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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 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 and Heather Zirkle; Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney; Josh Miller, Town Marshal; Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer

Visitors: Brady Edgington, Don Thompson, Ken Rudy, Kathy Corey, Jeff Duncan, and Kyle Alvis, Tyler Bundrick, Rob Downing.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

VISITORS

Don Thompson from SEDC spoke about the meeting that was on September 11th and that it had turned out well. The Town Hall was packed. He would like a sign hung up in the clerk's office. Surveys are out and would like to have them completed by 09/30/2024. All surveys that are handed into the clerk's office are to be given to SEDC. There will be another public forum meeting October 10th at 7pm.

Brady Edgington is requesting a camera for the recycle bin to catch people dumping trash.

Ken Rudy stated that he personally sprays the weeds at the East Park. He would also like the Town to purchase more bags of rubber for the ground. He warned that concrete was showing at the Maypole equipment. A town employee needs to rake to cover the concrete until the rubber is bought. All equipment should have 4 to 6 inches of impact material at the fall zone.

Ken Rudy also stated that he would like the town to create a Water Tower Maintenance Fund. He stated that the water tower will need to be maintained and painted soon. Estimated cost for this project would be around two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,00.00). He recommended the town adopt a line item for the water tower maintenance. He suggested five dollars (\$5.00) per customer on the bills for the maintenance. He stated that the town should check with Viking because the company painted the water tower in Jonesboro, IN.

Kathy Corey (customer) wanted to come to the meeting to offer her Thanks to the Town for keeping up on the owner on Sycamore Street. The property is being cleaned up.

Jeff Duncan wanted to talk about the bids that were taken on the sidewalks. He asked if anything had been approved.

Tyler Bundrick wanted to offer his thanks to the Swayzee Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) for all of their hard work. He also wanted to bring to the attention of the Town Council and Town Marshall that he sees that there is an issue with the Town Curfew. He stated that there is a lot of noise on West Lyons St and kids are all over. He also requested that the gate at the wastewater plant be kept open later in the evening. (so that the burn pile is accessible later in the evenings).

Rob Downing attended the SEDC meeting on September 11th. He said that he was very impressed. Great meeting which made him want to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Downing also stated that he had an idea to help with the curfew issues. He stated that possibly there could be a neighborhood watch. Marshal Miller stated that he is working on getting another officer for the second and midnight shifts for the town.

Mr. Downing also wanted to speak on the property that is next to J. Lines. The address would be 113 W. Madison St. Marshal Miller stated that he could cite them for not adhering to Town Ordinances.

CLERK TREASURER

Introduced Public Hearing tonight on 2025 Budget (Notice to Taxpayers) This was published on August 14, 2024. Council to review and discuss in the meeting. No questions from council or public on 2025 Budget. This will be final and adopted in the October 21st meeting.

2025 Salary Ordinance needs to be finalized. Will be adopted in the October or November meeting for the council to sign.

2024 Trick or Treating was discussed and will take place October 31st from 5-8 pm. If it rains then it will be held on November 1st at the same time.

Shinholt- Nuisance- 307 E Main St., house fire in September of 2021. Mrs. Shinholt will take \$5,000 for the property. Taxes due on the property are \$0.00 as of 9/16/2024. She would need to clean out the sheds before sale. Aaron made a motion to purchase the property at 307 E Main Street in Swayzee in the amount of \$5,000.00 as long as the Title work comes back clear with no liens or mortgages. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

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. The office has been unsuccessful in contacting him. What is the next step with the property?

Bridenthal's Concrete for sidewalks on State Road 13. See attached email that was sent. Do we want to approve this? Aaron Travis made the motion to accept the bid contract with Bridenthal's. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1. It was stated that the money for this project would come out of the Town Rainy Day General Interest Fund.

Mr. Rademaker called and stated his pump to his pool broke 08/04-08/05/2024 and lost a lot of water and had to fill it back up. He is asking the council for a pool adjustment. Town Ordinance states that pool adjustments ends in July. Aaron Travis made the motion to do a pool adjustment in the amount of \$23.49. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Installers for the siren will be in Indiana soon. Location to set pole? Swayzee Telephone or Town Water Department. See attached estimate in the amount of \$16,860.00 from Rex Collins for installing an Automatic Transfer Switch at the Water Plant. The siren will be installed the last week of September 2024.

Chuckwagon- new meter was installed on May 2, 2024. His consumption for July 2024 was 76. Consumption has been consistent since March of 2024. Will the council approve credit for high consumption due to a bad meter? Aaron Travis made a motion to approve the leak adjustment for Chuckwagon from back in February 2024 in the credit amount of \$500.00. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Resident Brady Edgington volunteered his time to fix the light at the East Park Basketball court. Receipts in the amount of \$178.69 were turned in. Aaron Travis agreed to reimburse Mr Edgington for the part in the amount of \$178.69. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Water/Sewer Rates to be discussed. Need to hire a rate consultant?

Discussed Water Tower Maintenance fee to save for the maintenance/painting on the water tower. This needs to be done ASAP due to the tower will need to be maint/painted in about 5 years and the cost as of today runs about \$200,000.00.

Pancake Breakfast/ Silent Auction- We did not have any donations this year?

Pancake Breakfast and Family Fun Run brought in \$455.00.

Silent Auction brought in \$1023.00 (not collected yet).

Total that was spent for food and prizes (gift certificates) \$1041.72 this does not include what Philip spent. He has not given me anything to let me know what he's bought for Swayzee Days Event.

Jeff Ogle accepted the position. I will call to get him into the office to do paperwork. He can start ASAP.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle Persinger- McPeak has a court date set for September 30th. Have the cars been cleaned up on the property?

See attached animal control ordinance that Town Lawyer Persinger wrote up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Josh Miller, Town Marshal, had a call and had to leave the meeting.

Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be October 21, 2024 at 7pm.



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer