

**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**

February 26, 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; Heather Zirkle and Mike Studebaker, Town Board Members.

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

Visitors: Mike Shrock, Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting, April Studebaker, Brittany Riner; Media and Rodney Lawson.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-2.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the January 22, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-2.

Aaron Travis introduced Mike Studebaker, our new Town Board Member that took Matthew Ogden's place.

**VISITORS**

Mike Shrock inquired about the status of a new Town Marshall. Mike also asked about the several potholes on his street, East Wilson St.

April Studebaker came to the meeting to discuss the excessive amount of flooding in her backyard. She presented pictures to the council. Aaron Travis will contact Kenny Cates as Kenny is on the Grant County Drainage Board.

### **CLERK TREASURER**

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the Wastewater Improvement 2022 Revised Scope Update Service Agreement from AME Consulting and pay the invoice for \$49,400.00. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The Town of Swayzee rolled over the \$482,000.00 Sewage Works Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2024. It was closed on January 26, 2024. Desiree wired \$34,555.00 to First Internet Bank. The \$34,555.00 breakdown is;  
Bank interest 01/05/2023-01/26/2024-\$32,535.00.  
Bank council fee; \$2000.00.  
Wire Fee: \$20.00

Dave and Beverly Howard gifted the Town of Swayzee 3 lots on the corner of Main Street and Washington Street. The Quit Claim Deed was recorded on February 8, 2024.

The 2023 Annual Financial Report for Swayzee was submitted on February 23, 2024. The report is to be reviewed and signed by the council. This will be advertised in the Chronicle on February 29, 2024.

Eric Fields resigned as of February 21, 2024. He is no longer interested in the Town Marshall position.

Desiree is still waiting on payment of \$567.49 for the hydrant accident from July 2023. She has been working with Matthew Mullone from Sedgwick Claim Management Services

Klye Persinger and Desiree Arenas attended court for the following properties:

\*117 W. Lincoln, Adam McPeak. Trash and debris. He has until April 30, 2024 to comply.

\*307 E. Main, Marge Shinholt. House fire in September of 2021. The town gave her until April 30, 2024 to have it demolished. Dave's Excavating gave an estimate of \$10,200.00 to demolish and bring in four loads of fill dirt to level and rough grade. Des informed the council that there is a donor that will donate \$10,000.00 to pay for the demolition in exchange for the property given over to the Town of Swayzee. Des needs approval from the council.

\*303 E. Main, Thompson. House fire December 2022. Mr. Thompson did not appear in court. He was sent a letter on February 6, 2024. He is being fined \$50.00 a day. As of February 26, 2024 he owes the Town of Swayzee \$1050.00. Desiree has not heard from Mr. Thompson.

\*412 S. Washington, Zach Tuterow. Zach has recently purchased the house. He has made many improvements. He hopes to complete the renovation and put it on the market by March 2024.

Mike Studebaker was sworn in on January 29, 2024 as a Council Member replacing Matthew Ogden.

Desiree attended the 2024 Boot Camp for all elected officials January 15-18, 2024. She received the new Indiana Municipal Official Handbook. It will be in the Clerk's Office for those interested in viewing it.

## **TOWN MANAGER**

Several customers have been complaining of extreme flooding at their properties. Trey, Sean and Phil have been working to clean manholes and provide easier access for water to shed into the existing drains of the following addresses.

Selena Arenas - 114 S. 4th St.  
Mike Studebaker - 115 S. 4th St.  
Brady Edgington - 309 E. Lyons St.  
Steve Puckett - 202 W. Madison St.

They also have been working on the storm water catch basins and intersections along S. 2nd St and W. Curless St, W. Adams St, W Cole St, W Stewart St, W Lincoln St, W Madison St, W Marks St, and E Grant St. Several of those catch drains were full of dirt and completely overgrown. They excavated the dirt around each storm drain and emptied out all the dirt inside exposing the drain lines. Stone was added around each catch basin.

Jimmy (Converse Utilities) has agreed to come over with the Vac-truck and jet out all drain lines along 2nd St.

