

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 2018

Town Council President Bill Musser called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 6:59 p.m. Other Council members present were Tom Hoover, Paul Stoelting, and Larry Martindale. Town Attorney Vern Landis, Town Manager Henry DeJulia, and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present. Council Member Larry Siegel was absent.

Bill Musser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Musser asked for public comment on agenda items. There were none.

The minutes of the April 17, 2018, meeting was presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. Three voted for the motion. Paul Stoelting abstained due to not being at the April meeting. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 572 through 702 were presented for payment. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Bill Musser opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone had any questions regarding Ordinance 2018-04, Amending the Town Code Regarding Sewer Rates and Charges. There were no questions. Bill closed the Public Hearing.

Ordinance 2018-04, Amending the Town Code Regarding Sewer Rates and Charges, was introduced. Paul Stoelting moved to accept the ordinance, Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2018-05, Amending the Town Code Regarding Waterworks Rates and Charges was presented. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the ordinance; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2018-07, Amending the Town Code Regarding Traffic and Parking Regulations, was presented. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the ordinance; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion, none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER

Henry DeJulia reported the following: a meeting has been scheduled with Turkey Creek Regional Sewer District, the valves have been replaced at the booster station at the Technology Park, and there were approximately 15 people that attended the recent Flood Control Structure meeting. Henry presented a request to hire Lawson Fisher, engineers, to look at the Flood Control Structure and provide a current estimate on the cost to repair it. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the agreement with Lawson Fisher for an amount not to exceed \$77,600; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions regarding his report. There were none. He reported that the two police vehicles that were damaged in last month's pursuit have been repaired. Bill asked if there was going to be a Memorial Day parade. Mickey Scott confirmed that there will be a parade.

There were no ADA complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported on upcoming events. The 30th Annual Cruise-In-Cuse will start this Friday night up-town and will then move to Lakeside Park on Saturday. Memorial Day Weekend will be the start of "Beach Season" and Life Guards will start working then. The Farmer's Market opened last Saturday and did very well despite the weather. The 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event on the 5th also did well. Chad updated the Council on the new restrooms at Lakeside Park. He also informed them that he has advertised for the open position for Program Director. Tom Hoover asked about the tree planting at Laudeman Park. Chad mentioned that Bill Musser joined in planting 31 trees. The Arbor Day celebration was held at the Elementary School.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent, Rob Merchant, asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none. Bill asked about the sidewalk project up-town. Rob said the street department were just putting in the frames in for the sidewalks up town when water was seen coming up at the main entrance of the theatre. They will need cut into the street to find where it is tapped into the main. He doesn't believe the project will be finished in time for the car show. He stated that people could park their vehicles but would not be able to walk on the sidewalks. Discussion followed on how many water lines are made of lead within the town. Rob stated that there is no record on where they are; they just replace them when they find them.

Rob presented a purchase request for a spare scum pump. Paul Stoelting moved to purchase a spare scum pump for an amount not to exceed \$3,222.90. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. Rob stated that he applied to NIPSCO for rebates on changing the snowflakes and the street light bulbs. We were approved and will be getting approximately \$9,600 or more in rebates. He reported that Kokosing will be offsite until June 11th. Everything they could do at the wastewater plant has been done until the rest of the aeration equipment has arrived. They hope to have the South Ditch operational by the end of June. Rob then reported that Bayview Estates is now compliant with their backflow device. He also informed the Council that the chlorine system needs replaced. So far, the cost would be \$59,267. Rob suggests that we have an engineer look at the proposals before accepting them. Rob stated that we are on borrowed time with the system.

Jeremy Hardy, Commonwealth Engineers, presented a request to the Council to extend Aeration Project completion date. He said the grit removal system has a longer lead time and they will not be able to finish by the current July 30th date. He is asking to move the date to September 30th. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the time extension; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Jeremy informed that Council that there is still a \$29,000 contingency remaining on the Guaranteed Savings Contract. Jeremy discussed the NIPSCO rebates we will get for this project and how Kokosing and Commonwealth will continue to research and propose other ways that we could save on energy.

Jeremy reported on the Community Crossings Grant program and reminded the Council on how much we received for last year's application. This year's program will open on August 6th and the applications will need to be submitted before September 28th. A change to this year's program consist of having two cycles a year; in which a community can only be awarded once a year. He stated that the Grant would work the same as last year, in that we could receive 75% of the funds if we guarantee the 25%. The costs associated to the Harkless Drive project have a total of \$1,891,00. The state will only grant up to \$1 million for a project. The town would be responsible for the amount the Grant will not cover. The Council would like to have more time to think about this project due to the cost. Discussion was made on what all needed to be done for the project. Jeremy also explained that there were other projects on the list and why they weren't chosen. Discussion followed on what kind of work will go into the project.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott reported on the Fire Territory meeting from last night. The architect has been directed to start the bidding process for the proposed building improvements for Station 1 and Station 2. They have received the new Scott Safety SCBA bottles that were approved last month. The annual inspection of the aerial apparatus has been completed and has passed. They have also received new vehicle stabilization equipment because of a grant that another department applied for from the K21 Foundation. The staff has been trained on the use of it. The 2008 ambulance is currently being repaired and is not due to be replaced for another 2 years. They have received nearly all the personal protective equipment that was approved in February. The department witnessed the fire suppression hood system test at the new Taco Bell and no issues were found.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, announced that viewers can subscribe to any of our website pages and receive alerts if there are any changes or announcements.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There was nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

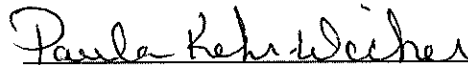
Paul Stoelting moved to adjourn; Tom Hoover seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:49 pm.

ATTEST:



Bill Musser, Council President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer