

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 21, 2016

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

Tom opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Bill seconded. Larry Martindale abstained. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 677 through 676807 were presented for payment. Paul moved to approve the claims; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 2016-03, A Fiscal Policy for Annexing Territory to the Town of Syracuse – Syracuse 6 & 13 Technology and Industrial Park Super-Voluntary Annexation was presented. Paul moved to approve the ordinance; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-08, Additional Appropriation for T.I.F. – South Benton for \$20,000 was presented. Bill moved to approve the ordinance; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia presented a contract with Tommy Vance Productions. The contract is for producing a video to advertise and highlight various aspects of the Town of Syracuse. Henry would like to use \$7,500 in Economic Development Income Tax funds to pay for the production services. Paul moved to approve the contract and spend no more than \$7,500 to Tommy Vance Productions; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry gave an update on the Salt Barn progress. He is also working on getting costs for the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Henry introduced Kathy Poor-Boytz from Creative Fish and a representative of the Syracuse-Wawasee Chamber. Kathy presented a sample banner that could be used throughout the Town.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne reported there were 506 calls for service in May, including 30 written reports, 11 of which were accidents. There were 12 Physical Arrests. In Traffic Tickets there were 5 Infractions and 29 Warnings.

Jim presented an issue with the current Peddler Permit ordinance. He has received complaints that our charges are higher than neighboring towns and cities. Discussion followed on what the charges are and who is or is not being charged.

There were no A.D.A. complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported that the Farmer's and Artisan Market is on Saturday mornings at Crosson Mill park. The 2nd Annual Mudtastic Classic will be this Saturday at the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation. July 2nd fireworks will be on Wawasee Lake and Syracuse Lake fireworks will be on July 4th. July 9th will be the Tour De Lakes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant reported that the testing done by Ortman was good; however, we do need to monitor the high service wells more often. There are various sidewalks that will be replaced this week. The yearly Water Quality Reports went out with the utility bills this week and showed no violations. Rob stated that street paving would not start until after the 4th of July weekend due to Phend and Brown not having a milling machine. He is still in the process of getting Backflow Device compliances from various industries. Painting of the curbs are being completed. Rob also gave a report on the status of the Wastewater Construction Project.

Rob requested that the Council approve a Leak Adjustment Policy that he presented to them a couple months ago. Discussion followed. Bill moved to approve the new Leak Adjustment Policy; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Brian Richcreek, Assistant Fire Chief, represented the Turkey Creek Fire Territory. He informed the public that July 2nd would be the Annual Chicken & Pork Chop sale. He reported that most full time paramedics and firefighters are instructor certified for CPR. They are offering free hands only classes in July & August to the public. Businesses will be by appointment only. Brian also reported that the batteries for the Tornado sirens are being replaced.

A request for approval was made to the council for the Fire Territory to replace possibly 10 garage doors and openers. He stated that the doors are over 30 years old and repair parts are obsolete. Paul moved to approve that Mike's Garage Door replace and install the garage doors at a price not to exceed \$27,000 from the Equipment Replacement Fund and work to be done in 60 days. Bill seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, asked the Board if they approve of the suggested Budget Calendar. All was in agreement.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, had nothing to report at this time.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Mayhew, owner of the Chatterbox Food Truck, presented more questions in regards to the Peddler's Permit ordinance. He suggests adding different time frames to the ordinance and stated again that other towns are cheaper. It was also mentioned from another audience member that we could use more food vendors because the other places are usually overly busy. The Council stated they would take all suggestions into consideration.

Sharon Fowler asked the Council if the Town was planning on buying more Police cars in the future. She also stated that the Town should charge for building permits.

OLD BUSINESS


Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

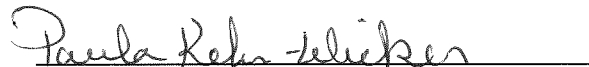
Nothing to report.

Paul moved to adjourn; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; the motion carried.
The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:02 pm.

ATTEST:



Tom Hoover, Vice President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer