

**SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 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 7:00 p.m. on February 9, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Ayr  
Chuck Briede-Aye  
Steve Kelley-Aye  
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 Bills**

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the meeting and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the bills as entered and Dave Fox seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

**III. Public Forum**

No one came forward.

**IV. Requested Time**

Terry Knox from Durham Engineering introduced himself and his Engineering firm, he's from Anderson Indiana. His company has done work on Roadway designs etc..He's interested in bidding on our Sidewalk improvement project.

Tori Tripp was another guest that wanted to introduce herself and her engineering firm. She explained her expertise and what type of projects she has worked on in the last 20 years. Her business and home is in Converse.

Mitch Hansel was also present, he had to get signatures on a contract plus he updated the board on the sign project as well as the sidewalk project. He also discussed the EPCO contract with the board.

**V. Departments**

Devin spoke on some issues still at the Waste Water Treatment plant, he asked the board members to consider holding Triad responsible for these issues. He indicated one of the issues was the water pressure at the head screen is only 22 pounds of pressure and not the 60 pounds of pressure that is should be. He said the air quality in the building is poor, he said he has no maps of anything on the treatment plant. He feels when the inspection of the plant was done that the Inspector failed Triad and

Triad failed the town. Chuck Briede asked Dave Fox and Steve Kelley to schedule a meeting with Triad and try to get things resolved.

Marshall Bill introduced the new reserve Charles Cable , he was a former police officer in Wabash, he lives in LaFontaine. He was sworn in by the town attorney Kim Rogers.

#### VI. Continuing Business

Mary Wheeler – Director of Habitat for Humanity was present. Kim Rogers drafted an Ordinance transferring the two (2) parcels of land from the BEP 209 Grant to Habitat for Humanity . Kim Rogers told the board they would need to have a closing on the properties via a closing company. Harold Smuck from Habitat indicated they have 6 churches on board to build one of the houses in July of this year, they hope to have it completed in 5 to 7 days.

Chuck Briede made a motion to pass on first reading Ordinance 2017-1 Transferring the two parcels of Real Estate from the BEP 2909 Grant to Habitat for Humanity, Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart made a motion for the clerk treasurer to release the Liens on the Volland and Shane properties and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

The town board was able to see a demo of the camera at the last town board meeting, this camera will be used to locate infiltration and broken down stormwater tiles in town. The Storm water board had a meeting and decided to have the town purchase the camera from Best Equipment for \$71,000.00 , it will be a seven year lease with the first year deferred.

Matt Stewart was a bit concerned with the salesman gave a shelf life of 12 years on the camera and the town would be paying on for eight years.

Dave Fox made a motion to purchase the Standard Rover X Truck System Camera from Best Equipment Co., Inc. for \$71,000.00 and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Air Products-EPCO/CIE - The board had a discussion about Air Products wanting to hook-up to Sweetser for waste water treatment . Chuck Briede stated he drafted a letter to Air Products stating the town's position . The board will wait for a response from Air Products before proceeding with anything else on this situation.

It was advised that Byron Cook wants to donate a section of land out by 800W to the town, the board decided to table that for a later date.

Steve Kelley said they he received the signs for the trail and that the final grant money from the state would be coming in soon.

VII. New Business

Rich Gamble will be out of town from Feb. 13 to March 1<sup>st</sup> and will not be at the next town council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Tina J Cole

Clerk Treasurer

Charles V. Brien  
Steve Kelley

Matthew C Stewart  
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