SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 2024 @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, Paul Stoelting, Cindy Kaiser, Larry Siegel, Clerk-Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Town Attorney Jay Rigdon.

Nathan Scherer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

RJ Plummer was sworn in by Town Attorney Jay Rigdon as the newest police officer for the Town of Syracuse.

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

The minutes from the May 21, 2024, regular meeting presented for approval. Cindy Kaiser moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Claim #'s 624-744 for $763,470.16 presented for approval. Larry Siegel moved to approve the claims; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Trash Contract Bid openings Nathan Scherer opened the trash bid from Borden Waste-Away Service, will take it under advisement. Copies will be made and send to the rest of the Council and Town Attorney.

Greg Miller / Miller Insurance Group Reference Vehicle Policies There has been a lot of talk in the last couple months about changing or broadening the Town's policy. Greg stated he would rather be a resource tonight if the Council had any questions. Our current EMC stated they highly discourage town vehicles from being used for personal use because of the additional liability. Greg Miller did state that they did find another carrier, Selective Insurance, that would do the ride along. There would be an additional cost to the town of $10,000 to $15,000 on an annual basis. Greg stated that both insurance carriers are very good. Larry Siegel approved the $10,000 increase, as did Cindy Kaiser and Bill Musser to move forward with a new policy. The council agreed to 30 miles from Syracuse would be in the new policy.

Tax Abatements for Approval Larry Siegel approved the tax abatements that were in the packet for 2024-2025; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

ENGINEER – COMMONWEALTH

Jeremy Hardy was not present.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if there were any questions in his report. The Town of Syracuse will be receiving bids for Pearl Street Parking Lot and will bring them to you at the July meeting. Completion should be in November.

Servline Utility Protection Program was discussed again with the Council. Larry Siegel suggested tabling the matter for 90 days.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Jim asked for approval to purchase 12 vest plus the carriers for $17,135.88. Larry Siegel made a motion to approve the new vest plus carriers for $17,135.88 and to be delivered within 90 days; Bill Musser seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.

No ADA complaint.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, The Mud Run is this Saturday June 22nd.

Ward Park playground will be complete next week.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, asked if there were any questions in his report.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Mickey asked the board to approve $26,400.00 concrete from Thompson Concrete for the new building parking area and in front of the building. Bill Musser made a motion for approval; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

CLERK TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer, asked if there were any questions in her report.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jay Rigdon, Town Attorney, nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Matt Goodnight, 702 N. Lake St., wanted to thank the Parks Department, especially Chad Jonsson for getting the new swim buoys at the park. It has helped educate some boaters that they are not allowed in the swimming area.

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

Cindy Kaiser moved to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Larry Siegel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer

Nathan Scherer, Council President