Jacob Stout customer who lives at 204 E Main St. is on a septic tank that must be removed and connected to the sanitary sewer tap. In the Fall of 2023, it was discovered that the property was still operating on a septic tank. Jacob purchased the house not knowing it was not connected to the town's wastewater system. He hired Summers to expose the septic and pump the tank. However he could not afford to pay the \$8,000 estimate to remove the tank, fill in with stone, and connect it to the town's sanitary sewer. In December 2023, Trey reached out to Aaron Solms (Solm's Excavating) for an estimate (\$4,200) to complete the work for The

Town of Swayzee. Recently Trey observed that the septic tank was completely full and overflowing. After discussing the situation with Aaron Travis, Trey hired Solms Excavating to complete this work on the town's behalf. Trey has been in constant contact with Jacob about the situation and Mr. Stout is willing to make payments towards the cost of repairs. He was hoping to have it charged monthly to his water bill until the cost is repaid. Desiree will contact Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney to construct an agreement for the homeowner by Wednesday. Trey will have Mr. Stout sign the agreement. The complete details will be brought to the next meeting.

The motor on the east clarifier skimmer arm has been repaired and is back in operation.

Trey has all the equipment needed for the water hydrant relocation project at 101 S Taylor St. (Watkins Property). Tyler Bundrick (SVFD) is wanting to purchase a permanent fixture to keep on the new hydrant. The Fire Department wants to install a "Y" fitting with 2" - 2.5" nozzle connectors with a ¼ turn shutoff valve. Trey told him he would inquire with Utility Supply for the fixture as Trey would like to put a metered register on that hydrant. This would monitor water usage for the fire department water use, and for contractors who occasionally purchase water for different projects. Peer's Tree Service has removed the tree stump. Trey will start on the relocation in a couple of weeks.

Trey will be attending the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water Conference at French Lick Resort. Attending this conference accounts for 10 CEU's (Continuing Education Units) towards his water and wastewater certifications (Wastewater Class I Operators Certification and Water Distribution System Small - DSS Certification).

The hydraulic hoses on the backhoe loader bucket are cracked and leaking. Trey and the guys attempted to remove them themselves. However, several of the threads had been painted and they were very difficult to get loose. Truland is scheduled to remove and replace all 4 hydraulic hoses.

Grant County's monthly test of the Severe Weather Siren failed for February. Tyler Bundrick and the SVFD tried to manually activate the alarm on Saturday and it failed both times. Trey plans to call Federal Field Services, and schedule a service call to inspect the siren.

Trey is shopping for a camera and parts trailer and or vehicle. He would use it to serve as a camera hauler as well as a parts trailer for all of the water fittings for when there are leaks. Trey mentioned that there would be \$3,500 to go towards this purchase from selling the old 2005 F150. Trey has looked at several styles but still is searching for what would serve the department best. Jon Clark (Sean's dad) is selling a 1998 Diesel Miniature School Bus for \$6,000. He purchased the bus from Maple Run Church and it has been well maintained and in good condition. Trey provided pictures.

Clevenger's is providing a quote for finishing the brick wall north of the SVFD.

The EPA is requiring all residences and businesses from the Town of Swayzee to complete a "Lead and Copper Survey" by October 16, 2024. This survey asks what type of water line does the customer have that runs from the meter to their house; lead, copper, galvanized or PVC. The survey will be included in everyone's March bill. Pam will keep track of them on a spreadsheet.

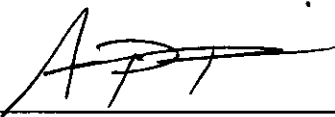
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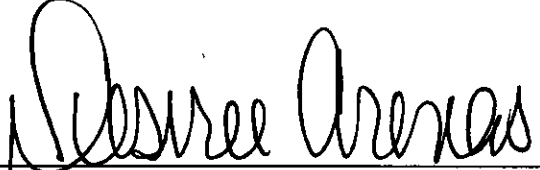
Brittany spoke about Swayzee Days 2024. She mentioned possibly changing the date to September 14th, 21st or October 5th. The activities would include a 5k, parade, pancake breakfast and a silent auction. There was discussion about the funds that were brought in from Swayzee Days. Brittany would like them to be designated for future Swayzee Days events.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Zirkle 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 March 18, 2023.

  
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Aaron Travis, President

  
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Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer