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AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2023
Swayzee Town Hall

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

Present were Aaron Travis, President; Paul Hamilton, Vice President; Rhonda Fagan, Heather Zirkle and Austin Roark Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were: Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney; Trey Boswell, Town Manager; Chad Van Erman, Deputy.

Visitors: Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting, Brittany Riner; Social Media, Derek Patterson, Kyle Alvis, Mike Spaulding, Mike Stevens & Malachi Stevens, Dana Melton and Paul Grewal from Country Mark.

Aaron Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Town Council of Swayzee conducted their 1st public hearing on the proposed rates and charges of the Town of Swayzee, Indiana Sewage Works Utility. The hearing was opened for public comment. There were no questions by the public. The 1st public hearing was adjourned.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the January 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the January 16, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

VISITORS

Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting informed the council that there has been an extension of six months for the OCRA grant. The town can also apply for SRF and Rural Development monies. An asset management plan will need to be in place before applying. There will be no charge for these applications.

Restaurant owner, Ivisa Huber spoke to council about potential buyers interested in the restaurant. She is very motivated to sell the building. Many inquirers want the land as well. This land is owned by the railroad and is not for sale. Ivisa is getting estimates on repairing the facade and the roof. She also asked for a place to dump bricks. Trey will help her with the bricks.

Dana Melton came to the meeting to ask council to put a light in the alley on the pole at the back of the home at 215 S Washington St. to help with lighting for Library parking. Trey will work on this. The one way alley will stay the same. It was recommended to call 811 to locate utility lines.

Paul Grewall from Country Mark addressed council concerning their sewer bill. Their bills were quite high September-January. They fixed the problem and their last bill was \$92.00. The Clerk's Office will look into this.

Derek Patterson came seeking information about the expected sewer and water rate hike. He also inquired about news on the Philibaum building.

MEDIA

Swayzee Days will be on the weekend of September 9, 2023.

Brittany has had suggestions via our Facebook page for the Clerk's Office to post the monthly meeting agenda and meeting minutes for public viewing. Perhaps the minutes could be available online the Friday before the Monday meeting.

TOWN MANAGER

Eric Woodmansee and Trey are meeting on Wednesday this week to work on the asset management plan for the existing WWTP equipment. This is a requirement for the application process for funding the new plant.

Trey met with Clint Dooley of Redline Underground to get a quote for boring a sewer line under E. Lyons St. This sewer line is for construction of a new home to be built on the northside of E. Lyons Street.

Peerless Midwest is to schedule an inspection for the iron filters at the water plant. The media in the iron filters are overdue to be changed. This inspection will help determine the condition of the filter media and what is needed to replace it.

Trey brought a cost estimate for moving a fire hydrant at the East Park to make for easier access for the fire trucks. This quote is for the pipe only.

Phillip Howell began as the Swayzee Utilities part-time employee. Phil has already been trained on all water and wastewater testing. He is working between 20 - 30 hours a week. He has begun working into the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday testing schedule. Phil has also been very helpful in assisting Trey with completing the Water and Wastewater Testing Procedures.

Paul, Aaron, and Trey conducted interviews for the full-time utility position. They interviewed four people (of the 9 applicants). A position was offered to Sean Clark and he accepted the position. Sean's first official day will be February 21, 2023.

January 24th, Trey pre-salted for the first significant snow of the winter. Wednesday, January 25th, he spent the entire day plowing snow. Phil was trained on removing snow.

Phil and Trey have been cleaning trucks, organizing the shop and re-stocking tools and parts for Sean's utility vehicle. Trey wanted Town Council's approval to start shopping for a new utility truck. The new truck would be large enough for hauling equipment and assist in plowing snow. This purchase will replace the existing 2005 F-150 (Wayne's old truck that Sean will be driving). Trey plans to contact the local Ford, Chevy, and Dodge dealerships to get pricing, inventory, and monthly payment options. Trey brought discussion on the use of the old truck and about the purchase of a new trailer for storing the sewer camera equipment.

The 2023 CCMG 'Notice to Bidders' information was sent through email last week.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Persinger reported that there is no update on the Philabaum Building.

The Watkins building will be in the Commissioner's sale. Current taxes are due, back taxes have been paid. We will receive the deed to the property. Sims Township will help take the building down. The building will need to be secured. Trey will be doing this and will keep track of man hours.

TOWN MARSHALL

Marshall Wilber resigned. His last day was February 9, 2023.

Deputy Officer Chad VanErman is doing his best to fill in. He is working on the calendar. He requested an outside State Audit. It was suggested to wait until a new Marshal is in place.

Officer VanErman attended the Grant County Lock meeting.

Officer VanErman completed Human Trafficking 1 & II, De-escalation and minimizing use of force state mandates.

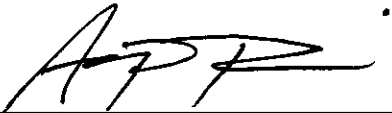
Council is in the process of opening up the position once again for the Swayzee Town Marshall.

The Economic Growth Council is moving forward.


A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Heather Zirkle. The motion was seconded by Paul Hamilton. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be March 20, 2023.



Aaron Travis, President



Paul Hamilton, Vice President