

## SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2018

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 25, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President, Rich Gamble.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rich Gamble. Prayer was given by Matt Stewart.

### **Roll Call of Board Members Present:**

Dave Fox, Matt Stewart, Rich Gamble, Steve Kelley, Chuck Briede

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Steve Kelley and seconded by Matt Stewart to approve the minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting.

#### Roll Call:

Dave Fox- Aye  
Matt Stewart - Aye  
Rich Gamble – Aye  
Steve Kelley – Aye  
Chuck Briede - Aye

### **B. Bills**

A motion was made by Matt Stewart to approve the bills, and Steve Kelley seconded it.

#### Roll Call:

Dave Fox- Aye  
Matt Stewart - Aye  
Rich Gamble – Aye  
Steve Kelley – Aye  
Chuck Briede – Aye

### **C. Interviews for Clerk-Treasurer**

Present: June M. Brown, Jessica Moss, Hannah Webb and John Potter

Rich Gamble and Chuck Briede gave an overview of the job duties. A point was made that there are no set hours for the job, and some days or weeks are busier than others.

First one interviewed June Brown, a 20 year resident of Sweetser – June thought the job would be more part time and not sure if she would be able to put in much more than part time. June then went over her work history and how that could be a benefit to the town. June currently is a realtor with Nicholson Realty in Marion. Second one interviewed was Jessica Moss. She currently works at Sonshine Preschool so her hours available to work would be afternoons and evenings till school is out. Jessica has a cosmetology license, but has stayed home with her children till this past fall. Third one interviewed was John Potter, who was looking to complete the 2 years remaining. Not sure if he would run at the next election. John said he is a quick study, would mainly work evenings and weekends, and could free up some time in the day as needed. John also stated that did not need the job that he wanted to give back to the town. John currently is the treasurer / controller with Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service. Forth one interviewed was Hannah Webb. She works at Kohl's and said she would be able to work around her schedule to meet the needs of the job. Hannah has been a resident of Sweetser since May 2017.

The council then asked a few more general question of the candidates, before members started to state there pros and cons on who they preferred. A roll call was made from each council member to record their selection.

#### Roll Call:

Dave Fox- John Potter  
Matt Stewart – Jessica Moss  
Rich Gamble – Hannah Webb  
Steve Kelley – John Potter  
Chuck Briede – John Potter

John Potter was selected and accepted the position of Clerk Treasurer. Town attorney Kim Rogers, administered the oath of office to John Potter.

**C. Open Public Forum**

There were no comments from the public.

**D. Reports from:**

Devin Cole – maintenance manager reported he is getting estimates for ventilation improvements to the wwtp to stop the mold that had occurred the past two winters. Mitch Hansel with Fleis and Vandenbrink gave a brief overview of what he thought was happening at the plant. He will be getting estimates to us. Devin also has Tori Tripp come in to look at the problem. The recommendation by Triad to rerate the wwtp was discussed. Hansel and Tripp will also review and make their own possible recommendations. Devin was at a Fort Wayne meeting about the St. Rt. 18 sidewalk project that the town has applied for. The state is asking if any cities/towns are willing to pay up front the engineering cost. Devin said we would, this does not commit us at this time. The State will not award till spring 2018. Upfront engineering cost was estimated at \$53,000. Devin also stated we need a lift pump fixed and need to start buying back up pumps.

A motion was made by Matt Stewart and Dave Fox seconded it to buy one new pump at \$3439 +/- and repair another pump at \$2021 +/-.

Roll Call:

- Dave Fox- Aye
- Matt Stewart - Aye
- Rich Gamble – Aye
- Steve Kelley – Aye
- Chuck Briede – Aye

First departmental meeting went well with Devin. Dave Fox plan to continue meeting monthly at this time.

**E. Old Business**

The Town is still waiting for budget approval. Steve Kelley had got a quote of \$5390 to codify the town ordinances. Council tabled the matter.

**F. New Business**

Updates to Salaries on hold till we get budget approved.  
The Redevelopment Commission meeting set for Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.  
Storm Water Board meeting set for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.  
Chuck Briede reviewed end of year numbers for 2017. Chuck pointed out thatwaste water and the general accounts year end balances are low. Chuck stated that we need to start looking at sewer rate increases.

**Adjournment:**

A motion for adjournment was made by Rich and seconded by Chuck.

Roll Call:

- Dave Fox- Aye
- Matt Stewart - Aye
- Rich Gamble – Aye
- Steve Kelley – Aye
- Chuck Briede – Aye

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Briede

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