

**TOWN OF SWAYZEE INDIANA**  
213 S WASHINGTON STREET  
SWAYZEE INDIANA 46986

**DESIREE ARENAS**  
**CLERK TREASURER**  
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**AARON TRAVIS**  
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

June 19, 2023  
Swayzee Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Aaron Travis, President.

Present were Aaron Travis, President; Paul Hamilton, Vice President; Heather Zirkle, Town Board Member.

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

Visitors: Harold King, Gloria Reed, Beverly Howard, Christine McLain, Dana Melton, Jay and Fran Hardcastle, Brady Edgington, Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting. Michael Shrock, Don Thompson, Lisa Boswell from Swayzee Economic Development Corp.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-2.

Swayzee Economic Development Committee (SEDC) attended the meeting asking for the council's support in the amount of \$5000 for start-up fees. Their mission statement: SEDC encourages Economic and Community Dev through support of programs that promote the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses for the enhancement of the quality of life for our citizens.

Aaron Travis made a motion to give \$5000 to the SEDC. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-2.

Harold King, Gloria Reed, Beverly Howard, Christine McLain, Dana Melton, Jay and Fran Hardcastle, and Brady Edgington presented a petition against having chickens in the city limits of Swayzee. The Swayzee Town Council had two members absent so it was decided to wait until the July 17 meeting to make a decision.

Jay and Fran Hardcastle 209 E. Main St. requested the council to put a "dead-end" or a "no-outlet" sign at the end of their driveway. They have had several people drive in their yard.

Eric Woodmansee reported that the USDA is out of money. He will not know the outcome until August of 2024. He sent the town two invoices; one for \$38,500 to Steven Brock for the USDA application and one for \$68,000 for design.

The recent storm at the property of Ian Rust, 412 S. Washington caused the carport to collapse. There has not been any attempt to clean up the debris. A nuisance order will be sent to Mr. Rust.

### **CLERK TREASURER**

Desiree gave an update on the property at 112 S. 3rd St owned by Pamela Burson. The home has been abandoned for about 5 years. The Town of Swayzee has been mowing the property and several liens have been applied. The March 31st tornado completely destroyed the garage, blowing all of its contents all over the yard and surrounding properties. A certified letter was sent to the owner on April 17th but was returned unclaimed. Chad Vanerman cited the property on April 26th for ordinance violation giving Mrs. Burson until May 11 to comply by cleaning up the property. She gave no response. Mrs. Burson was served on May 25th and is to be in court June 30th at 1 pm. Desiree will attend the court hearing.

Des will be attending the 86th Annual Conference and State Board of Accounts School June 25-29. The conference will be in Ft. Wayne.

Desiree has been negotiating with Grant County State Bank to increase the annual percentage rate from .10% to 4.65%. She had found the rate to be extremely lower than other banks in the county.

The town received the Spring Tax Distribution on June 15, 2023 in the amount of \$121,722.76.

The Post Office will remain in the building during the tear down of the Philabaum Building. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Hamilton. The motion was seconded by Heather Zirkle. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-2.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be July 17, 2023.



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Aaron Travis, President



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Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer