

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017

I. Call to Order/Roll Call of Board Members Present/Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede

Roll Call:

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

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

II. Review and Approval of Minutes/Review and Approval of Bills

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve and accept the minutes as written from the January 12, 2016 and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve and accept the bills as entered and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

III. Public Forum

Devin Cole (speaking as a resident) asked the board what ordinances the town has on semi-trucks parking in residential areas. (one is parked at 514 Nancy) Other discussion on RV's and un-plated vehicles also took place. Kim Rogers to look into what ordinance(s) town has and if updates need to be made.

IV. Department Report

Devin introduced Jerry Schroeder with Best Equipment. Jerry gave a demonstration on a camera for storm and sewer lines. Discussion was held and pricing options given to board members (\$71,000 price with 3-7 years payment plans). Storm Water Board will review options at its Feb. 9th meeting, with possible recommendation to council later that night

Devin reviewed the standing water in the Allen Dr. and Wes Way area. Devin and Ken, using the jet machine with the root cutter attachment, were able to clear the storm water line from tree roots. The water cleared within 24 hours.

Jim Frazell from Triad Associates told council he is not ready to present a solution to the condensation problem at the WWTP. Triad is still reviewing options. Jim noted that most WWTP are typically not covered, but that they have built other with covers and are not having this problem.

Discussion was held about Air Products possibly connecting onto Sweetser sewer system. (Air Products – formally EPCO –west end of CIC) Council heard a lot of information on pros and cons and steps the town should take to make sure the WWTP would not be adversely affected if Air Products were to become a customer. First order of business would be to get an agreement with Air Products for reimbursements for all costs in determining if the WWTP could handle their discharge. Also it's believed that Air Products leases from CIC and are in the City of Marion and on Marion's sewer system. Mitch Hansel with Fleis & Vandenbrink presented a scope of work and cost to exam Air Products request. Jim Frazell with Triad said they would bill by the hour.

Matt Stewart gave a police report. Ryan completed his annual training this week, Bill completed his earlier this year. New radios should be in soon. Matt still checking on the number of old radios the town has.

V. Continuing Business

Steve Kelley is finishing up trial work to get final grant money sent out. Work still needs to be done on the handicap parking and signs.

Chuck Briede stated the town is still waiting for budget approval. Tina said no Grant County budgets have been approved yet.

Matt Stewart asked about the properties for Habitat of Humanity. Kim is working with Tina Henderson on get an answer as soon as possible. Habitat is starting to plan now for a summer build.

VI. New Business

Kim Rogers presented to the council a Resolution to declare surplus town property, that no longer has value to the town.

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-1 declaring surplus town property. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox –Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble –Aye

Chuck Briede –Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Chuck Briede asked Devin if he could get the area behind town hall for recycle bins leveled out when the bins are in Swayzee.

Steve Kelley will be the town's representative to East Central Indiana Regional Planning District

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Tina J Cole

Clerk Treasurer Minutes written by Chuck Briede

Charles V. Brown

Paul P. Smith

Steve Kelley

Matthew C Stewart

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