

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 19, 2015, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Travis LeMaster.

II. Roll Call of Board Members Present:

Rich Gamble, Chuck Drain (Absent) Chuck Briede , Travis LeMaster, Steve Kelley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Travis LeMaster. Prayer was given by Rich Gamble.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015, Regular Meeting. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Aye
Chuck Draine - Absent
Chuck Briede – Aye
Travis LeMaster – Aye
Steve Kelley – Aye

IV. Review and Approval of Bills

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the bills. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Chuck Draine - Absent
Chuck Briede – Aye
Travis LeMaster – Aye
Steve Kelley – Aye

V. Open Forum

Craig White ,609 Maple Street, Sweetser,IN ., spoke on concerns about the 2nd manufactured home coming in to Eagle Estates. His concern about this type of housing being allowed in Eagle Estates and how it could possibly degrade the value of houses and properties in this subdivision. Travis LeMaster stated the board has no authority on zoning issues and permits. The Grant County Area Plan Commission approves all these types of permits. A suggestion was made to Mr. White that he contact the developer of Eagle Estates , Mr . Scott Winger about his concerns over this issue.

Jami Briede (deputy clerk) ask the board if they could send a letter to a Sweetser resident who has repeatedly been coming to Town Hall and verbally abusing her and Eileen LeMaster (town clerk)over the need of a 2nd trash bin. Jami and Eileen has sent four emails to Republic services requesting a 2nd trash bin for this resident. It was decided that Eileen would contact Republic Services about the 2nd trash bin and possibly have it delivered to town hall for this resident. The board stated they would draft a letter to the resident asking him to stop the intimidation and abusing comments .

VI. Department Reports

Town Maintenance Manager, Devin Cole stated the final leaf pick up will be on Tuesday, December 1st at 12noon. He also said that the town's Christmas decorations will go up the week of December 1st.

Devin said they've had a few repairs on the leaf-vac truck and after the 1st of the year repairs will be needed on the radiator, it has started leaking again. They plan on repairing the radiator themselves in order to save the town money. Everything is going well at the treatment plant.

Triade sent Zakrich up to fix some minor repairs at the treatment plant. A tree that has died is also being replaced with a 9 foot tree.

Devin had quotes on Fire Extinguishers from Thompson Fire & Safety and Koorsen. Koorsen came in with a better price, 11 fire extinguishers for the price of 6 at a price of \$579.00. A motion was made by Steve Kelley that we order and purchase the fire extinguishers from Koorsen and Rich Gamble 2nd the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Drain-absent

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Devin said the town hall bathroom needs a new ceiling exhaust fan and new light fixture ,this will be upgraded soon.

He also asks the town council to hold back some money this year for a new and needed welder. He quotes from Indiana Oxygen and Big R, he was trying to keep it around \$1000.00. A quote from Indiana Oxygen came in at \$1367.72 and the quote from Big R was \$1473.53. The quote from Indiana Oxygen came with a \$400 rebate if purchased by December 31,2015. The board decided that it was better to go with Indiana Oxygen over the welder due to the \$400 rebate plus Indiana Oxygen can service the welder if any problems arise where as Big R does not service them. The board will look at the budget to see if this can be purchased by the end of the year. Steve Kelley asked if Indiana Oxygen would do some training or a demo on the welder, Devin said he would certainly check that out.

VII. Other Business

Switch Trail- Steve Kelley received 3 quotes on the trail extension to Mier. These quotes were for clearing earth work, drainage, compaction ,stone and delivery. The quotes came from CCI, Sullivan and Byron Cook.

CCI quote for clearing ,grubbing,earthwork and drainage was 65,800. The stone, trucking and compaction was \$52,500.

Sullivan Excavating quote for clearing,grubbing,earthwork and drainage was \$312,500. The stone, trucking and compaction quote was \$39,800.00

Byron Cook quote for clearing,grubbing,earthwork and drainage was \$38,500.00. The stone, trucking and compaction was \$36,625.00.

Steve Kelley indicated we should go with Byron Cook as he's local and has done other work for the town and he knows what to do.

A motion was made by Steve Kelley to accept Byron Cook's bid and this was 2nd by Chuck Briede. Steve Kelley indicated this money was coming from a \$245,000 grant and not from tax payer money.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Drain- Absent

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Steve Kelley –Aye

Steve Kelley got a quote for a 36" steel door to replace the outside back door of town hall, however this type of door would not fit the original frame. He said it would be best to purchase a regular house steel door to replace the back door at a cost of \$168.00 plus the key pad lock of \$99.00. The board decided to take the original back door and switch it to the back entrance door of the town hall meeting room. A dollar limit of \$500 was put in place for this project.

A motion was made from Chuck Briede to purchase the door and a 2nd motion was made by Rich Gamble.

Roll Call

Rich Gamble – Aye
Chuck Drain – Absent
Chuck Briede – Aye
Travis LeMaster – Aye
Steve Kelley – Aye

Travis LeMaster said Triad submitted a proposal regarding the Infiltration and Inflow issues. Discussion was we could try to and figure this out on our own because we have already done some of this work ourselves. Devin suggested we take the amount of these the two bids we received and get quotes on renting a camera, so he can go around and video where were having infiltration issues. Devin said he will get some quotes for the board.

Kim Rogers said the hearings on street signs, parking and emergency snow route ordinances and blight elimination will be heard and published at the December 10th meeting.

b. New Business

Pam Price from East Central Indiana Planning District is trying to arrange a Town Meeting to get suggestions on what the town would like to see in the future, such as events, new businesses etc...

Steve Kelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tina J Cole, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer






