

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

May 17, 2016

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

Larry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Tom seconded. Brian and Bill abstained. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 542 through 676 were presented for payment. Paul moved to approve the claims; Brian seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Larry announced the Public Hearing on the Super - Voluntary Annexation Ordinance #2016-05 of the Technology Park and opened the floor to public comment. Sharon Fowler wanted to know the purpose of the annexation and who was taking care of the property. She stated that she thinks the annexation shouldn't happen. Larry asked for other comments; there were none. Larry closed the Public Hearing.

Henry gave the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2016-05, Syracuse 6 & 13 Technology and Industrial Park Super-Voluntary Annexation.

Ordinance 2016-06, Additional Appropriation for Local Road & Street of \$44,000, Rainy Day for \$10,654, and Oakwood - Tax Increment Finance for \$6,000 was presented. Paul moved to approve the ordinance; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-07, Establishing a Town Budget Account for Fund #257, Local Option Income Tax Special Distribution Fund was presented. Paul moved to approve the ordinance; Brian seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia presented a bid from JP Developers for \$5,000 for demolition of the house at 305 W Pearl Street. Bill moved to approve JP Developers bid; Paul seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Henry then informed the council he had a meeting with Rundell Ernstberger Associates from Indianapolis regarding the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He will have more information at next month's meeting.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne reported there were 455 calls for service in April, 8 Property Damage reports, and 3 Personal Injury reports. Physical Arrests that were made were 4 Criminal, 2 O.W.I., 2 Warrant, and 2 Juvenile. In Traffic Tickets there were 6 Citations and 24 Warnings. Bill Musser asked about seatbelts for children in golf carts. Jim stated that they are not required as they do not make seatbelts for golf carts. There were no A.D.A. complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported that this weekend is the annual car show at the Community Center on Saturday and uptown on Friday night. He advised that Long Dr. may be closed depending on the number of cars and the weather. Chad also reported that Memorial Day weekend is the first weekend to start having lifeguards at the beach. On June 25th will be the 2nd Annual Mudtastic Classic at the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation. The Parks Department is currently working on a Foam Pit.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant requested approval of a Leak Adjustment Policy. He stated that the corrections that Council has requested have been made. Council has tabled the Policy until they are able to do further research. Rob reported on a meeting with Triad & Associates regarding current issues on the Wastewater Project. Rob stated that the grass at the Industrial Park continues to grow at an excessive rate and we currently don't have anything to keep up with it other than our lawn mowers. He requested a purchase of a 'bush hog' attachment for the tractor. He received three quotes and the lowest was from Greenmark Equipment for \$3,350. Paul moved to approve the purchase not to exceed \$3,350 to be delivered within a week; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Three bids were received for Street Paving this year. 1st was Phend & Brown for \$109,757.60; 2nd was from Niblock for \$112,476; and 3rd from Rieth Riley for \$196,164.39. Paul moved to accept the paving bid from Phend & Brown not to exceed \$109,757.60 and to be completed by July 31st; Tom seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Rob also reported an update to the Water Line project on Kern Road. He stated that the Elementary School requested to install three 2-inch water taps that was not originally proposed in the project. The cost to Wawasee Community Schools for these taps will be \$4,410.00.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, had nothing to report at this time.

TOWN ATTORNEY

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

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Sharon Fowler asked the council who hires and fires for the Town. She was informed that it is done by the Department Management. She then asked that if a Police Officer leaves employment from the Town, are they allowed to take their squad car with them. She was informed that they do not.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill reported on the promotional video for the community stating that Henry and he met with Tommy Vance Productions out of Warsaw. They will be sending us some of his work that he has done.

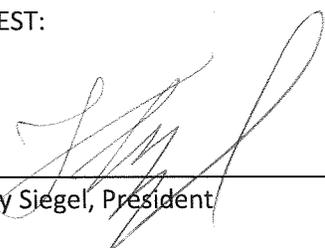
NEW BUSINESS

Paul asked Brian Woody if he still wanted to be active in the Fire Territory or if the Council needs to appoint someone else. Brian stated that he has submitted his resignation as Board Member of the Syracuse Town Council to Randy Girod of the Kosciusko County Republican Central Committee and that this would be his last board meeting. Paul made a recommendation that Larry become the 2nd appointee on the Fire Territory Board. Discussion was made on having the Fire Chief attend the council meetings. Paul made a motion for Larry to be one of our representatives of the Fire Territory along with Tom; Bill seconded. Larry abstained. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Tom informed the council that the Fire Territory Board made a recommendation, after the Territory meeting, for Cindy Taylor as their choice for the Board; however, she has not been interviewed by the Town Council. He also stated that the Fire and EMS departments are accepting applications for their hiring pool.

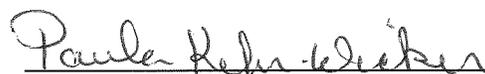
Tom also memorialized the passing of Carl Myrick.

Paul moved to adjourn; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; the motion carried. The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:



Larry Siegel, President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer