

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 2016

Town Council President Larry Siegel called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Other council members present were Bill Musser, and Tom Hoover. Town Manager Henry DeJulia, Town Attorney Vern Landis, and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Kehr-Wicker were also present. Council Members Paul Stoelting and Brian Woody were absent.

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 February 16, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Bill moved to approve the minutes; Tom seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Claims #278 to #391 were presented for payment. Tom moved to approve the claims; Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Larry introduced Dennis Otten from Bose, McKinney, & Evans, LLP. Mr. Otten stated he would like to assist the town in getting the 6 & 13 Technology and Industrial Park annexed into to the Town. He presented an engagement letter to the Council for Bose, McKinney, & Evans to perform legal services in connection to the annexation. They have previously helped in monitoring legislation on annexation laws. Senate Bill 310 is currently on the Governor's desk to be signed. Tom moved to approve the Engagement Letter, Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion, none against. The motion carried.

Dennis then discussed a possible refinancing of the Waterworks Refunding Revenue Bond of 2004. He states it would be beneficial to begin the steps of the refinancing now, but not close on it until later in the year. The wait would increase the savings. Dennis presented the Engagement letter to retain Bose, McKinney, & Evans as bond counsel for the refinancing. Tom made the motion to approve the Engagement Letter, Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Jonathan Moen of Triad Associates, Inc. appeared before the council to discuss Change Order #3 to the Wastewater Improvement Project. He stated that there would be no Change Order #4 at this time. The change is for various additions that were not included in the original scope of the project as well as a 75-day time extension due to delays beyond the contractors control. Questions were raised specifically in regards to the time extension. It was suggested to give Triad partial extension instead. Larry made a motion to approve Change Order #3 with the exception of a 34-day extension instead of 75 days for the amount of \$56,218.00. Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2016-02, Additional Appropriation for Unsafe Building Fund for \$10,000 was presented. Tom moved to approve the Ordinance, Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Resolution 2016-01, Policy on Materiality & Process for Reporting Material Items was presented. This Resolution is a requirement from the State that the Town adopt a policy on the process for reporting losses or shortages of funds or property to the State Board of Accounts. Bill moved to approve the Resolution, Tom seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Henry DeJulia presented a request to have a new salt barn built for the Street Department. He recommends allowing B & H Building for the construction of the Salt Barn. Their quote was the lowest at \$84,838. Henry is also asking that we use \$77,000 from the Rainy Day Fund and \$8,000 out of the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund to pay for it. Tom asked how long the building should last. Henry stated that the fabric is guaranteed for 16 years, but the company believes they can get almost 20 years out of it. Tom moved the approve building the salt barn using B & H Buildings for \$84,838 with construction not to exceed 65 days. Bill seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Henry presented the council with some examples of crosswalks he would like to implement for the Riverfront District. The council agreed to have Henry get quotes and more information for the crosswalks.

POLICE

Police Chief Jim Layne reported there were 416 calls for service in February. There were thirteen accidents and four criminal arrests. Jim stated that they have received their new vehicle and Henry's should be in by the end of this month. There were no A.D.A. complaints.

Henry exclaimed that he is currently working on getting drawings and prices for the reconstruction of the sidewalk and paving in front of the Town Hall.

PARK

Park Superintendent Chad Jonsson reported that this weekend on Friday night they will have the holiday movie, Hop. Saturday will be the annual Egg Hunt for 5th grade and under. The following week will be a "Passport Egg Hunt." It is an egg hunt that will take people to various places in town using GPS coordinates. Chad is still working on the possible refinancing of the Community Center lease.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Superintendent Rob Merchant reported that he visited a couple industrial sites and did not find anything of concern at either one, except the water meter at Parker Hannifin is several decades old and needs to be changed. He also stated that the High School and Oakwood Inn's water meters need changed.

Rob presented an Economic Development opportunity with Jackson Developers. He proposed an agreement to provide water and sewer connectivity to the property at 813 S Sycamore. The agreement consists of waiving the connection fees as long as Jackson Development connects to the lines within 30 days of the completion of the Town's portion of the water and sewer service line installation. Rob states it would take approximately 26 months to get the monetary return on this agreement. Bill moved to approve the agreement, Tom seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

CLERK

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney, Vern Landis, reported that he heard back from the attorney for Oakwood on the Palm Dr. property. The deal would be that we would pay \$5,000 for the property at the end of Palm and Lake. This would allow the Town to improve the road to allow for larger vehicles to exit and enter. The Council authorized moving forward with this deal.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

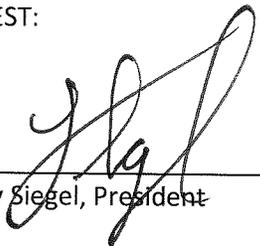
None.

NEW BUSINESS

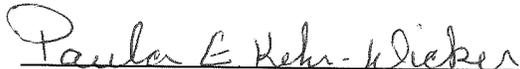
Bill reported that the Fire Territory would like to purchase new Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses. The old ones do not meet current NFPA standards. Bill moved to approve the purchase of the SCBA's for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to be paid from the Equipment Replacement Fund and to be delivered within 60 days. Tom seconded. Three voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

Bill moved to adjourn; Tom seconded. Three voted for the motion; the motion carried. The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 7:49pm.

ATTEST:



Larry Siegel, President



Paula Kehr-Wicker, Clerk-Treasurer

