

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 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 Larry Martindale, Bill Musser, Paul Stoelting, and Larry Siegel. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

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 May 16, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the minutes; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 689 through 833 were presented for payment. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-05, Syracuse Technology Park Super Voluntary Annexation, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the ordinance; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Tom requested to amend the Agenda to include presentation of Ordinance 2017-04. Larry Siegel moved to approve the amendment; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2017-04, Establishing a Town Budget Account for Motor Vehicle Highway Fund – Allocated and changing the current MVH fund to MVH – Unallocated, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the ordinance; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Henry discussed a section of Lake View Road and Line Street in Oakwood Park. Currently it is only open to walking traffic. During the initial annexation of Oakwood, the Town of Syracuse restricted this section as a walking path unless Oakwood Resort LLC needs roadway for future development. Oakwood Resort would like this agreement to be approved during a council meeting. They understand that they would need to meet all Town and State statutes. Paul moved to approve Oakwood Resort, LLC to re-open this section of as a roadway in the future as long as they meet all requirements. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry reported that the Wawasee School Corporation would like to know what the Town of Syracuse's intention is with the Elementary School. Lengthy discussion followed with the consensus being that there is a lack of information to make a definitive decision.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions on his report. Tom inquired if the total calls for service was a typo. Jim confirmed that it was not.

Jim reported that the new reserve officers have completed 102 hours of training so far and they are almost through with their 40-hour pre-basic training. Bill Musser asked what kind of compensation are the reserve officers getting. Jim informed that the reserve position was a voluntary position, and that, by law, they do not get any compensation. The training, equipment, and clothing are paid for by the Town of Syracuse.

There were no ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported that this Saturday is the 3rd Annual Mudtastic Classic. He also reported that Long Drive would be closed twice during the 4th of July. Once in the morning and then after 4pm in preparation for the Fireworks. On July 8th will be the Tour Des Lakes.

Tom asked if Chad was getting quotes on the restroom renovations. Chad stated he was working on two proposals; one being the rehabilitation of the current building, and the other is for replacement or movement.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant reported on the status of the Community Crossings Grant project. He stated that the Harkless Drive portion that was originally on the list would need to be postponed until next year. The current estimated quote we have for the Harkless Drive project is too high due to a lot of unknowns. He suggests that we get quotes on pre-engineering that would include survey work, boring, soil analysis, rain fall analysis, and other things that would be needed to do the project. This year he would like to submit the other two projects; Milling & Resurfacing for \$426,370.57 and Crack Sealing for \$43,880.77. The Town would be responsible for 25% of the cost of each project, totaling \$\$117,562.83. The Town would also have to pay for the non-construction costs, such as engineering, of the project. That amount would be \$12,500. Jeremy Hardy from Commonwealth Engineers gave further explanation of the projects and the grant submission. Larry Siegel moved to approve dedicating \$12,500 engineering costs out of the Local Road and Street Fund, \$17,500.00 Grant Match from the Local Road and Street Fund, and \$100,062.83 Grant Match from the Rainy Day Fund. Paul Stoelting seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Rob presented R.E. Crosby's Pay application #13 for \$120,120.45 of the \$125,620.45 total retainage from the Wastewater Project. Larry Siegel moved to pay the \$120,120.45 retainage; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Rob reported on the booster station at the Technology Park. He stated that Jones Petrie Rafinski will do a fire flow test and the repairs needed. There has been no indication on who's paying for the repairs and service. Discussion followed on the requirements for the fire system and flow for the Tech Park.

On Thursday, there will be a fire flow test done on the new hydrant on East Main Street. The data from this testing was requested by Ben Plikerd's organization. Rob stated that himself, Tom, and Henry went through Mr. Plikerd's facility. Rob has a couple concerns regarding the proposed enhancements for the building. Rob states that the current water line and meter may be too small to provide the right water flow for new residents. If there is a requirement for a fire system in that facility, the current water main could be too small. The building needs and should already have a back-flow preventer. They need one on the domestic and the fire flow system. Discussion followed on whether these requirements need to be done prior to approval of the plans or not.

Rob announced that the motor on the Aeration equipment has blown out. It was inspected by Gasvoda. It seems to be an internal issue. Aeration industries will cover it under warranty; however, we have to pay to move and ship it. Once repaired, we would pay to return ship it and install it. The engineer from Sanitaire came out to make sure the proposed new equipment is what we need. They recommended that we could get by with only one mixer per tank as long as we installed a turning vane. Rob is still getting quotes on purchasing new equipment. He thinks we will need to get a permit from Indiana Department of Environmental Management. It would take approximately a month to have the current one repaired. It would take about 60 to 90 days to receive and install new equipment. The previous purchase approval from Council was for equipment that Triad suggested, which ended up not meeting the 10 state standards. Discussion followed on how the system is ran. Rob will work on getting

detailed cost estimates to provide to council as soon as he can. Council is willing to hold a special meeting to get this resolved.

Rob reported that the South Tower cleaning is complete. He will have the inspection report by next Council meeting. The sewer inspections for the new elementary school has been finalized. The L.E.D. bulb changes are almost finished for the north side of town.

Rob informed the council that they normally do land applications of sludge in the spring and fall. This year's sample analysis has been finished. A week before doing a scheduled land application, the farmer had already planted everything and doesn't need the sludge after all. Now we will need to get rid of this sludge at an extra cost. Rob mentioned that they may not do any future land applications due to costs and work involved.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked the council if they had any questions about his report. There were none. He stated that one of the smoke alarms that were passed out by the department detected a fire that helped save some lives. He reported that they had the Pancake and Sausage Breakfast and that it went very well. Mickey stated that the Fire Department will not approve variances if there isn't a fire system or alarms. It would be up to the State Fire Marshall to approve that. Indiana Code requires that there are fire alarms installed in each apartment. The alarms need to be inspected and in working order at the time the tenant moves in. There should be a paper signed by both the tenant and the owner stating that the alarm works. Mickey and the Building Inspector have documents that can be used for this purpose.

Mickey announced that Pork Chop and Chicken barbecue will be on July 1st at 10am.

Mickey then provided council with a summary of Vacuum Tanker bids. Discussion followed on the differences in bids. Mickey requested to purchase from #1 Fire Services Inc. for \$286,080. It has a 300-day built-by maximum. They have had two other municipalities interested in purchasing the current tanker. It was originally purchased in 2008. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the purchase of the new vacuum tanker for \$286,080. Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Paula asked the council if they had any questions or concerns with the proposed 2018 Budget Calendar. There were none.

A purchase request for painting the Town Hall was made. Paula suggested going with McKinley Painting and Drywall for \$23,500. Paul mentioned that the Smith Painting quote was almost half of McKinley's. Paula informed him that Smith has less experience in drywalling and that she has personally used McKinley twice before and knows his work. Discussion followed regarding the differences in pricing. Larry Martindale moved to approve McKinley's Painting and Drywalling quote of \$18,500 for painting and \$5,000 estimated for drywall repair. Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Gary Meier, from Syracuse-Webster Road, spoke about his property and how it was determined to be a nuisance property. He stated he is handicapped and cannot afford the upkeep and clean-up of the property. He has no issue if the Town wanted to come and clean up the property; however, he is unable to do so. Larry Siegel stated he will work on trying to get assistance and or volunteers to help with the clean-up.

OLD BUSINESS

There is nothing to report.

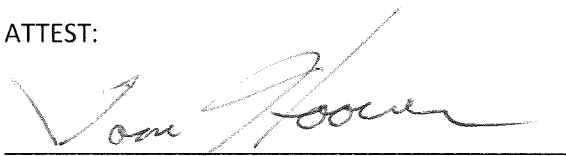
NEW BUSINESS

Tom Hoover would like to nominate Corky Wong as the 5th member of the Fire Territory. Larry Martindale moved to approve the nomination; Bill Musser seconded. Three voted for the motion; Larry Siegel and Paul Stoelting abstained. The motion carried.

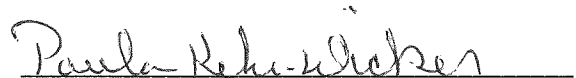
Larry Siegel moved to adjourn; Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:18 pm.

ATTEST:



Tom Hoover, President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer