

**Minutes of Sweetser Town Council  
November 19, 2020**

**Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, Kyle Taylor, Travis LeMaster, Clerk/Treasurer, Devin Cole, and Steve Kelley attended the meeting via ZOOM Video/Audio Conferencing, as permitted by the Indiana Governor's directive.**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Briede at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Kyle Taylor-Present  
Matt Stewart—Present  
Travis LeMaster—Present  
Dave Fox—Absent  
Chuck Briede-Present

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer offered by Matt Stewart

II. **Minutes**

Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Kyle Taylor-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye  
Dave Fox-Absent  
Chuck Briede-Aye

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the paying of the bills as written, subject to verifying the correct project attribution for the Fleis & Vandenbrink invoice referencing ditch design work for the 2017 Sidewalks and ADA Ramps Project. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye  
Dave Fox-Absent  
Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. **Public Forum**

- No comments

V. **Department Reports**

**Maintenance Dept.**—Superintendent Devin Cole was in attendance.

- Devin reported that the clutch is out on the leaf vac machine. Total to repair is approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000. In the meantime, we will need to find another way to finish providing the fall leaf pick-up service. Devin said they were almost finished and recommended hiring Sweetser Maintenance to finish the season.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve hiring Sweetser Maintenance to finish providing the fall leaf pick-up to the town. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye  
Dave Fox-Absent  
Chuck Briede-Aye

- Kyle reported the street sign at Washington and Broadway is missing. Chuck responded that it blew off and is at town hall awaiting reinstallation. He also reported that the street sign at Scott drive was missing. This was reported at the last meeting as well and new sign is being ordered.

**Police Department Dept.**—Marshal Ryan Hornback was not in attendance.

- No report

**Parks Department**—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve reported that a tree had fallen across the trail parking lot at 700 west and would need to be removed. Chuck said he would coordinate with Devin to do so.
- Steve said he would have the sign replacement order submitted this week. He said when we are ready to install the signs, we will need to get a compressor to pound the signposts into the ground.

**VI. Continuing Business**

- Chuck asked if the council was prepared to resume discussion of the draft ordinance regarding allowable vehicles and activities along the trail. Matter was tabled.
- Matt inquired if a decision had been reached about the dirt grading at the dog park. Chuck responded that the council had taken that up at the prior meeting and it was decided that Devin and his department will perform the work.
- Kyle asked if any action had been taken on the right-of-way issue at Jackson and Huber. Matt said the council had discussed the issue but had not taken any action, nor was any action anticipated, as it was decided that the town needs to keep it as a road, as opposed to a driveway, to maintain town access to the utilities.
- Chuck asked if the new house in that area was occupied as it was not yet receiving sewer bills. Devin said it was not yet occupied.

**VII. New Business**

- Matt said a concerned citizen has inquired if a stop sign can be installed at Davis and Osborne. A discussion ensued regarding the need to form a committee to review this and other requests for new signage, amending the existing ordinance, and enforcement of violations.
- Clerk reported family of Elizabeth Buroker is requesting a waiver of two late penalties due to issues with the bank forwarding her on-line bill payments to the incorrect address.

Chuck Briede made a motion to waive the late fees on the Elizabeth Buroker account. Kyle Taylor seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Travis said the house at 119 N. Delphi has overgrowth and is probably in violation of the nuisance ordinance. He said we need to check with Ryan to see if he has provided notice to the occupant before we take further action.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Potter

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