

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 20, 2011

Paul Stoelting, President, called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m. Other council members present were Jeff Morgan, Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Brian Woody. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Mike Reed, and Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline were also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul asked for public comment on agenda items; there were no comments.

The minutes of the August 16, 2011 minutes were presented for approval. Brian moved to approve the minutes; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. Motion carried.

Claims #933 through #1056 were introduced for payment. Brian moved to approve the claims; Jeff seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ken Jones, of Wightman Petrie, provided an update on North Industrial Park project. He presented a cost estimate based upon the current design; he noted the original cost estimates were done in 2006. The costs estimates were broken down by type and funding; 1) EDA OnSite Improvements, 2) EDA Utility Extension, and 3) EDI Utility Extensions. He noted they upgraded the water pipe size from 8" to 12". Item 1.8 on the EDA Utility Extension estimate was not anticipated in the original cost; Ken Jones explained INDOT will not allow us to use the roadway shoulder for the water main. It will now be necessary to do horizontal directional drilling which was not included in the original cost estimate. Ken Jones feels that things such as grass seeding and grading can be paid as incidental costs. Ken added INDOT is now requiring us to include traffic blisters with a 300 foot taper. He provided an artistic rendition of how the entrance could look. Ken discussed landscaping and LED lighting. There will be two entrances; one off U.S. 6 and the second off S.R. 13. Right now the project is ahead of schedule; permits are starting to flow. Ken added gas piping and communication infrastructure will be required; he does not have numbers for that.

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline read the 2012 advertised budget amounts. Total budgets were \$3,220,832.00. The tax levy required to fund the budgets is \$1,584,066.00. Bill moved to accept 2012 budget on First Reading; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; Brian voted against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 11-06, the Salary Ordinance for 2012, was introduced. Julie added the ordinance was prepared according to the guidelines provided when the 2012 budgets were prepared. Brian made a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-06; Jeff seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported he attended a meeting with the Lieutenant Governor about how the state can assist local governments to meet their needs.

Henry announced he applied for a six month extension on the EDA grant; we want to try to get in the ground early next year. Some of the federal review could take three to four months; that is why he requested the extension. Henry stated he can not advise if/when the extension would be approved.

The sidewalk in the Heights is half done. The street paving project is done; there is some striping left to be completed. The town hall parking lot has been sealed; it will be striped soon.

POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello reported there were 362 calls for service in August. There were 27 criminal arrests; 19 of those arrests were drug related.

Tony announced that Trick or Treat will be on Monday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tony reported he has been appointed as the ADA Coordinator for the Town of Syracuse. He distributed information provided by MACOG on the Americans with Disabilities Act. The information included resolutions that Tony would like the council to consider adopting next month. Tony noted we are already making our crosswalks handicapped accessible.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson distributed a report prepared by Larry Long, town engineer, on the drainage ditch at Vega Field. Chad explained the elevation problems with the area; it will not drain properly with a single drainage pipe. Chad explained Jeremy suggested a series of pipes instead of one; Chad is checking with Larry Long on that suggestion.

Chad distributed a brochure that will be used for the fundraising for the Youth Athletic Complex. He announced Harvest Fest will be held on the last day of the Farmer's Market, which will be on October 15. The fall Indoor Yard Sale will be held at the Community Center on October 8.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Jeremy Sponseller made several announcements. The road cut on Northshore Dr has been fixed. Public Works also cleaned out the storm water control structure and redid the pipe cut. Larry Weaver, of Wawasee Tree Service, has begun work on the trees. Jeremy reported work continues on the decorative lights; the contractor will start working on that next week. Gary Garber is working on the wiring for the decorative lights on Main St.

Jeremy presented a purchase request. The stop bars in the village need to be added. Paint doesn't last long; he would like to install thermoplastic stop bars at a cost of \$2,500.00. Brian moved to approve Jeremy's request for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. Jeff seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline advised one of our deferred compensation providers, Hoosier Start, will now offer a Roth type contribution. She asked if there were any objections to her signing the form to allow Roth contributions; council members had no objections.

Julie reported we now have had a full year of data on recycling with the new 96 gallon toters. From August 2009 through July 2010, residents recycled 120,640 pounds with the 18 gallon toters. From August 2011 through July 2011 with the larger 96 gallon cart, a total 341,320 pounds was recycled, an increase of 283%.

Julie presented two purchase requests. She presented two quotes on replacing the gutters at the town hall. The low quote was from Rainy Days Guttering for \$1,390.60; they can complete the work by Thanksgiving. Brian made a motion to approve the quote from Rainy Days Guttering at a cost not to exceed \$1,390.60; work is to be completed by Thanksgiving. Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The second purchase request was for carpeting in the town hall. She explained the carpeting is the original carpet that was installed in 1985. Julie advised if she moves money around, she will have enough in her budget to pay for the carpeting. The total quote from BC Tile and Floor Covering is \$18,637.24. After discussion, Brian made a motion to approve the quote from BC Tile and Floor Covering for an amount not to exceed \$18,637.24; work is to be completed by the end of October. Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Mike Reed had no report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Gillem, of Seriously Books, asked the council if they have received any complaints about his business. Council members and department heads advised they have not received any complaints. Mr. Gillem explained he was told there were complaints and because of that, his lease will not be renewed. He asked the council if they had any problems if he moved to another location in town; Mr. Gillem was told the council had no problems as long as he met the requirements.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul reported a letter was received dated August 29, 2011, from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs that addressed a grant for the proposed Oakwood development in the amount of \$1.4 million. It would be a Community Development Block Grant; we would need to advertise for a grant administrator. Brian made a motion to authorize Henry to proceed with the application steps to apply for the CDBG grant; Jeff seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Paul added the proposed developer, Buckingham, has asked the council to consider establishing a TIF district to help pay for development costs. Paul asked the council to consider appointing a committee to work with Buckingham and the State of Indiana to get this in place and look out for the

best interests of Syracuse. Paul noted the annexation of Oakwood is not complete. He suggested the committee members would be Larry, Henry, Julie, himself, and Mike. Paul noted the grant calls for 90 jobs to be created; he added the council is excited to be moving forward and happy to be working with these people. Brian made a motion to appoint Larry, Julie, Henry, Paul, and Mike to this committee; Jeff seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

Paul Stoelting, President

Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer