

**TOWN OF SWAYZEE INDIANA**  
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**DESIREE ARENAS**  
**CLERK TREASURER**  
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**AARON TRAVIS**  
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

October 16, 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 and Heather Zirkle; Town Board Members.

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

Visitors: Brittany Riner; Media, Kenny Cates, Brady Edgington, Terry Kratzer, Bill Roberts, Nora Hill, Dana Melton.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the September 18, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Heather Zirkle made a motion to accept the September 21, 2023 Administrative Meeting Minutes. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

**VISITORS**

Nora Hill inquired about the updates on the Philabaum building.

Brady Edgington discussed the misinformation people are spreading around. Asked who owned the Recycle Bin and all of the illegal dumping at the site.

## **MEDIA**

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

Swayzee Community Church formerly Swayzee United Methodist Church will have Trunk or Treat from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on October 31. The Fire Department will have a Haunted House on October 27 & 28.

## **CLERK TREASURER**

Second meeting on the 2024 Budget for The Town of Swayzee. Aaron Travis asked if anyone had any questions on the Budget. No one had questions or comments.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the 2024 Budget for The Town of Swayzee. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-42 to maintain a balanced budget for the remainder of 2023 and for the year of 2024 reducing MVH July through December in the amount of \$67,000.00. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Desiree has a list of customers who have unpaid balances from 2017-2022. Their deposits have been applied and attempts to collect have been made. She asked council to allow her to adjust and write off these unpaid balances in the amount of \$2613.44.

Aaron Travis made a motion to allow Clerk Treasurer, Desiree Arenas to write off \$2613.44 for unpaid water bills. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Paul Hamilton, council member, is requesting a 2nd pool adjustment. His pool was damaged by the tornado on March 31, 2023. He had to get a new liner and refill the pool.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept a second pool adjustment for Paul Hamilton in 2023. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-2.

People are dumping trash and recyclables on the ground by the Recycle Bin. The situation is out of control. Brittany has posted pictures several times on Facebook.

East Park has been vandalized. Several pieces of playground equipment have spray paint marks on them. Desiree attempted to remove it but was unsuccessful.

The Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department Contract for 2024 will see a raise of 6%. The Ambulance contract will stay the same at \$5500.00. Desiree will send an email informing Mike Spaulding from SVFD of the new amount and get a new contract to be signed in November's meeting.

The trash and junk outside Trusty Auction was discussed. He will be served an Ordinance Violation.

### **TOWN MANAGER**

All of the parts for fixing the valves in the WWTP lift station have arrived.

The comminutor was sent in for repair.

There was a leak outside the water plant.

The backhoe needed a cylinder seal kit, the cost was \$1800 for the kit and \$400 for labor.

The 2006 F150 was sold on October 16, 2023 for \$3500. This money will be used to purchase a trailer for our Wastewater camera.

The Watkins building at 101 South Taylor Street started being demolished on November 9, 2023.

Trey, Sean and Phil installed a new awning roof, inside and outside cameras and outside motion detection lights at the Clerk's Office. The door and trim have been painted by Pam and Desiree, adding much improvement to the building.

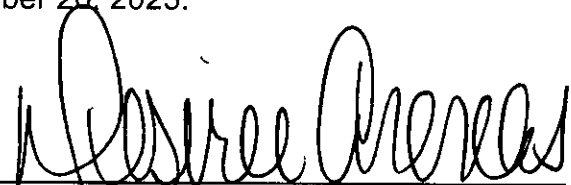
Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer