

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2018

Town Council President Bill Musser called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were Tom Hoover, Larry Siegel, and Larry Martindale. Town Attorney Vern Landis and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present. Councilmen Paul Stoelting and Town Manager Henry DeJulia were 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 October 16, 2018, meeting was presented for approval. Tom Hoover moved to approve the minutes; Larry Martindale seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1426 through 1571 were presented for payment. Larry Martindale moved to approve the claims; Larry Siegel seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2018-13, Appropriation Reduction for Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund, was presented. Larry Martindale moved to approve the ordinance. Larry Siegel seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 18-06, Transfer of Funds from Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant to Rainy Day Fund, was presented. Larry Martindale moved to approve the ordinance. Larry Siegel seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER

Henry DeJulia was absent. The retirement / resignation letter from Henry was read by Bill Musser.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked the council if they had any questions regarding his report. There were none.

Jim updated the council on the Police vehicle that was damaged. It is being repaired and should be returned to service in approximately 2 weeks.

Jim requested approval for the annual Interlocal Agreement for Terminal Services with Kosciusko County for \$5,000. Larry Siegel moved to approve the agreement and payment. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

There were no ADA complaints. The audit is continuing, and Jim has asked for an extension due to the quantity of items needed.

PARK

Park Superintendent, Chad Jonsson, reported that the Haunted House and the Carnival at Lakeland Youth Center at the end of October went very well despite the weather. Dan Buchman donated 200 goodie bags to pass out.

Chad also announced that the Holiday Magic event will be on November 17th from 4pm to 7pm. It includes the lighting of the Town's Christmas tree and snacks. Breakfast with Santa will be on December 1st from 8am to 11pm.

Chad also reported that they are in the process of winterizing the parks.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent, Rob Merchant, presented the Council with the 2019 Water and Wastewater Budgets. Tom Hoover moved to approve the budgets. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Rob reported that all the snowflakes are up. Leaf collection will end by December 1st. The new dump truck has been received. He informed the council that we did not get awarded the Community Crossings Grant; however, we can reapply in January.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott was absent.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, asked if the Council had any questions on her report. There were none. Paula asked for approval on the revised Employee Handbook due to the change in Public Work's clothing policy. Larry Martindale moved to approve the revised handbook. Tom Hoover seconded the motion. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Paula asked the council if they would like to have a separate year-end meeting other than the December regular meeting. They all agreed not to have a separate year-end meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

No comments from the floor.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

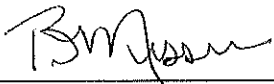
NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

Larry Siegel moved to adjourn; Tom Hoover seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:27 pm.

ATTEST:



Bill Musser, Council President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer