SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2025 @7:00 P.M.

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

Cindy Kaiser opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments - Discussion from the floor (agenda items only) 2 minutes per speaker 10 minutes total. Jon Gaskill, the new executive director for the Syracuse Public Library, introduced himself and informed us he will be replacing Kim Blaha, she is retiring.

The Council Minutes - The minutes from September 16th, regular meeting presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

The Special Meeting Minutes – The minutes from September 18th, special meeting presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the minutes; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

The Town Claims - Claim #'s 0988-1123 for $679,159.21 presented for approval. Paul Stoelting moved to approve the claims; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Agreement for Professional Grant Administrative Services-MACOG – Paul Stoelting made a motion to approve the agreement and have the vice president sign the agreement; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Gateway Sign Discussion – Cindy asked if Brent Randall, Chamber Director, would have anything to say about the gateway signs. Brent stated the Chamber is in full support of the gateway signs for the town, it would make a positive and beautiful impact on our community and tourism. Paul Stoelting stated he is not committed to the gateway signs, we have a nice gateway sign that has been restored on the north end of town, it might be more visible on the south side of town. Paul feels the gateway sign discussion should be a five-council member discussion with the town manager and should be tabled till the next meeting. Bill Musser stated that spending over $120,000 on signs especially with the cutbacks that are coming, it would be very hard for me to vote for the gateway signs. Bill said he cannot see spending that kind of money at this time. Cindy stated she has been on the beautification committee for some time, she feels that it would be a good thing for our town and even though they are expensive, they will last decades, well worth the money. It would be an asset for our community.

Library Board Appointment: Diana Clark – Bill Musser made a motion to appoint Diana Clark to the Library Board; Paul Stoelting seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

2nd Public Hearing, 2026 Budget – Public hearing was open, there were no questions on the 2026 budget. Public hearing was closed. Paul Stoelting made a motion to approve the 2026 Budget; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion was carried.

Commonwealth Engineering Report – Robin Matthews, Project Manager, the water project is fifty percent design reviewed. The road projects that we are using the CCMG, Boston Street, is currently being worked on. She presented a task order 2025-03 for design bidding, construction engineering, and additional services. Paul Stoelting approved task order 2025-03 for $142,625.00 and having the Vice President sign; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER

David Wilkinson at conference.

POLICE

Jim Layne, Police Chief, asked if there were any questions in his report. Jim presented the terminal services data agreement for 2026. This is an annual agreement. Paul Stoelting approved the agreement for $5790.75; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

No ADA complaints.

PARK

Chad Jonsson at conference.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mark Aurich, Public Works Director, in December of 2023 and January of 2024, we were working with Vermeer to get a vac truck for the street department. He contacted the dealer recently and was told the machine would be on the assembly line on September 2, 2025. It is now October; Mark has cancelled the order with Vermeer. Brown Equipment has an 800-gallon Hydro-Spade that is mounted on a freightliner truck chassis. This unit does not require a CDL driver. We have liquidated the encumbrance p.o. for Vermeer and we will be using those funds for Brown Equipment. The quote for Brown Equipment is $279,500.00, encumbered P.O. $227,000.00, difference $52,500.00. Mark would like approval for the purchase from Brown Equipment. Paul made a motion to spend $279,500.00 for the demo Hydo-Spade delivery in three weeks; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Mark presented the 2026 Water and Wastewater Budget. Paul Stoelting made a motion to approve the 2026 Water and Wastewater Budget; Bill Musser seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

FIRE TERRITORY

Mickey Scott, Fire Chief, asked if there were any questions on his report. Would like approval from the board to purchase new turnout gear for up to $5000. Bill Musser made a motion for the purchase; Paul Stoelting seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.

Mickey informed the council about Robert Tinkey will be retiring at the end of the month. Tinkey has been with the Fire dept for 35 years. A retirement party will be held for him on Friday November 7th from 4-7 p.m. at station one.

CLERK TREASURER

Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer, presented the 2025-16 Ordinance Additional Appropriation that was in their packets, which will be advertised then signed at the November meeting.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jay Rigdon, Town Attorney, nothing to report.

DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

Nothing

DISCUSSION FROM THE COUNCIL

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

Bill Musser moved to adjourn the Town of Syracuse Council Meeting; Paul Stoelting seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Virginia Cazier, Clerk-Treasurer

~~Cindy Kaiser~~, ~~Council Vice~~ President
Nathan Scherer