

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

November 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 and Mike Horsely, Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Desiree Arenas, Town Clerk; Josh Miller, Town Marshal; Philip Howell, Utility Employee;

Visitors: Kenny Cates, Emily Bontrager, Indiana Wesleyan Student with Grant Connect, Mike Shrock, Mike Spaulding, Tyler Bundrick, Dwayne Collins, Randy & Sally McNally, Harold King, and Jeff Duncan.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the October 21, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

**VISITORS**

Jeff Duncan was asking about the town leaf Vac. He stated that it might be cheaper to contract out. He stated that the Storm Fund could pay for it to be contracted out.

Mike Shrock asked when the collection of leaves ends? Will the timing be extended since the machinery is down?

Tyler Bundrick with the SVFD wanted to remind everyone they will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 14th, 2024 from 7-11 AM. The fire department will also have Santa going around town on Christmas Eve. The Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department is also looking for a family in need to make a donation to.

Randy & Sally McNally new residents are attending their first meeting.

Mike Shrock with Swayzee Economic Development Corporation announced the next SEDC Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6PM. Ball State will be attending as well. The meeting will be held at The Swayzee Community Church.

### **CLERK TREASURER**

2025 Salary Ordinance No. 2024-49 was sent and reviewed by all council. Aaron Travis made a motion to approve the 2025 Salary Ordinance. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Closing the Shinholt property at 307 E Main St, Swayzee on November 19, 2024

Thompson- Nuisance-303 E Main St., house fire December 2022. Did not show up for court. He was sent a letter on February 6, 2024. Construction was started on the house to fix it, but the construction has stopped for several months and is still open from the fire. What is the next step with the property? Kyle Persinger advised to check the tax sale.

Bergman Concrete for sidewalks on State Road 13 and Collins 50/50 project will be starting on November 25, 2024.

Angie Moyer with ECI Regional Planning District was in town November 15th rating the roads so we can apply for CCMG in 2025.

Our last Swayzee CCMG 2023-1 Road project that was done by First Brooks Construction Company in July 2024 has been closed out. It was stated that we will want to apply for the Fall Project in 2025.

Lead and Galvanized Replacement Letters were sent out to all customers on November 4th, 2024.

Water/Wastewater laptop that was bought for meter reading (Neptune, etc). Trey took the computer when he quit back in April 2024 and bought the town another computer with no permission. The computer that the town bought has been entered as an asset and needs to be returned ASAP. I just found this out in September when Philip was asking about anti virus software for the laptop. I told him that it's automatically renews on the credit card and we should not have to purchase any more. That is when I found out about him taking the laptop. Aaron said he would contact Trey to return the laptop.

Port-a-pots that are located at the Parks are going up in 2025. We have been paying \$75.00 each a month. They will now be \$125.00 each a month. In 2025 we will be paying \$375.00 a month.

All of the council received an email from USPS giving an update on the Town Post Office. Residents will all receive a postcard in the mail asking them what they would like to see regarding the Post Office.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY**

A. McPeak's court date was set for Monday, November 25, 2024. Court was dismissed due to resident putting covers on the vehicles.

Philabaum agrees to pay taxes in the amount of \$1,421.92. Waiting on Warranty Deed. Should know more information at the next meeting.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### Maintenance on Vehicles-

The 2013 Charger was taken to Behr Repair in Gas City to have the power steering issue repaired. While driving the charger over to Gas City it blew a coolant line. Phil replaced the steering rack, thermostat, coolant heater hose, rear brakes & rotors. The oil and air filter were replaced too. The total repair bill was \$2,082.75. Phil advised us these repairs were needed due to a lack of maintenance on the vehicle.

The 2013 Charger was taken to Bell Tire for an alignment after the steering rack was replaced. Bell did the alignment for free but advised me that the tires needed replacing ASAP because the tread was down to the wear bars, and the sidewalls were cracked from age. They advised us not to drive the car in the winter or at high speeds until the tires had been replaced.

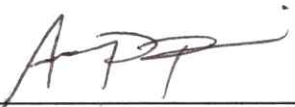
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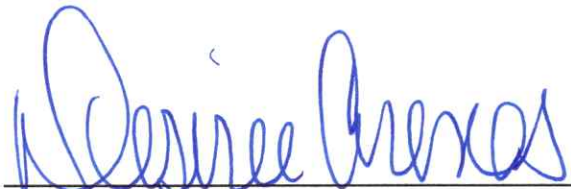
Marshal Miller completed a rifle training and qualifications course on Monday, October 28, 2024 at the F.O.P. Range hosted by Marion Health and Marion Police Departments.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be December 16, 2024 at 7pm.

  
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Aaron Travis, President

  
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Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer