

## SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 2017

Town Council President Tom Hoover called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 6:58 p.m. Council members also present were Bill Musser, Paul Stoelting, and Larry Siegel. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present. Larry Martindale was absent.

Tom Hoover opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Larry Siegel seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 4553 through 688 were presented for payment. Paul moved to approve the claims; Larry Siegel seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry presented two (2) agreements for the purchase of 7 lots at the Syracuse 6 & 13 Technology Park with Innovation, Inc (Indiana RV, LLC). Dustin Johns, owner of the Indiana RV, explained what he is planning on bringing to the community by building his business there. Larry made a motion to approve the purchase agreement for Lot #'s 8 through 12; Bill Musser seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Larry then made another motion to approve the purchase agreement for Lot #'s 2 and 3; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Tom announced the Public Hearing for the Annexation of the Syracuse 6 & 13 Technology Park and opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments made. The Public Hearing was closed.

Resolution 17-02, A Fiscal Policy Resolution For Annexing Territory To the Town of Syracuse, was presented. Paul Stoelting moved to adopt the Resolution; Larry Siegel seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 2017-03, Waive Non-Compliance of Precision Automotive's Reporting Requirements for Tax Abatement, was presented. The report came in late and Precision Automotive is requesting that we waive the failure of submitting their forms on time and agree to find them in substantial compliance for their tax abatement. Bill Musser moved to approve the Resolution; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Jeremy Hardy from Commonwealth Engineers and Mark Jesse from A & Z Engineering spoke about the 2017 Community Crossing Grant that is available to municipalities to use towards Road and Bridge improvements. The Grant matches 75% of the cost of the project submitted by us. The Town would then be responsible for the remaining 25%. Commonwealth would like to assist the Town by doing the Engineering Study and Pavement Inventory & Management Plan that is needed for applying to this Grant. The agreement with Commonwealth is for \$25,000. The awards will be made by Indiana Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) towards the end of August. Paul moved to approve the 2017 Community Crossing Grants Program Study Engineering Fee Proposal, not to exceed \$25,000. Bill seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Jeremy stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is required to renew their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit every 5 years. Commonwealth Engineers would like to assist the Town in acquiring that permit. Larry Siegel moved to approve the Task Order for Commonwealth Engineering to assist in renewing the NPDES permit for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and allow Henry and Rob to sign the Task Order. Paul seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion, none against. The motion carried.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### TOWN MANAGER

Henry presented an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between And Among Elkhart County, The Elkhart County Redevelopment Commission, The Town of Syracuse, And The Syracuse Redevelopment Commission Regarding Syracuse Technology Park. Paul moved to approve the agreement; Larry Siegel seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry introduced a request from R.E. Crosby for payment of \$90,000 from their Retainage of the Wastewater Project. Vern advised that we wait another month before paying any of the Retainage.

### POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions on his report. There were none. He reported that the department has hired 7 new Reserve Officers and will start training on Thursday of this week. They need to complete a 40-hour pre-basic training. Once that is finished, their Field Training will start.

There were no ADA complaints.

### PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported that on April 22<sup>nd</sup> there were two Princess Tea Parties. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, they had the "Touch-A-Truck" even that is an update to the previous "Safety Day". He also reported that the annual Cruise-In will be this coming Friday and Saturday and the Lakeside Park beach will open on the 27<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day Weekend. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mudtastic Classic is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. Chad stated that the Tree Board is working on updating a "Tree Planting Guide" that the Town put out when the Tree Board first started.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant asked if there were any questions on the report he has submitted to the council. There were none. Rob reported that he is still getting information on the Aeration equipment. He was informed that our current set-up would not cover the 10 state standards per the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Rob claims that we need to get a construction permit in order to get the equipment we need for our system and in order to get the permit, we would need an engineering company to help us. Rob stated that we may need another mixer, instead of one large mixer, we would need two smaller ones, due to the construction of the tank. The engineer for the proposed equipment that we need will be here next week to look at our set-up.

Rob reported that the booster station at the Technology Park doesn't operate as it should. Jones, Petrie, and Rafinski (JPR), the engineering company that designed the booster station, was called out to the site. It was discovered that there was debris inside the pumps. According to JPR, the lines were flushed and the system was tested and ran, even though it doesn't run now. JPR states they will be back in town tomorrow to find a solution.

Rob presented a purchase request for a new Dump Truck for the Street Dept. Out of 3 price quotes, W.A. Jones was the lowest at \$142,707.00. It would take approximately 4 to 6 months lead time to receive the truck. Paul asked why we need a new dump truck. Rob stated that the old one would only run if you use jumper cables, that it there are no brakes, and no power steering. It is only worth approximately \$300 - \$400. Bill moved to approve the purchase of a new dump truck from W.A. Jones not to exceed \$142,707.00 and to be delivered within 6 months. Paul seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Rob made another purchase request for a new Vac Truck for the Wastewater Department. He provided 3 quotes with the lowest bid being from Best Equipment Co. for \$298,000.00. It includes a 1 year warranty on the truck itself, and the equipment warranty varies between 5 years to a lifetime. The lease for this would consist of 7 years at \$47,122 a year. The interest would be 3.7% for the 7-year lease. We would also have the option to

purchase the truck out-right at the end of the lease for just one dollar. Ben Wanner from Best Equipment made a presentation on the truck, the warranties, and explained how the municipal lease would work for the purchase. He stated that the maintenance costs could consist of replacing a vacuum tube at the elbow and possibly the jetter hoses. Larry Siegel moved to approve a 7-year lease to purchase of the Vac-Con truck for \$298,000. Funded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> year payment from the EDIT Fund; following six year payments using a combination of CCI-Property Tax Fund (approx. \$10,000), EDIT Fund (approx. \$30,000), and WWT Depreciation Fund (approx. \$10,000). Paul seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked the council if they had any questions about his report. There were none. Mickey reported that he did do an advertisement for bids for a Vacuum Tanker. The bid deadline is June 9th at 3pm. The aerial truck has been repaired and is back in service.

Mickey presented a purchase request for 4 Air Packs for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus from Hoosier Fire Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$29,513.50 plus shipping. Bill moved to approve the purchase of 4 air packs; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Mickey announced that the Fire and EMS department will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast at Station #1 on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7am to 11am or until sold out.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker had nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Chris Lee from Congresswoman Jackie Walorski's Office informed everyone that he will be available to the public once month at the Town Hall. He stated that the days he will be here will be posted on the Congresswoman's website.

OLD BUSINESS

There is nothing to report.

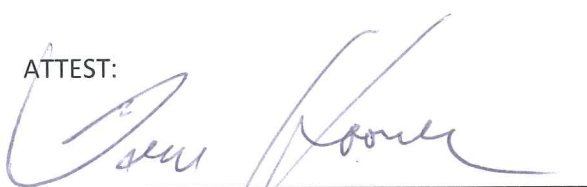
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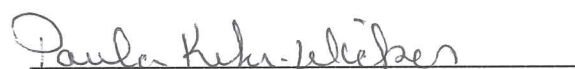
There is nothing to report.

Bill moved to adjourn; Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:02 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Tom Hoover, President

  
Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer