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AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 2023
Swayzee Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Aaron Travis, President.

Present were Aaron Travis, President; Paul Hamilton, Vice President; Rhonda Fagan, Heather Zirkle; Matthew Ogden; Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were: Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer; Trey Boswell, Town Manager and Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney.

Visitors: Brittany Riner; Media, Kenny Cates, Eric Woodmansee, Brady Edgington, April Hamilton, Jeff Couch, Don Thompson, Harold King and Mike Shrock with SEDC.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the November 20, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0..

Aaron Travis wished everyone a "Merry Christmas" as this was the last meeting of the year.

VISITORS

Don Thompson, Harold King, Mike Shrock, Seth ^{Parker}~~Barker~~ from Swayzee Economic Development Committee (SEDC) Also in attendance were Brady Edgington, April Hamilton, Jeff Cowles and Rodney Lawson.

The SEDC asked to work hand to hand with the town board. They are completing a website, "onlyswayzee.org." Seth Barker, a new member, is in charge of the website. The SEDC sent "thank you" notes to Jim Cruea, Andrew King, and Kenny Cates for improving and beautifying the buildings of their businesses.

Jeff Cowles inquired about the future of the Post Office in Swayzee.

Mike Shrock alerted the council about the state of the potholes on East Lyons Street and Clark St.

CLERK TREASURER

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the updated 2023 Salary Ordinance. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote 5-0.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the 2024 Salary Ordinance. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Eric Fields turned in all his paperwork for employment and started working part-time on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. He will start riding with Dwayne Collins to get familiar with everything.

The Police Department received two tasers including operating equipment.

Police vehicles were vandalized Friday November 17, 2023. The windows were repaired and tinted by AA Glass. Insurance covered all but \$90.00 for the tinting.

Desiree will be attending Clerk School on January 16-18, 2024.

Desiree purchased two dusk to dawn outside lights for the Post Office boxes that will be placed in West Park.

Pam will be leaving for a 6 week period the first of the year. Claudia Faulk has been hired to cover while she is gone.

Desiree received the second half of the 2023 fall tax distribution in the amount of \$98,161.03.

Tax liens were paid by the following individuals:

Land Trust	207 W. Lyons	\$432.96
P. Burson	112 S. Third	\$1643.50
C. Ertel	109 E. Main	\$2300.00

The Town has not received payment for the hydrant accident that occurred on July 28, 2023. Desiree is continuing to work with Matthew Mullone from Sedgwick Claim Management Services.

It has been brought to Desirre's attention that the phone numbers on the website are incorrect.

The Post Office building, the building beside it and the Philabaum building will be demolished on January 2, 2024.

Post Office boxes have been purchased concrete and it will be poured this week and will be ready in 2-3 weeks.

TOWN MANAGER

American Pump installed the new rebuilt comminutor. Everything is back up and running well.

Aaron, Eric and Trey met at the WWTP to discuss final plant design for the wastewater treatment plant project.

Peerless Midwest replaced the globe check valve on Well #1. Tim Hill and Trey are planning to meet after Christmas to discuss options and cost estimates for replacing Well #1. It is Trey's recommendation that a submersible pump be installed like was done in 2020 with Well #2 at West Park. Trey is also planning to get price estimates for changing the flow meter inside of the water plant as well as change the media inside the iron filters.

The Well Tank outside the water plant was discovered to be overflowing and flooding the yard. The controller was not working and the wells could not be shut off remotely. Sean checked the plant and Trey was able to talk him through shutting down the well using the disconnects. Once Trey arrived at the plant he was able to manually fill the tower with the high service pumps and then turned everything off overnight. Several times throughout Sunday Trey manually maintained the water level of the tower. Peerless was on site Monday morning and discovered the well tank sensor was the problem. It is currently working but they left a new sensor incase we need to change it in the future.

Sean helped with installing the Christmas lights. Thank you to Jeff Duncan and Fiberhawk for allowing us to use their bucket truck.

Leaf collection is complete. Equipment worked well for the entire month of collecting leaves.

Last week Aaron was able to fill the salt box. Trucks, salt spreaders and plowing equipment are ready for snow. The new F250 does not have the snow plow package (which means it can not

be used as a plowing vehicle). They inquired about getting prices for adding this to the vehicle or continue to use the dumptruck and the older F250.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle informed the council that there will be a hearing for the Rust property on January 29.

Mr. Philabaum's attorney approved the proposal. He is to pay \$124,000. All buildings will be demolished north of the Fire Station on January 2, 2024.

Kyler Persinger the Town of Swayzee's Attorney presented This Voluntary Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between NSD Mughmas Properties, LLC, and Indiana limited liability company, Anne M. Watson and Knesey B. Morrison (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Owner"), and the Town of Swayzee, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as "Swayzee") and shall be effective upon the date of execution hereof by the parties.) This order gives said owner's properties to the Town of Swayzee.

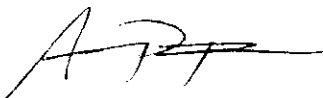
Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the "Agreement". Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.,

Council member Matt Ogden turned in his resignation letter to the council. This was his last meeting.

Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be January 22, 2024 not January 15th due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer