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AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 15, 2024
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; Mike Studebaker; Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer, Trey Boswell, Town Manager; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney, Brittany Riner; Media.

Visitors: Kenny Cates, Don Thompson, Brady Edgington, Tyler Bundrick, Derek Patterson, Phil Howell, Sean Clark, Dwayne Collins, Patrick Kendall, Edward Arenas, Ryan Smith, Jeff Duncan, Brady Edgington and son, April Hamilton, Pam Fisher, and Jason Harrison.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the March 18, 2024 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 March 18, 2024 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 March 18, 2024 Administrative Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

VISITORS

Jason Harrison attended the meeting to ask the council about building a fence on the easement beside his home at 405 E Marks. Council will discuss at the Exec Mtg.

Don Thompson, Mike Shrock, Kenny Cates and Derek Patterson from the Swayzee Economic Committee reported on an USDA \$40,000 grant to open a revolving loan.

There will be a Community Development Meeting at 2 p.m. on May 10, 2024. The committee is tossing around the idea of a community garden.

Mike Shrock brought up Indiana Michigan Power's new smart meters.

Brady Edgington inquired about the house on 204 S. Taylor St. He brought to the council's attention that there is a broken window on the west side of the home, the weeds and trees growing out of control and there are multiple cats living under the house. Trey reminded the council that the meter had been removed from the pit due to a leak.

TOWN MANAGER

Trey turned in his resignation letter. His last day will be April 20, 2024.

The shop garage door needs to be replaced. Trey presented the council with a few quotes.

Trey also had a quote for the council to consider for generator back-up power at the water plant. The quote was for an automatic transfer switch.

IDEM sent the town a response letter to the March 6, 2024 sanitary sewer inspection. Trey gave the letter to the council to review.

CLERK TREASURER

McPeak – Nuisance - 117 w Lincoln street, trash and debris all over property. The town gave him till April 30th to get it all cleaned up.

shinholt – Nuisance - 307 e main st, house fire in sept 2021. The town gave her till April 30, 2024 to get it torn down. I had Dave's excavating to give me an estimate of \$10,200.00 to demolish and bring in 4 loads of fill dirt to level and rough grade. I have someone that will donate \$10,000.00 to pay for the demolition if the town can get the property.

Thompson – Nuisance – 303 e main st, house fire december 2022. did not show up for court. He was sent a letter on feb 6th, he started getting fined \$50.00 a day. as of today 4/15/24, it is up to \$3450.00. have not heard from mr thompson. They have started construction to close the big gaping hole.

Tuterow – Nuisance - 412 S Washington St, water was turned on 4/9/24 and sale is already pending.

Flyers identifying lead and copper lines will be in the march billing. We have a total of 421 customers and 154 have turned them in. I will be sending out reminders to turn them in so we can get everyone's.

Our contract ends with Republic on June 30, 2024. I talked with Craig Lutz and he said they are probably going to go up a lot with inflation so I called On Point Waste Services to get a quote. See both quotes attached. Republic's went up \$4.71 and On Point would stay the same thru June 30, 2025.

Brian Hall with Chuckwagon says that there is something definitely wrong with his meter. There are a handful of times where his consumption went up as much as 613. His average consumption is 85. See attached history print out. He called a plumber everytime we notified him of his consumption and not one time did he have a leak. He is asking the council for some kind of adjustment and to have a new meter installed. He has asked Trey for data logs and Trey would give them to him but nothing else would be done to investigate.

USDA 2023 4th quarter final reporting is complete and sent. I have Steve Brock going over the numbers on the balance sheet for general fund and wastewater fund and operating budget for the USDA wastewater application.

Sims Township Cumulative Fire Fund that was passed on April 1, 2024.

On April 1, 2024, Sims Township Board held a public hearing on creating a Cumulative Fire Fund. After hearing public opinion, Sims Township Board voted to adopt a Cumulative Fire Fund in Sims Township. We would like to thank the Sims Township Board for adopting a cumulative fire fund! This helps secure future projects to keep protecting the citizens of this great community. This fund is controlled by Sims Township.....not Swayzee Fire. In Grant County, there are 6 townships with this fund already established. 7 townships do not have it established with Sims Township being one of them. The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to the fire department in capital purchases and updates such as fire trucks and ambulances, air packs, turnout gear, or large building repairs and updates. This fund is levied through property taxes at a rate of \$0.0333 for every \$100 of net assessed tax value. This fund was adopted in 2024 meaning it will be levied in 2025.

If you reside in Sims Township and are in opposition of this fund, 25 or more people may file a petition with the County Auditor before noon on May 10th. If a petition is certified by the auditor, a hearing will be scheduled to hear the opposition from the public.

MEDIA

Brittany has posted Swayzee Town Rummages for June 7 & 8, 2024.

New Business in Swayzee, Hoosier Books and Media at 804 E Lyons St.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle will do a Quit Claim Deed on the Philabaum property. The Council wanted Title Insurance. Philabaum to pay 2023 taxes.

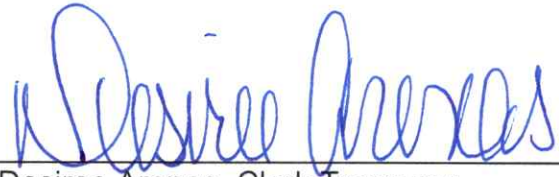
Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be May 20, 2024.



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer