SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 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 Cindy Kaiser, Paul Stoelting, Larry Siegel, Clerk-Treasurer Virginia Cazier and Town Attorney Jay Rigdon. Absent was Council member Bil Musser.

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 May 20th, regular meeting presented for approval. Cindy Kaiser moved to approve the minutes; Nathan Scherer seconded. Larry Siegel abstained. The motion carried.

The Town Claims - Claim #'s 0548-0647 for $610,197.19 presented for approval. Cindy Kaiser moved to approve the claims; Paul Stoelting seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

KEDCO – Peggy Friday and Brad Jackson were updating the Council on the KEDCO's accomplishments. One being Slate Auto, will occupy the former LSC Campus in Warsaw. They will employ between 1800 to 2000 people. Autocam, an orthopedic manufacturer, will be building along Route 30. KEDCO spoke about housing throughout the community and obtaining housing, KEDCO wants to start building attainable housing throughout the county. KEDCO also has a great relationship with Plug and Play. The Town manager has given you an overview of the interactions KEDCO has had with Syracuse over the last year and we want to continue serving you and your constituents. They are asking to invest in KEDCO, considering 5.5% of the Town's edit fund. KEDCO works with our manufacturers and community, they just want to continue to provide those services that help the community grow.

Ordinance 2025-08 Additional Appropriations – General-Police Dept 1101 appropriating into 440 New Equipment $46,000 and 222 Garage and Motors $5,555. Paul Stoelting made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-08; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-09 Fair Housing Ordinance Update - Paul Stoelting made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-09; Cindy Kaiser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Ordinance 2025-10 Redistricting Map Approval -Council approved map 4 to attach to the Redistricting Ordinance 2025-10. Paul Stoelting made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-10; Cindy Kaiser seconded. Larry Siegel voted against map 4. The motion carried.

Tax Abatement Approvals – The Town Manager did a summary of the 17 tax abatements for 2025 annual approval from the council. Larry Siegel made a motion to approve all 17 tax abatements; Paul Stoelting seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Commonwealth Engineering Report – Absent

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson asked if there were any questions in his report. Alley beside Syracuse Hardware store, should we keep it open or make it pedestrian only. There was a suggestion on closing the alley after hours. There was no need to make a motion, the status quo is there. There is no legal significance to make a motion to keep the alley open, its already open. Larry made a motion to keep the alley open; Cindy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Having no luck replacing the building inspector/code enforcer position. There are multiple projects going on that will keep that position busy, on top of keeping the food trucks in compliance. Would like to make the position full time. Council would like the Town Manager to put something together and see what that will look like.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. We do have the new vehicle and it is at the outfitter, estimating a month to a month and a half before everything is on it.

No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson, Park Superintendent, the 11th annual mudtastic is this coming Saturday at the WACF property, about 250 have registered.

The Farmers market we have about 20 vendors week.

The fourth of five tournaments is this weekend. Anticipating over 30 games, 10 games over 2 days on three fields.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, announced an employee of the public works celebrated his 35th anniversary, John Montgomery. John has a lot of knowledge in the wastewater treatment plant.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Wants to thank the community for their support on the recent picture donation program.

The pork chop BBQ is coming up July 5th, prices will be the same as last year. Pork Chops and Chicken $7.00.

Syracuse Fireworks will be on the 4th, alternative dates are 6th and 7th.

CLERK TREASURER

The Clerk-Treasurer, announced Kim Richardson who has been with the Clerks office since 2008. She has been with us for 17 years and before that she was at the Assessors office. We are going to have a small luncheon next Friday the 27th here at the Town Hall/Council Chambers 12-2.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jay Rigdon, Town Attorney, nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Matt Goodnight, Lake Street Resident, wanted to knowledge all the great employees of the town from the Street Department, thawing out water meters in the middle of a cold winter day to two weeks ago the Police Department and the Fire Department on their quick response to a child in distress on North Shore Dr., a very tragic situation. Thank you for all that they do.

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

Cindy Kaiser brought up the KEDCO agreement with a fee. Are there any question that need to be discussed. Nathan suggested tabling this till we know what the SB1 will do to our budget next year.

Paul Stoelting moved to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Cindy Kaiser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer

Nathan Scherer, Council President