

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2016

Town Council President Larry Siegel called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members also present were Paul Stoelting, Bill Musser, Tom Hoover, and Larry Martindale. 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 June 21st, 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 808 through 938 were presented for payment. Paul moved to approve the claims; Tom seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported that he is still waiting for Elkhart County to provide a Resolution for the annexation of the Technology Park. The unsafe building at 305 W Pearl St has been removed successfully, and the Salt Barn at the Street Department is completed. Bill Musser questioned the status of the Trail at Pickwick Drive and Huntington St. Henry stated that it is still being discussed.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne requested the Council to allow for an additional appropriation for 9 new Tasers. Currently there are 2 but would like to have one per officer. The new ones would go to the full-time officers, and the remaining 2 would be shared between all the reserve officers. He would like to purchase them from Taser International for \$10,024.96. Bill made a motion to allow for the Additional Appropriation of \$10,024.96 for the Police Dept.; Larry Siegel seconded it. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

There were no A.D.A. complaints.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson was absent. Tyler McLead represented the Parks Department. He reported that the Farmer's and Artisan Market is continues on Saturday mornings at Crosson Mill park. There was a big turnout for the 2nd Annual Mudtastic Classic. Syracuse Lake fireworks on July 4th had 6 food vendors. There was a considerable increase in participants for the Tour De Lakes. Tyler also announced that on August 4th through August 6th would be the annual Syracuse Town Wide Garage Sales in which no permit would be required. On August 27th there will be Kid's Olympics for Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Mayhew, owner of the Chatterbox Food Truck, presented more questions in regards to the Peddler's Permit ordinance. There was much discussion of why the ordinance was enacted. Mr. Mayhew requested the council re-consider the charges. Bill Musser made a motion that no change will be made on the ordinance at this time; Tom Hoover seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom stated that Mickey is requesting to have a key to access the water tower in case there are issues with the Repeater on top of it. Rob stated that there could be a Homeland Security issue with allowing that. Jim commented that there may not always be an officer available to unlock it. The Council instructed that Mickey and Rob and Jim should get together to discuss it.

2017 BUDGETS

Henry introduced discussion on the 2016 budgets. He anticipates the final numbers for the budget will come in \$110,676 under maximum levy.

Town Manager's Budget: Henry states that he lowered the Oakwood Improvements since it was not necessary to budget that much since the Oakwood Fund has increased.

Park Dept. Budget: Tyler informed that the Insurance was increased due to more events and liability. The Council asked about the concession stand and what the plan was to replace the restrooms after it is demolished. Council also inquired on the plans for Laudeman Park.

Street Dept. Budget: Larry asked about the decrease for Sidewalks. Rob answered that they haven't needed that much money. Larry stated he is concerned that projects weren't getting done. Paul suggested that if there isn't time available for our employees to do it, then we should contract out.

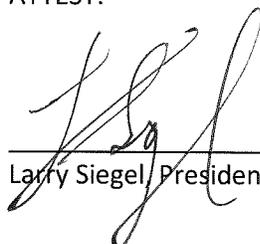
Police Dept. Budget: Larry questioned which vehicle was needing to be replaced next year. Jim stated it was Car #10. The Council suggested that Jim look into comparing prices for copier leases and usage.

Clerk's Budget: Paula explained the reasons for various increases in line items, as well as the decrease in Deputy pay was because of a new employee.

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

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 9:27 pm.

ATTEST:



Larry Siegel, President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer