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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2024
Swayzee Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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; Phil Howell, Joshua Miller, Town Marshall; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney; Brittany Riner; Media.

Visitors: Don Thompson, Brady Edgington, Tyler Bundrick, Garrett Conway with OCRA, Luke Thompson, John Key, Kristen Miller, Jeff and Debbie Secrest, Ryan Smith, Brady Edgington, Luke Thompson.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the April 15, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

VISITORS

Don Thompson and John Key from EDC contacted the railroad and received a legal description of the restaurant owned by Ivisa Huber at 101 S. Washington. They inquired with Ms. Huber to see if she is willing to sell or lease the property.

ESDC is trying to get a USDA Revenue Loan Grant for 40,000.00. The committee is requesting \$10,000 for help with the start up fees. They will start in late August 2024. The committee would like the mailing list of all residents of Swayzee.

Garrett Conway with OCRA came to the council with ideas for grants available. He mentioned the possibility for grants and or loans for up to \$200,000 from The Main Street Revitalization Project, the idea is to spruce up your town's main street. The loans range from: Quick Impact \$0-\$5000, Large \$5000-\$50,000, Community Wellness, Transportation. The application is open June 3rd to September 12th @12:00.

Brady Edgington has been seeing water flowing from the water tower. The Utility Department is aware of the situation.

Customers have been reporting large pot holes on Lyons and Sims streets. There also have been complaints about the Post Office alleyway.

Jeff Duncan addressed the Town Council wanting to know what were the short and long term goals for the water and wastewater.

The Town of Swayzee welcomes new Town Marshall Joshua Miller. Joshua and his family reside in Marion.

Tyler Bundrick from Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department would like to have a Spray and Play Day as a welcome to our new Town Marshall.

CLERK TREASURER

There was discussion pertaining to the selling of the Howard Building property for \$5,000.00.

The Council has agreed to allow Jason Harrison to put his fence on the easement. Rhonda Fagan made a motion to allow Jason Harrison access to place his fence on the easement. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Aaron Travis made a motion to hire Trey Boswell for \$2500 a month. He will sign for certification of the wastewater testing. He will be paid bi-weekly, put on payroll and will be required to clock in and out and will be given a W2 at the end of the year. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Heather Zirkle made a motion to hire Ryan Smith for \$1200 a month. He will sign for certification of the water testing. He will be paid bi-weekly, put on payroll and will be required to clock in and out and will be given a W2 at the end of the year. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Desiree brought discussion concerning the nuisance ordinance violation against Adam McPeak at 117 W. Lincoln St. At the court hearing he was given a new court date of June 29 to get the property cleaned up. Mr. Peak has put up a fence, and cleaned up most of the trash. However the unregistered vehicles are still in the yard and are not running.

307 E. Main St. was destroyed by fire in September of 2021. The property is in ordinance violation. Marjorie Shinholt, the owner, did not appear in court on April 29, 2024. She was given 7 days to modify or the Town of Swayzee can clean up the property and assess the cost to her. Also a fine of \$50 a day is occurring each day the property is not in compliance.

303 E. Main St was destroyed by fire in December 2022. The owner, Mr. Thompson, did not appear in court. He was sent a letter on February 6, 2024. A fine of \$50 a day has been charged to the property. As of May 20, 2024 the amount he owes is \$5200.00. There has been no communication from Mr. Thompson. Construction had been started on the house to close a gaping hole in the back. But as of May 20, 2024 no work has been done since the last meeting.

412 S. Washington has been sold and water is on at the residence.

Rhonda Fagan made a motion to contract On Point Waste Services for the Town of Swayzee trash pick up. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

A new meter was installed at Chuckwagon Pizza on May 2, 2024. Consumption will be monitored for a few months before a credit adjustment will be discussed.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the updated Town of Swayzee Employee Handbook. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Aaron Travis made a motion to approve the application from Jeff Collins for the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

MEDIA

Brittany has posted Swayzee Town Rummages for June 7 & 8. She will also announce Large Item Pick Up Day will be on June 11, 2024.

There was discussion pertaining to Swayzee Days. Brittany will be contacting several food trucks.

The Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department will be setting up a booth to sell hamburgers.


TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle reported that the cost of the Title Insurance for the Philabaum building is \$1930.00. Philabaum has agreed to pay the \$4000.00 2023 taxes. The Quit Claim Deed will be completed after the taxes are paid.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Studebaker seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be June 17, 2024.

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Aaron Travis, President
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Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer