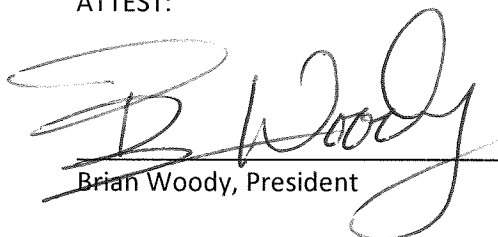
Kathy asked about the tree on North Huntington that is in our right of way; tree branches are on the property owner's roof. Chad advised Larry Weaver has been contacted to trim the tree.

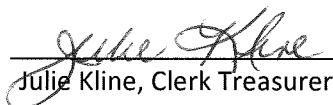
Brian presented a request from the Fire Territory to spend an additional \$8,422.00 from the Equipment Replacement Fund for three additional items for the fire station remodel. Larry asked what the changes were. Brian stated asphalt was added on the north end of the building, the generator power supply to upstairs had to be changed and occupancy sensors for lighting were added. Bill moved to approve the expense; Brian seconded. Four voted for the motion; Larry abstained. The motion carried.

Paul moved to adjourn the meeting; Brian seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:


Brian Woody, President


Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer