

## SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### Regular Meeting

August 18 2015

Paul Stoelting, President, called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Kathy Beer, Bill Musser, Larry Siegel, and Brian Woody. Also present were Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis, and Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul asked for discussion from the floor on agenda items. James Miller informed the council about a facility he is trying to develop on Sylvan Lake that will serve the children of addicts.

The minutes of the July 21, 2015 were introduced. Larry moved to approve the minutes; Kathy seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #905 to #1027 were presented for payment. Larry made a motion to approve the claims; Brian seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Clint Houseworth, Severn Trent Regional Director, distributed the results of the street paving bids that were opened last Friday, August 14. Phend & Brown submitted the low bid of \$207,405.50. The Fire Department included their paving needs with our bid specifications. The fire total is \$66,778.20, and the town part of the bid is \$140,627.30. Clint would like the contract to state the town and fire departments are to be invoiced separately, and paving is to be complete by October 23. Council members felt we can only approve our paving; it was noted the township approved their's last night.

Larry made a motion to approve the town paving for \$140,627.30; Bill seconded. Discussion followed on what is needed since each entity is paying for their portion. Larry amended his motion to add that Henry is allowed to sign the contract; Bill seconded the amendment. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported the town continues to work on maintenance issues. Henry is working with the Chamber on new banners for the riverfront district and the village area. He would like to put a decorative fence and lights on the Dolan Dr property in order to designate it better.

Henry announced the S. R. 13 railroad crossing is scheduled to be closed for about three weeks starting August 24. Tony provided details on the official detour, which will be U.S. 6 to S.R. 15 to U.S. 30 and back to S.R. 13. There will also be signs in town directing drivers to Main St and then to Chicago.

### POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello announced July was a busy month; there were 486 calls for service; that averages out to 15.6 calls per day. There were 12 vehicle crashes and 10 criminal arrests.

Tony asked if there were any ADA complaints; there were none.

Kathy asked about the vehicle that was fixed earlier this year. Tony reported it was not doing well; the transmission now needs to be replaced.

### PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, reported the pavilion at Lakeside Park is just about complete; wiring was being done today. Some dirt work will also need to be done.

An upcoming Park event is the Harvest Festival, will be held at Lakeside Park on October 10. At the ball field, baseball has ended and football season is starting.

PUBLIC WORKS

Clint reported public works is focusing on outdoor work.

CLERK

Julie reported she will be posting the 2016 budgets on Gateway this week so they can be viewed online. She will also be submitting the budgets for the County Council Review.

Julie announced she received clarification from London Witte. The motion last month was to engage London Witte, subject to approval every year. If we require annual approval, the cost would be subject to increases. If we approve it without the annual requirement, the cost would remain at \$1,500.00 and we can cancel at any time. Brian moved to rescind the motion made last month, and to engage London Witte to prepare the Continuing Disclosure annually until the clerk recommends terminating the agreement. Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. Motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Vern Landis had nothing further to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill made a comment about the Fire Territory. He noted the Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund has a budget in 2016 for \$329,000.00, yet they insist on levying \$442,000.00 each year. That's \$113,000.00 more than necessary. Taxpayers need to be aware of this.

Approval of the 2016 Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund budget was discussed. Town Attorney Vern Landis advised it is not necessary to approve the budget. Bill commented they are sitting on \$2 million.

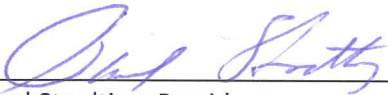
NEW BUSINESS

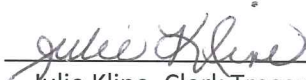
Larry discussed sidewalks and trails; he would like to see crosswalks where the trail crosses the street. Tony advised we can have a crosswalk anywhere on town streets. No ordinance is required; just striping and signage. We would have to go through INDOT for anything on S.R. 13.

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Paul Stoelting, President

  
Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer