

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2015

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul asked for public comment on agenda items. There were no comments.

The minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting were presented. Larry moved to approve the minutes; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #637 to #764 were presented for payment. Larry moved to approve the claims; Kathy seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia asked council members if they would like to appropriate an additional \$40,000.00 for paving from the wheel tax revenue we began receiving this year. Larry made a motion to authorize the clerk to advertise for an additional appropriation in the Street Budget in the amount of \$40,000.00. Bill seconded. Larry commented we could also consider reducing the 2016 levy. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry discussed replacing our existing salt barn. Clint distributed photos of the salt barn which was built in the mid 90's. The concrete is cracked and failing, and the wall is pushing out. Clint and Henry are proposing a larger salt building with better loading capability and more storage. Plans were presented for the proposed building; it was noted there is a 16 year warranty on the shell of the proposed new salt barn. Discussion followed. At this time, the request is for an additional appropriation of \$77,000.00 from the CCI-Property tax fund. \$15,000.00 would be paid from the current street budget. If the appropriation is approved, the street department would solicit quotes to present to the council. Kathy Beer questioned if other alternatives were considered. Clint agreed to check and provide estimates next month for alternatives.

Henry reported our maintenance contract with Havel Brothers is up July 31. He asked the council to approve a new three year contract at the same price. Larry moved to approve the contract and authorized Julie to sign; Kathy seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. Motion carried.

Henry announced the new decorative lights have been installed on Line St in Oakwood Park.

Kathy asked who will be responsible for mowing the grass strips near the new Front St bridge. Clint will check; the street department will maintain it if they need to.

POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello reported the police department had 435 calls for service in May. There were nine crashes and five criminal arrests. The police department is preparing for the 4th of July weekend, especially the fireworks and Flotilla Road Race. Two officers read to kids at the library today.

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

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported the Park Department will be holding a Mud Run on June 27th on the WACF property. The Tour de Lakes bike ride is scheduled for July 11. Construction on the new pavilion will start July 13; the building will be paid with a \$10,000.00 grant from the Harkless Foundation and the remainder from Park Foundation funds. Restrooms will be added eventually.

Chad announced the fireworks on Syracuse Lake will be on July 3.

PUBLIC WORKS

Clint Houseworth, Severn Trent Regional Director, distributed an updated construction schedule for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. He noted equipment has been ordered; the construction company will use the full year allowed in the contract. Completion is scheduled for March 17, 2016. Clint was asked about penalties if the project is not completed on time; Clint will check the contract.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline asked the council if they would like the 2016 budgets presented on July 21 during the regular meeting. The council agreed to have budgets presented July 21.

Julie advised the five year lease on our mailing machine is up; the cost of a new lease would be \$121.16 per month. In addition, Julie asked the council to consider leasing a new folder/stuffer for the bills and inserts. The cost of a five year lease for the mailing machine and the folder stuffer would be \$199.60 per month. Kathy made a motion to allow the lease for both items at \$199.60 per month; Larry seconded. Five voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Vern Landis had nothing further to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Sharon Fowler asked if the town was depositing \$10,000.00 per year in the Unsafe Building Fund. Julie advised no. Larry stated Henry and Vern are working on stiffer ordinances. If more money is needed, we would decide where the funds would come from. Paul would like us to start giving notices.

OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS

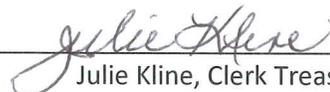
Larry asked about a letter he received from Kedco; he was advised a contribution was made.

Larry moved to adjourn; Bill seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against.
The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Paul Stoelting, Council President



Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer