

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2019

Town Council President Larry Martindale called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Bill Musser, Tom Hoover, Larry Siegel, and Paul Stoelting. Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

Larry Martindale opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry Martindale asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

The minutes of the December 18, 2018, meeting was presented for approval. Bill Musser moved to approve the minutes; Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1703 through 1732 and 1 through 113 were presented for payment. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Bill Musser seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 19-01, Public and Private Sewers and Drains Regulation, was presented. Larry Siegel moved to approve the ordinance. Paul Stoelting seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 19-01, Adopting the Kosciusko County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, was presented. Bill Musser moved to approve the ordinance. Larry Siegel seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER / PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Noe thanked the council for allowing him to serve as the Town Manager and Public Works Superintendent for the Town of Syracuse. He has been meeting with various people and employees and splitting his time between the two jobs. He is empowering the department foremen with more oversight. He has contacted the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) regarding the signing of the Maintenance Repair Operations (MROs). They informed him that Don Robinson, Water Foreman, can sign for the Water Department's MROs and Mike can sign for the Wastewater Department's MROs. Mike announced that the weather will get very cold and he advised that the residents can let their water trickle for freeze prevention. Paula Kehr-Wicker added that if the residents trickle their water, they may call the Clerk's Office to be added to a list for possible adjustment to their wastewater charges.

Mike informed the council that he has been getting to know all the Public Work's employees. He stated that the Wastewater Department is running well and becoming more organized. The Water Department is waiting on a pump for the new chlorine system. No time frame has been given since the pump is backordered. The Street Department has been very busy with the snow, but they were ready for it. Henry DeJulia mentioned that our Street Department occasionally plows State Road 13 when the State can't get to it in a timely manner.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions regarding his report. There were none. He mentioned that there were more calls for service than there have been in the last 5 years. He informed the council that the new vehicle has been received and is outfitted. He announced that Cody Leer will be going to the Academy on February 4th. He requested that the council allow the Clerk-Treasurer to process a check for payment of \$545.00 to the Law Enforcement Academy so that Cody can take the payment with him. Larry Siegel moved to approve writing the check before the 4th. Bill Musser seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Jim requested that everyone should drive slower and safely due to the incoming severe weather.

There were no ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, announced that the Park Department received a donation from the Harkless Foundation of \$10,000. This will be used for development and planting at Laudeman Park. Chad reported that the basketball league started 2 Sundays ago and there are 12 teams participating. The Kiwanis Soup Supper will be on

January 25th and Winter Carnival at Oakwood on the 26th. Chad provided the council a report of the maintenance and planting of trees throughout town.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. Mickey reported that there were a total of 1314 Fire and EMS runs for the 2018 year. There was also an estimated \$417,665.00 in property loss due to fires within the year. \$2,060,000.00 in property was saved as a result of our firefighting efforts for the 2018 year. There were 167 hours of training completed by the Fire and EMS personnel for the month of December. Mickey informed the council that the department did apply for grant from the K21 Health Foundation for the amount of \$330,144.00 to purchase new Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillators.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, informed the council that she would be voided 3 outstanding checks that are over 2 years old. Paula requested approval of the 2018 Forwarded Encumbrances for the amount of \$425,170.44. Bill Musser moved to approve the Encumbrances. Paul Stoelting seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Musser reported on the Flood Control Structure committee. He is very happy with the progress being made. He also announced that Mike and Jeremy are working on the Community Crossings Grant. He stated that a certified submitter is only required for Federal Grants and not State Grants, as is the Community Crossings Grant. He also reported that Chris Janak from Bose, McKinney, and Evans, will be contacting us regarding the Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District contract. There could possibly be an executive session.

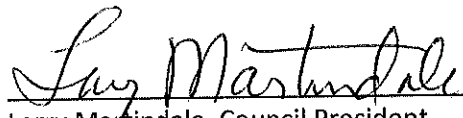
NEW BUSINESS

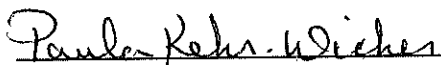
Tom Hoover inquired about the west doors to the Town Hall. Paula informed him that the only way to open them, when locked, is with a remote key fob. The north doors can be opened with a regular key.

Paul Stoelting moved to adjourn; Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:26 pm.

ATTEST:


Larry Martindale, Council President


Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer