

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 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 7:00pm on November 9, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

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

## **II. Review and Approval of Minutes / Review and Approval of Bill**

A correction was made to the minutes per the request of Steve Kelley, the Clerk Treasurer made that correction prior to printing the minutes.

Dave Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Matt Stewart made a motion to accept the bills as written and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

## **III. Open Public Forum**

Joyce Abdon that resides at 110 E Sherron questioned parking in front of her home due to the new snow emergency signs that were recently installed from the town's new Sign project with the state. Dave Fox told her that where she parks should not present a problem when the guys plow the streets.

She questioned about all the new informational signs going up. Chuck Briede explained the grant the town received to upgrade all the town's informational street signs. The cost to the town was ten percent of the project.

## **IV. Department Reports**

Devin introduced an insurance Waiver Form to the board asking for their consideration. He explained that he and Teresa Cole (his wife) work separate hours and if he would have an emergency with his daughter Karsyn that he had to go pick her up suddenly and take her to the ER or doctor he would have to go home get his vehicle before going to the emergency due to having no riders in the town truck. He also explained to the board that when he has to take Karsyn to school, he has to take her in his personal vehicle and then return home to get his work truck, this delays him in starting his work day early. He passes Karsyn's school every morning going to work. This waiver would release the town from any liability if something were to happen to Karsyn in the town's work truck that Devin drives.

The town's insurance company IMG supplied the copy of a waiver that has been used by other companies.

Dave and Chuck didn't see any problems with it.

Devin would like to see a purchase by the end of the year, he's asking for a car lift. Devin said that Toby Middlesworth recently purchased one, the cost is approximately \$2800, and apparently easy to install. Chuck has spoken with Devin about this and said it hasn't been off his radar. This would save on maintenance for the mowers, work trucks, police cars etc... this would allow the maintenance to be done by the guys on these items, such as changing oil, tires etc....

Dave Fox asked Devin to get some quotes for it.

Devin said the issue over the locks at the treatment plant came around again in a email. Devin said he's not sure what the issue is over the locks. He said the Police Dept., has a lock on their door, as does the Clerk Treasurer and he feels it his responsibility to keep the treatment plant protected. Dave Fox said he thinks that each board member should have the combination to the locks at treatment plant with the exception of Devin's office.

The sign project should be completed by Friday, couple of signs were doubled up. Mitch from Fleis and Vandenbrink will see if the state will give some type of credit on the extra's.

Mitch Hansel from Fleis and Vandenbrink asked the board to consider signing a commitment letter with Fleis and Vandenbrink for Federal Funds Application for State Road 18 Sidewalk.

The town board is hoping to receive a 80/20 grant to install a sidewalk from Sweetser Elementary School to Allen Drive and from the corner of State Road 18 West up to Peterson drive on the west side of the street. This project estimate cost is \$314,300, the cost to the town would be twenty percent which is \$62,860.

There was much discussion over this, as the town also has the 5 year street project that they want to see accomplished. Matt Stewart asked Mitch about this program covering storm drains as well, Mitch thought we could tie that in with the Street projects in the future / Matt thought if we accept this we might have to delay one of the street projects, it just depends on the town's finances.

The board said with the new MVH funds coming in from the new gas tax will help but the board is just unsure how much MVH Funds we will be receiving.

Chuck Briede made a motion to submit the proposal for the Federal Funds Application for State Road 18 Sidewalk and ADA ramps. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Richard Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede -Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Chuck asked Devin if he heard anything from Triad and Devin responded with a no. He did say Jim Sopher was up and dropped off some more drawings, just repeats of what they already have. Devin asked for the electrical runs to be on the maps as well.

Matt said he had reports on the work and cases from Marshall Bill.

#### V. New Business

Chuck explained about the information from Insurance Management, the state is now requiring that towns insure their Reserve Officers. The clerk handed out the breakdown and cost of this insurance. Chuck was wondering how often we use the reserve officers and if it warrants this coverage. Matt indicated he would discuss with Marshall Bill.

The Workman's Compensation Insurance is renewing this December 2017, the annually yearly fee is \$6711.00.

Chuck Briede mentioned to everyone about watching the Internal Controls Webinar and that a lot of what they discuss we already doing or have in place.

Chuck asked Devin to check the bulbs in the Decorative Lamps and replace any if needed.

Matt Stewart asked about the applicants for the open position, Devin stated that him, Dennis and Steve interviewed him , a background check was done and he should be starting on Monday, November 13. His name is Dustin Grover.

Devin said the Gellor's has called a few times about the stormwater project behind their home. Devin said they were waiting for the crops to be out of the Middlesworth farm ground be resuming the project. Devin told the Gellor's that the project will be finished but he cannot give them a definite date as to when. The Gellors were thinking the issue they've had with their pool the past couple of years was due to the stormwater /ditch behind their house. There is another house in same area that has a pool as well but they've never complained of any issues with it.

Chuck told Devin to use the bales of straw at town hall for any seeding or grading they need to do.

Chuck asked Area Plan if Erika Knight had filed any paperwok on her residence and as the present she has not filed any paperwork.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Meeting minutes taken by

Tina Cole, Clerk/Treasurer

Chuck D. Boyd  
Paul P. Smith

Matthew C Stewart  
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