

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2013

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill asked for Public Comment on agenda items; there were no comments.

Bill introduced the minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting for approval. Paul moved to approve the minutes; Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against.

Claims #643 through #768 were introduced for payment. Larry moved to approve the claims; Brian seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ken Jones, of JPR, gave his monthly report on the Industrial Park. Cripe Excavating is working on the subgrade and replacing gravel; rain has created some problems. Mr. Jones talked about the change order for the subgrade material for the passing blisters that was discussed last month and the \$10.00 quantity price. The subgrade on S.R.13 has been replaced. Cripe believes it can work with the existing material for the subgrade material on U.S. 6. If they can do that, the change order will only be for the S.R. 13 subgrade material. Once the work has been completed, JPR will bring the final quantity for the change order amount.

Ken Jones explained that during the design part of the project, INDOT directed us to remove a portion of guardrail. Cripe requested a meeting with INDOT. As a result of that meeting, we are now required to remove and realign the guardrail. There may be some additional cost. We may have to discuss this further with INDOT since the original permit did not require this; he added this would be part of the EDA project.

For the water pressure booster station and lift station site, an issue has come up with the fence. There is no top rail or razor wire on top of the fence. The town staff feels this is a security risk; H & G was asked to get an estimate to add a top rail and barbed wire. The additional cost would be \$2,183.00. Henry and Jeremy feel it would be worth the price; this would also be part of the EDA project. A short discussion followed. Brian moved to approve Change Order No. 4 for H & G for \$2,183.00; Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

A change order was presented for Cripe Excavating. The change order is for an extension of time to August 30; the additional time is needed due to weather, and there is no additional cost. Brian moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for Cripe Excavating; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ken Jones reported on the issue at Long Dr and County Line Rd that Larry brought up last month. An inspection was made; there is a culvert there that has not been working for quite some time. We can jet the pipe, but that might cause other problems. H & G will regrade, seed, and reduce the grade. He noted Elkhart County is responsible for the road and culvert; they said they had no funds for the repair. Discussion followed. Jeremy stated some excavation work will be required to make it right; he asked the council if it will be ok for him to work with Elkhart County. Ken Jones added it does not show up on the

pre-construction video; it would be difficult to hold the contractor responsible. Larry asked what needs to be done; Jeremy advised the east and west sides of the culvert would need to be reshaped. Mr. Jones will put a plan together to take care of the problem.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia reported Elkhart County is willing to accept the following names for the roads in the Industrial Park: Technology Way , Directors Court, and Innovation Blvd. The website for the Industrial Park is just about complete. The engineer is working on the specifications for the bridge on Harkless Dr.

##### POLICE

Police Chief Tony Ciriello reported there were 374 calls for service in May and 10 vehicle crashes. He went over the various types of calls. For the 4th of July fireworks on Syracuse Lake, the police department will be closing Long Dr. from Washington Street to Northshore Dr; this is usually done by about 4:00 p.m. Tony also reported he checked the crosswalk to the Farmer's Market. It is probably ok, but not until INDOT paves S.R. 13 late this summer or early fall. Larry asked about lights; Tony is working with someone on that. Bill asked about the speed limit signs by the Athletic Complex; as soon as the signs are in, they will be put up.

There were no ADA complaints.

##### PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported the Farmer's Market continues every Saturday. The Chamber of Commerce will be having the Celebrate Syracuse Parade on July 6 at 10:00 a.m. The parade route starts from the library and then goes south on S.R. 13 to the railroad tracks. The Tour de Lakes Bike Ride will take place on July 13. Work continues on the ball park; CenturyLink dug the holes for the football goal posts last Friday.

##### PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Jeremy Sponseller advised he received paving numbers Friday; it looks like we will be able to pave 5 of the 6 streets that were on the list. Location 6 is Kern Road. If the council is ok with the list, he can have quotes by the July meeting. Jeremy listed the locations for the council.

Jeremy discussed paving entrances to Oakwood on the north side of the property. The paving will be funded with different money, not our usual paving project funds. He is proposing paving an entrance at Conklin Hill Dr and at Lake St/Lakeside Dr. He will also get quotes for paving those areas.

Jeremy advised the high school would like to install decorative lights; we would install the lights and the high school would pay for the cost. He would like to order a total of 20 lights at a cost of \$39,000.00. 10 of the lights would be for the school; 10 for the town. Brian asked if the school would pay for the installation; Henry advised yes. Paul moved to approve the purchase of 20 decorative lights from Ward Industries at a cost of \$39,000.00; the school will pay for 10 lights. Delivery is to be in 60 days. Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Jeremy reported the street department is working on a sidewalk from the municipal lot by the library so people can exit the parking lot. They are now doing Pearl St from the Café to Dolan Dr. Jeremy has also requested quotes for tree removal; the quotes are due July 5. Larry noted he would like to see some "high canopy" trees; he commented many of the trees planted so far are smaller trees.

CLERK

Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline asked the council if they would like the 2014 budgets presented at the Regular July meeting, or if they would prefer a Special meeting. Council members would like the budgets presented at the regular July meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Vern Landis had nothing further to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Sharon Fowler, of Pittsburgh St., asked five questions. She asked about unmarked cars, the medication drop box, commercial truck parking, building permits, and housing violations. Her questions were answered.

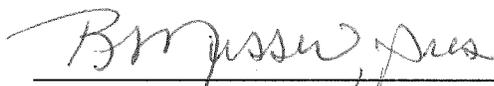
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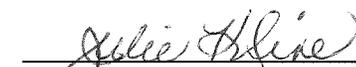
None.

Paul moved to adjourn the meeting; Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Bill Musser, President

  
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Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer