

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2014

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

Larry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry asked for comments on agenda items; there were no comments.

The minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting were introduced. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #1218 to #1334 were presented for payment. Paul made a motion to approve the claims. Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The claims were approved.

Rick Pharis, of Triad Associates, Inc., gave a report on the Wastewater Plant Improvement Project. Mr. Pharis explained since the project cost will be over \$350,000.00, the Department of Labor requires payment of prevailing wages. The council needs to appoint two people to the wage rate committee. They are the Awarding Agency Representative, this appointee must live in the county, and the Taxpayer Representative, who must live in the town limits. A third representative is appointed by the Kosciusko County Commissioners; Larry Coplen has agreed to serve as the county appointee if the commissioners approve. Representatives of the AFL-CIO and the Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana will also be present at the Common Wage Hearing. The five member committee will select wages to be used for the project. Rick Pharis would like to hold the hearing next week if possible. Paul moved to appoint Jeremy Sponseller as the Agency Representative for the Common Wage Hearing and Bill Musser as the Taxpayer Representative; Larry seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported he mailed a brochure about the Industrial Park to about 40 to 50 target businesses. The municipal lot across from the library has been completed.

POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello reported there were 408 calls for service in October. There were nine vehicle accidents and eight criminal arrests.

Tony presented an Interlocal Agreement with Kosciusko County for records management and dispatch service. The annual cost of the agreement is \$5,000.00. Paul moved to approve the Interlocal agreement; Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The agreement was approved.

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

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, announced Holiday Magic will be held this Saturday, November 22. There will be activities at the Lakeland Youth Center from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at Crosson Mill Park from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Community Center on December 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast is free for the kids and \$3.00 for adults.

Chad reported the Ice Rink at Vega Field is up. He hopes to open the ice rink this week. Most of the snowflakes are up; the rest of the snowflakes will go up this week.

Chad advised the Park Foundation received a donation to purchase the land on Wildwood Dr from Rotary. The closing on the purchase will be this Thursday. The Park Foundation would like to donate the land immediately to the Town of Syracuse. Paul made a motion to accept the donation of the land from the Park Foundation immediately upon closing; Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Jeremy Sponseller, Public Works Director, stated he received two quotes for grinding the brush pile from our brush pickup program. Both quotes were significantly higher than what has been budgeted. He asked the council if he could encumber funds and contract with the lowest bidder to take care of the brush pile next spring. Council members agreed to allow Jeremy to do this.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline asked council members if they would like to hold a year end meeting, or if they would like to adopt a resolution like they have done in previous years to allow the Clerk to pay bills and make transfers. Council members would like a resolution presented in December.

Julie reported we received our final reimbursement from EDA; the amount was \$195,414.90. She also showed council members a donation we received from Pat Bitner; it is an original map of the Town of Syracuse, Second Addition, dated 1875.

Julie advised questions have been raised about the bereavement section of our benefits ordinance; the death of a step child is not listed as qualifying for bereavement leave. Council members agreed it should be added; Town Attorney Vern Landis will prepare an amendment to the ordinance. Council also agreed it should apply to the current situation.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Vern Landis had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

None.

OLD BUSINESS

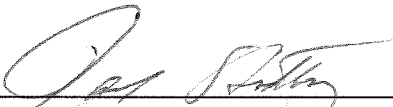
Bill asked about our salt supply; Jeremy stated we are good.

NEW BUSINESS

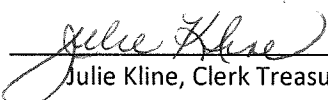
None.

Bill moved to adjourn; Paul seconded. The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



Paul Stoelting, Vice President



Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer