

**TOWN OF SWAYZEE INDIANA**  
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**AARON TRAVIS**  
**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

March 18, 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 Trey Boswell, Town Manager; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney, Brittany Riner; Media.

Visitors: Don Thompson, Brady Edgington, Tyler Bundrick, Mike Spaulding and Derek Patterson

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the February 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the February 19, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The Council received the final invoice from Kleinpeter Consulting Group LLC. in the amount of \$8280.00 for grant administration work for the Town of Swayzee.

Aaron made a motion to accept the invoice from Kleinpeter Consulting Group LLC. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

## **VISITORS**

Brady Edgington inquired about the grants for the new wastewater plant. He noted that work is being done at the abandoned burned home on 303 E. Main St. The owners are beginning to burn some of the debris. Brady asked the town to keep an eye on the burning as he noticed that the fire was often left unattended.

Concerned citizens asking about the tornado siren. Federal Signal will be checking the bushings on the siren. The siren was last serviced on March 11, 2024. Quote for a new siren is \$33,110.00. Could take up to 3 to 4 months for installation.

Aaron Travis made a motion to approve and sign the quote to purchase a new siren for \$33,110.00. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Quotes are being taken to fix the north side of the fire department where the Philabaum was torn down. This area is in need of sealing and repair.

Taylor Street is beginning to show wear, and is in disrepair. They will investigate.

Residents inquired about the timeline of hiring a new Town Marshall. Tyler Bundrick asked why Grant County Sheriff's Department is not utilized for police coverage. He went on to say that Swayzee residents do not feel safe living here anymore. The Council assured them that we have part time officers covering 40-60 hours a week, and that there is still a pursuit going on for a Town Marshall.

Don Thompson wanted someone to look into the drain near his home at 404 E Harrison. He also spoke on behalf of the Swayzee Economic Development Committee in obtaining help to perform a long term study of future needs of the Town of Swayzee. Don made a suggestion to make the Howard Building into a public parking lot. Or perhaps pursue the idea of a neighborhood garden.

## **TOWN MANAGER**

IDEM was on site conducting a sanitary survey and inspection of the wastewater treatment facility and collection system.

The septic tank at 204 E Main St. has been removed. Aaron Solms from Solms Excavation has connected their sanitary line to the existing sanitary sewer.

Fire Hydrant 1-6, located at the corner of E. Grant St. and N. Washington St. was hit by a car. The damage tore one of the 2 ½ " nozzles out of the barrel. The hydrant was not damaged . This was not reported because the driver left the scene. The hydrant nozzle was recovered by the attendant from the gas station who witnessed the accident. Due to the age of this fire hydrant Utility Supply purchased parts from Hydrant Repair Parts, Inc. The hydrant has been fully repaired.

The baseball field is ready for the Oak Hill Junior High season. Oak Hill Athletics is planning to add Junior High Baseball as a school affiliated sport next year. This means it would be switching from Oak Hill Community Youth League at Sweetser. The athletic director at the high school would like to continue using the West Park baseball field for all their games and would most likely want a contract in place to help pay for upkeep, material, and maintenance.

### **MEDIA**

There will be Easter activities on Saturday March 23rd. Swayzee Community Church will host an Easter Eggventure. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Fiberhawk which will be located at Herbst UMC.

Brittany is working on updating a new website. She is needing new headshots of all the Swayzee employees.

Brittany reported that there has been a lot of comments on the tornado siren issues.

She has informed the Council that the Nazarene Church outside of town has closed.


### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Kyle reported that Mr. Philabaum has paid \$124,000.00 for demolition. Mr. Philabaum still wants to transfer the land to the town. It cannot be transferred until the title is clear. It appears that there is a mortgage attached to the title. Lawyers are working on it.

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 8:37 p.m.

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

  
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Aaron Travis, President

  
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Paul Hamilton, Vice President