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AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 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: Trey Boswell, Town Manager; Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney.

Visitors: Swayzee All Volunteer Fire Department, Kenny Cates, Brittany Riner; Harold King and Jeff Duncan.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the April 17, 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the May 11, 2023 Administrative Session Meeting Minutes. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department invited the Town Council to the June 5, 2023 Fire Meeting.

The Swayzee Town Council presented the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department with a plaque thanking them for their exemplary performance during the aftermath of the tornado that hit Swayzee March 31, 2023.

Harold King from 707 S. Sims Street came to the meeting to discuss Solar Farms. APEX has 600 acres for Solar Farms.

Jeff Duncan discussed the proposed ordinance for keeping chickens in city limits. He asked the Town Council if they would table the ordinance until more people are informed about the ordinance. Desiree will make sure the information is on the Town Website, Newsletter, Facebook and on the bottom of the water bill.

CLERK TREASURER

The petitions for annexing 114 S 4th St, 110 S 4th St. and 401 W Lyons St. into town limits have been signed by all residents.

A claim has been placed with the town's insurance company, Norris Insurance. The claim will pay \$1200 for tornado debris clean-up.

Desiree suggested the town rent a dumpster and clean up the debris left from the tornado on the abandoned property at 112 S. 4th St. The town has been mowing this property for years. Several liens have been placed on the property. A certified letter to the owner citing ordinance violation was sent back unclaimed on April 17. The Town Council handed over the situation to Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney and he will get her into court about the situation.

Desiree will be attending the 86th Annual Conference and State Board of Accounts School on June 25-29th.

MEDIA

Brittany reported on activities on Facebook and the Swayzee Town Website.

There was discussion about the upcoming Swayzee Days. Due to the lack of volunteers Swayzee Days will be much smaller this year. There will be a 5k, Pancake Breakfast and a Parade.

TOWN MANAGER

Merrell Bros are still planning to dredge the ponds later this summer, after it dries up. We will pump as much clear water as we can out of the ponds prior to this work being done to help save costs.

Trey camered and located the sewer tap for 204 E. Main St. This property was found to be connected to an old septic system.

Living Water Co. was on site completing the annual service on the chlorine system at the water plant.

Over the next few weeks the fire hydrants and water mains will be flushed out. This is part of the annual maintenance on the distribution system.

The water meter pits of the house to be demolished from tornado damage will be removed. The plan is to dig up on the customer's side of the water meter and cut the main line going to the house. That way any demolition to the property will not affect the water meter pits or the connection to the water mains.

Jordan Lamb has begun construction of his stormwater pond on the property where he will be building his house. They hit a stormwater tile that they are going to patch and redirect around the perimeter of the pond. Trey will be in contact with Clint Dooley of Redline Boring to schedule for the water and sewer line to be bored under the road and tapped into the mains. Jordan will be billed for the cost of the sewer line boring and the town will pay for the cost of the water line boring and installation.

E & B Paving milled all the roads to be resurfaced with asphalt on Friday May 5th and completed all of the asphaltting on Thursday May 11th. Trey reported he is very happy with the finished product.

Andrew Kessler is working on completing his Eagle Scout badge and plans to construct a storage shed at the West Park baseball field. Andrew has raised \$700.00 in funds for the project and all material has been purchased and delivered to the park location. Andrew and his volunteer team, as well as Trey and town employee Sean Clark plan to assist with the construction of the project the week of May 29th - June 2nd. Trey would like to see a plaque placed on the side of the building with Andrew's name.

Angie Moyer has put together bid packets for the next round of asphaltting that should be completed later this fall. Des and Trey will be working together to get this posted in the newspaper and start accepting sealed quotes. Hope to open and approve those bids at the June board meeting.

Trey presented the council with a cost estimate from Federal Field Service to repair the severe weather siren. Aaron Travis made a motion to purchase the severe weather siren for \$2800. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

TOWN ATTORNEY

June 22, 2023 is the last day for Mr. Watkins to redeem the property at 101 S. Taylor. The Town of Swayzee will be awarded the title if the property hasn't been redeemed.

The proposed time period for annexing the three properties, (114 S 4th St, 110 S 4th St. and 401 W Lyons St.) will be 150 days.

Kyle will be contacting the property owner at 112 S 4th St.

TOWN MARSHALL

Deputy Chad VanErman submitted his monthly Police Report.

Deputy Chad VanErman suggested changing the Golf Cart Registration Ordinance wording on Section 6: Slow moving vehicle sign and flashing lamp.

He asked the Town Council to purchase camera equipment to properly secure evidence and equipment.

He asked the Town Council for permission to service the 2014 Charger by getting vinyl replaced, diagnosing the drivetrain, and having it detailed.

He would like to keep and equip the third vehicle for backup when needed.


Radar certifications have been completed.

He is waiting to complete the list of equipment needed with pricing before presenting to the Prosecutor's Office for funding. The Axon quotes are in and Chad gave those to the council to view.

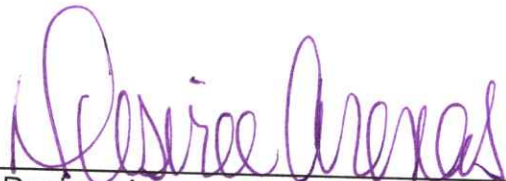
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aaron Travis. The motion was seconded by Paul Hamilton. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be June 19, 2023.



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer