SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2025 @7:00 P.M.

Town Council President Nathan Scherer called the Regular Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council members present were William Musser, Larry Siegel, Clerk-Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Town Attorney Jay Rigdon. Absent Paul Stoelting and Cindy Kaiser, Council members.

Nathan Scherer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments - Discussion from the floor (agenda items only) 2 minutes per speaker 10 minutes total.

The Council Minutes - The minutes from January 21, 2025, regular meeting presented for approval. Bill Musser moved to approve the minutes; Nathan Scherer seconded. Larry Siegel abstained. The votes were 2-0. The motion carried.

The Town Claims - Claim #'s 0094-0197 for $1,181,285.58 presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Bill Musser seconded. The votes were 2-0. The motion carried.

Public Hearing for Adoption of Resolution for Economic Revitalization Area and Tax Abatement – Aluminum Insights - The public hearing was open and closed, no public comments.

Confirmatory Resolution 2025-02 Aluminum Insights Tax Abatement for consideration of passage – Larry Siegel moved to approve the Confirmatory Resolution 2025-02. Bill Musser seconded. The votes were 2-0. The motion carried.

Public Hearing reference Petition for Alley/Street Vacation-Urban Oaks - A resident who lives right across the street from Urban Oaks on Boston Street wanted to see if it would affect their properties. Terry Lang, a representative from Wightman Engineering, explained the reasons the alleys would be vacated and that it would not affect her property or her neighbor's property. The resident stated she is for the new apartments being built. Public hearing was open and closed. Bill Musser made a motion to vacate the alleys and streets for development. Larry Siegel seconded. The votes were 2-0. The motion carried. The Town Attorney asked Mr. Lang if they were going to provide an ordinance for this. Mr. Lang stated he would provide an ordinance.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Chris Harrison stated last month they completed the water asset management plan. Water projects are moving forward. Kern road sanitary sewer extension preparing the certificates for completion, project is nearly completed. Community Crossing Grant Funding, completed the design and helped Mark with the application. Looking for grant funding to come around April. There is an INDOT Grant permit that they will be working with the Town Manager on. The SRF application and OCRA application do need support letters from the community and the council. Mr. Siegel stated if you write the letter, the council will sign it. Mr. Harrison said he would do that. Kern Road because of the weather, the restoration work is being held off. As soon as the weather breaks, they will start the restoration.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson was absent.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Last year they looked at a unit that had MTD in it. Jim is asking for approval to purchase 10 MTD. Jim received a grant of $20,000.00 to help pay for the total cost of $60,476.35 for MTD. Jim is requesting $40,476.35 from the council to purchase MTD. Larry Siegel made the motion to purchase MTD's for $40,476.35 to be delivered within 90 days. Bill Musser seconded. The votes were 2-0. The motion carried.

No ADA complaint.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions in his report. Easy month, nothing to report.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Asking for approval to purchase fire gear from Conway Shield not to exceed $30,000.00 Bill Musser made the motion to purchase the fire gear not to exceed $30,000.00. Larry seconded. The votes were 2-0. The motion carried.

CLERK TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer asked if there were any questions in her report. Nothing to report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jay Rigdon, Town Attorney, nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing.

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

Larry Siegel moved to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Bill Musser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

David Wilkinson, Town Manager

Nathan Scherer, Council President