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AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 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 and 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 and Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the October 16, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

VISITORS

Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting reported that the OCRA 6 month extension was denied.

MEDIA

The annual Light up Swayzee Christmas Lights Competition will be conducted again. The town is giving away two prizes this year.
Town Council Favorite - \$100 gift card.
Community Favorite - \$100 card (voting will be available online).

Registrations are due by 12 p.m. on December 8, 2023.
Judging will be December 20, 2023 at 6 pm.

Brittany reported on the traffic on Facebook and the Town of Swayzee website.

CLERK TREASURER

Need to talk about Salary Ordinance for 2024 and approved in December 18th meeting.

Aaron Travis made a motion to end the Health Insurance Benefit for the Swayzee Police Department as of 11/20/2023. Matt Ogden seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote 5-0..

The Fire Department Contract for 2024 will see a raise of 6%. The Ambulance contract will stay the same.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the Ambulance contract for 2024 in the amount of \$5,500.00 starting January 1, 2024. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the Fire Department contract for 2024 in the amount of \$26,883.94 starting January 1, 2024. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Desiree sent Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney information on a list of the following houses in Swayzee that are violating town ordinances.

Ian Rust	412 S. Washington St
Marjorie Shinholt	307 E. Main St.
Jesse Thompson	303 E. Main St.
Michael Mackey	207 S. Sims St.
Adam McPeak	117 W. Lincoln St.

Police vehicles were vandalized Friday November 17, 2023. One window on each car was shattered. The cars were taken to AA glass in Marion for repair. The cost is covered 100% by insurance. The cameras at the water department were not working at the time. A new recorder has been ordered.

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

Post Office Update: CBU and Parcel lockers have arrived. They will be placed on the side of the second pole barn closest to West Park.

The Town Annual Christmas Party will be December 9, 2023 at the Town Hall.

Utility Clerk Pam Fisher will be leaving for Australia for 6 weeks starting January 1, 2024. Interviewing applicants this week and start training in December 2023.

TOWN MANAGER

Trey has not received any communication from American Pump concerning the quote to repair the Comminutor.

After dye testing the sewer line at the Watkins Property (101 S. Taylor St.) a combined sewer was discovered in an area by the East Park lift station. Trey is planning to further investigate the area with a camera soon.

Trey met with James Trusty and Tyler Bunderick to discuss the new location for the fire hydrant located outside of the fence at the water tower. They will be moving the hydrant approximately 100'-125' west so the hydrant can be accessed from S. Taylor St. This hydrant will serve as a great place for the SVFD to fill their tankers with minimal disruption to the water distribution system.

This month the SVFD used the hydrant on the corner of St Rd 13 and E Grant St to fill one of their tankers. This is the current hydrant that is used for emergency purposes and during that time Trey witnessed the pump controls at the water plant drop to 39 PSI. This is an extreme disruption to the water distribution system. This is a situation that the town is trying to avoid by installing the other hydrant at the East Park. (We need to restore our old land line for the water treatment plant, so I can receive emergency notices from the water plant controls).

Peerless Midwest was on site performing our annual service on the wells and high service pumps. Well #1 has a failing check valve that needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Additionally Well #1 continues to lose production. It was last rebuilt in 2005, and has steadily decreased pumping volume over the past 3 years since Well #2 was replaced in the West Park in 2020. Trey will be meeting with Tim Hill soon to discuss options for replacement. They will also be discussing options to replace the existing flow meter at the water plant. This is the master meter which determines the total pumping number. The parts are already on site for this upgrade so it would only be paying for the labor to install them.

Ed Asher and Trey met with Lily Alexander who is the new IDEM inspector for the water plant. She performed an inspection on the water treatment plant and distribution system. Trey will email the results of her inspection once he receives them. Two items from the inspection that she is wanting to be updated are our Emergency Response Plan and the Site Sampling Plan for our annual Bac-t and total coliform monthly testing. Trey will be working to complete both of these items and draft a response letter to the inspection report within the next 30 days.

Watkins Building at 101 S Taylor is completely torn down and dirt work complete.

Howard's building began demolition on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

Shop additions for more indoor parking space and storage of equipment and vehicles.

Backhoe cylinder and seal kit have been replaced and it is running much better.

The HomeTown Hero Banners have been taken down and will be returned to their owners.

The Christmas lights will be going up Tuesday November 28, 2023.

TOWN ATTORNEY

The draft agreement for the Philabaum and Mumaw buildings was given to Aaron Travis for approval.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The tasers that the Swayzee PD own are expired. The Town of Swayzee was presented with a 10 year Taser Plan by Axon Enterprises Inc. The plan would provide the town with new tasers every 5 years. The price would stay the same and the town would be billed once per year.


Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the 10 Year Taser Plan. Matt Ogden seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote 5-0..

Two new tasers were ordered.

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 8:40 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be December 18, 2023.



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer