

## SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING

October 18, 2016

Town Council President Larry Siegel called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m. Council members also present were Tom Hoover, Paul Stoelting, Bill Musser, and Larry Martindale. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis, and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present.

Larry Siegel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #'s 1205 through 1331 were presented for payment. Paul moved to approve the claims; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-12, 2017 Budget, was read and introduced. Paul moved to approve the Budget Ordinance, Tom seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported that the scheduled sidewalks around town have been completed. He also stated that we are moving ahead on our Comprehensive Plan upgrade. Henry also reported that some work has been done around the Town Hall's sidewalk. He informed the council that there were a couple of issues that need taken care of and will cost \$2,190.66 more towards the project. Paul moved to approve payment of an additional \$2,190.66 to Niblock to be completed in accordance to the original contract. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry reported on looking at a new Riverfront District. He stated that the area we are looking at is farther away than what is allowed. In order to achieve it, we would need to increase the area. Paul made a motion to go further on adding a new Riverfront District starting at Montieth Tire and ending at the Lakeside Fitness Center. Bill seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

#### POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne asked for any questions from the council regarding his monthly report. There were none. Jim informed the council that we received a refund of \$2,996.93 due to a recall on the Eotech Rifle Sights. He requested to do an additional appropriation in order to purchase replacements. Paul moved to go through the additional appropriation process; Tom seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

There were no A.D.A. complaints. Jim announced that the handicapped accessible parking spot was moved to the south end of the building.

Tom asked if there was anything that could be done about the large blow-up rat at the local schools due to a protest. Jim answered that there was nothing that he could do unless they break the law. So far, what they are doing is legal. Discussion followed with getting information on preventing future instances like this.

## PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported that October 8<sup>th</sup> was the last Farmer's Market which included the Fall Harvest Festival. October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> will be the Haunted Thrill at Crosson Mill. The Youth Center will be co-sponsoring the Annual Fall Carnival on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Chad also reported that November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Indoor Garage Sale and November 19<sup>th</sup> will be Holiday Magic. Chad stated that the new basketball hoops, purchased with a K21 grant, will be installed next week. He announced that the old hoops are for sale.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant reported that the concrete curb work for the Town Hall will be done on Friday and then they will be able to do the paving.

Rob made a purchase request for a door to be put on the new Salt Barn. He believes this will make it more secure, as well as provide temporary storage for equipment until more salt is delivered. Two quotes were received: Hostetler Askew for \$9,350.00 and Overhead Door for \$6,750.00. Paul moved to approve the purchase of a roll-up door from Overhead Door not to exceed \$6,750.00 and to be installed within 60 days. Larry Martindale seconded the motion. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Rob stated that he is getting quotes for a new auger conveyer for the sludge press that is in disrepair. One quote that he has received is for \$28,820.00. He believes he could get a lower quote from another vendor. Payment for the conveyor could come from remaining funds from the Wastewater Construction project.

Rob also reported that a new Gearbox for the sludge box was installed today. He is still working with Triad on getting some Change Orders submitted for pavement and guardrail replacements around the digester.

Rob introduced Jeremy Hardy from Commonwealth Engineers to discuss the results of the study of the as-built conditions of the UV unit with respect to the effect on the secondary clarifiers, and then reviewed Triad's proposed option to lower the UV unit and its equipment. Mr. Hardy states that it is working fine since it has been fixed. The original prints conflicted with the as built by being 4" too high. He will need Triad to confirm the drawings. Triad has recommended dropping the weir elevation by about 1.1'. Mr. Hardy stated that 1.1' would work but 4 inches is all that is needed. However, if flow increases at a later date, then we would need to increase it more. Rob doesn't believe there will be an increase in flow for the next decade.

## FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott passed out the 2017 Budget Reports to the council. Discussion was made on the provided estimates for the items budgeted in the Equipment Replacement Fund. Larry Siegel suggests that they should do additional appropriations of exact amounts during the year instead of putting rough estimates into the budget. Bill stated he does not have an issue with appropriating the items now because we have time between now and when it's brought up for purchase later whether or not we want to follow through with it. Tom confirmed that if an amount is put into the annual budget, it still does not get spent until it is brought to the council for approval of a particular purchase. Lengthy discussion followed. Tom moved to approve the Turkey Creek Fire Territory 2017 Budget as presented; Bill seconded. Larry Martindale voted for the motion, Larry Siegel opposed, and Paul abstained. The motion carried.

CLERK

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Kehr-Wicker, presented a quote from A.E. Boyce for upgrading the Budget program for next year. The amount to upgrade is currently \$6,750. If we do not lock in the quote this year, it will increase. Paul moved to approve signing the quote to lock in the pricing for upgrading the Budget program to be purchased and installed in 2017; Bill seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

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

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There is nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There is nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

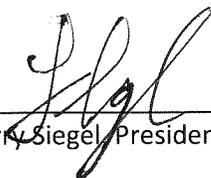
Jim Layne announced that Trick or Treat time is for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 8pm.

Paula announced that the Clerk's Office will be closed on November 10<sup>th</sup> for training and the Town Hall will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day.

Paul moved to adjourn; Larry Martindale seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Larry Siegel, President

  
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Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer