

# SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes November 29, 2018

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

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm on November 29, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Rich Gamble.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Aye  
Chuck Briede – Aye  
Rich Gamble – Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye

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

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

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting as written. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Aye  
Chuck Briede-Aye  
Rich Gamble-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye

Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the bills as written. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Aye  
Chuck Briede-Aye  
Rich Gamble-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye

### III. Open Public Forum

- No comments

### IV. Department Reports

- Police Department
  - No report.
- Waste Water plant and town maintenance
  - Hochstedlers installed a new furnace in town hall; the air conditioner is on site but has not been installed. To date, the town has not received an invoice for the new units.
  - The town owned and operated leaf vac is not working. Among the issues are a bad radiator and clutch. The initial estimate to repair is approximately \$8,000. Pending a decision on repairs, the town has hired Sweetser Lawn Care to fulfill the town leaf pickup for this fall. For next season, the Town will investigate total cost to repair, cost to replace, cost of contracting for the work, the possibility and cost of leasing equipment, and the practicality of amending the town ordinance to permit citizens to burn leaves.
  - Dave reported that Devin indicated the burial of the water lines at the treatment plant is nearing completion.
  - Dave said that the town Christmas lights install is scheduled for November 30, weather permitting. He said the telephone company planned to help with the install.

### V. Continuing Business

- Mitch of Fleis & Vandenbrink reported that Keith Sullivan Excavating had submitted a revised bid contract for the Main Street Paving and Eagle Estates Drainage Project which allows for increases in patching and compacted aggregates.
- Chuck related that a citizen asked if the drainage project would adversely affect the level of the pond by draining too much away. Mitch responded and explained that the design of the project should not drain the pond below a desirable level.
- Mitch reported that the mileage certification letter and other materials were ready to be submitted to INDOT so that all of the town's roads and streets would be included in the INDOT database.
- Matt said he noticed that work had not yet begun on the Ignite Fuel excess discharge remediation.
- Matt asked if we had a resolution of the excess flags. Dave responded not yet and to the best of his knowledge the plan is still to return the excess flags.
- Parks president Steve Kelley asked when the dead tree on main would be replaced and Dave said the decision has been made to replace it in the spring.

VI. Continuing Business

- Chuck reported that the 2019 budget had been certified.
- Clerk passed on waiver of late wastewater payment penalties requests from the family of Virginia Thompson and Colonial Crest Apartments. Mrs. Thompson passed away this fall and her post office box was closed prematurely by the post office. The wastewater bill to Colonial Crest was returned as undeliverable by the post office but the billing address for Colonial Crest has not changed.

Rich Gamble made a motion to waive the late fee imposed on the Virginia Thompson account. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
 Matt Stewart-Aye  
 Chuck Briede-Aye  
 Rich Gamble-Aye  
 Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to waive the late fee imposed on the Colonial Crest account. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
 Matt Stewart-Aye  
 Chuck Briede-Aye  
 Rich Gamble-Aye  
 Travis LeMaster-Aye

Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is December 13, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:  
 John Potter / Clerk Treasurer

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