# TOWN OF SWAYZEE INDIANA

# 213 S WASHINGTON STREET SWAYZEE INDIANA 46986

DESIREE ARENAS CLERK TREASURER 765-922-7953 AARON TRAVIS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2024 Swayzee Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Paul Hamilton, Vice President.

Present were Paul Hamilton, Vice President; Rhonda Fagan, Heather Zirkle and Mike Studebaker; Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer; Philip Howell and Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney.

Visitors: Don Thompson, Mike Shrock with Swayzee Economic Development Corp, Kenny Cates, Brady Edgington, Jeff Duncan and Aric Weelden with On Point Waste Services.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Rhonda Fagan made a motion to accept the May 20, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

## **VISITORS**

Don Thompson and Mike Shrock with SEDC are hoping to roll out by the next meeting the USDA \$40,000.00 Economic Revolving Loan commitment. They will need to develop a loan committee and do their own documents. Have 3 potential projects. The Boutique at 108 S Washington which has already opened. The Pritchett's are wanting to buy 110 S Washington

St and put a coffee shop and SEDC are talking to Ivisa Huber about the progress of the restaurant at 101 S Washington St in Swayzee.

Heather Zirkle made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 to the Swayzee Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) that was requested at the last meeting on May 20, 2024. Rhonda Fagan seconds the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aric Van Weelden with On Point Waste Services- spoke about changes to the new residential trash contract with the Town of Swayzee that was approved at the last meeting. Trash will be continued to be picked up on the normal schedule of Tuesdays. One trash can will be delivered to each residence to begin with. If the customer requests another can then they are to call On Point Waste Services and will be charged a one time fee of \$50.00.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the changes on the new residential trash contract. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Brady Edgington-requested that minutes be posted online on the website (which they are posted). Also spoke about the lights at the basketball courts.

# **CLERK TREASURER**

There was discussion about selling the Howard lots at 105 E Main st, 111 S Washington St and 113 S Washington St in Swayzee. These properties were given to the Town by Dave & Beverly Howard. Kyle Persinger the town attorney stated this would need to be advertised and a public hearing to take bids on the properties would need to be done if the Town wants to self.

Paul Hamilton signed the Public Right of Way Hold Harmless Agreement for Jason Harrison at 405 E. Marks in Swayzee to put a fence on the easement.

McPeak – Nuisance - 117 W Lincoln St, property has been cleaned up but vehicles are still in the yard. They are not tagged nor do they run. Next court date will be July 29, 2024.

Shinholt – Nuisance - 307 E Main St, house fire in sept 2021. Did not show up for court on April 29<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the Shinholt order is attached. She has 7 days to modify or Swayzee can clean the property up and assess costs to her. She also has a \$50 per day fine that the real property is not in compliance.

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 6/17/24, it is up to \$6600.00. have not heard from Mr. Thompson. They have started construction to close the big gaping hole. As of 6/17/24 it's still the same as last meeting. Nothing else has been done or completed.

A new meter was installed at Chuckwagon Pizza on May 2, 2024. The consumption on the meter for June 2024 was 66. Will continue to review consumption for a couple more months to see about credit adjustment.

Council to review the new updated Town of Swayzee Employee Handbook that was emailed in April 2024. The signing was postponed until the next meeting so that Aaron could be in attendance for the signing.

The new tornado siren will be installed in the middle of August 2024.

#### **MEDIA**

Swayzee Days- Brittany has created the Facebook event. There will be a meeting with the committee soon. More information will be posted on the website this week.

### TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle reported that the ordinance violation that was set for June 24th at 1pm will be moved to July 29th, 2024

The Phillabaum Property Title Insurance will cost \$1,930.00. QCD was recently signed. However, the title insurance mandates a Warranty Deed. The Real Property taxes were paid on June 5th in the amount of \$5,258.05. After some research it looks like they didn't pay fall of this year some of amount remaining online:

- 1. \$3.20
- 2. \$111.62
- 3. \$505.11
- 4. \$801.99

Paul Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Studebaker seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be July 15, 2024.

Paul Hamilton, Vice President

Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer