

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2016

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 25, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Briede. Prayer was given by Rich Gamble.

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

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 11, 2016, Regular Meeting. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the bills as written and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

III. Appointments:

Sweetser Redevelopment Board: Chuck Briede appointed Matt Stewart to the Redevelopment Board and Dave Fox will be appointed once Travis LeMaster resigns from the Redevelopment Board. The Redevelopment commission held a meeting prior to this board meeting.

IV. Special Recognition – Kelly Moses was not able to attend so this has been tabled for later.

V. Open Public Forum - Ron Achor was present and just wanted to share how he really appreciated the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department that came to his and Joanie's aid when a drunk driver ran a car into the home on Sunday morning at 6am.

VI. Department Report.:

Devin Cole indicated the Heat Trace on the pipe at sewage plant was almost done. He indicated he was getting quotes for the SRF loan on the polymer, polymer pump, sludge pump bags and focculator that the town was billed for by Blue River Technologies. This is in order for the Blue River Technologies

invoice to possibly be paid through the SRF loan. Devin is planning on calling IDEM to have them come up so they can possibly help him solve his dilemma on why he's over a ½ point on his phosphorus, once he gets that dialed in we'll be fine, except for the infiltration that is still happening. Devin provided a list of items for surplus such as lift pumps, golf cart wheels, lawn blower etc...that the town cannot use anymore. The town has computer monitors, computer towers etc..to also surplus, these items will be added to this list. Kim Rogers indicated a resolution needs to be done for this surplus list.

Devin presented the town board with quotes on a new Sewer Video Camera System, he said we could lease the cameras. One company Insight/Vision has a base line camera starting at \$32,000, leasing this camera for twelve months was \$2800 a month, a thirty-six month lease was \$1000 a month. The least expensive camera he found was \$21,900. Rich Gamble questioned if some of our surrounding towns might be interested in renting it out, Devin thought they probably would and suggested some of the area farmers might be interested in renting it too. InviroSite is another company that carries these cameras, Devin is working with them to come up and do a demonstration, leasing is an option with them as well.

Marshall Bill Freet mentioned someone come in for the Deputy Reserve application. He also would like to get the ordinance on pets updated and changed. Bill had spoken with John Lawson and found that the county has no number to the amount of pets a homeowner can have. He believes we need to tweak the number of dogs and cats a household is allowed in Sweetser. He believes no more than four (dogs or cats) per household. He wanted the board members to be aware that the front windows of town hall leak pretty bad when it rains, he suggested some caulking work needs done to help alleviate this problem.

VII. Continuing Business

Steve Kelley talked with Norris Insurance over the Surety Bonds for the Redevelopment Commission, they will be sending one bill for all the bonds. He also asked Kim Rogers about the Sidewalk ordinance, Kim indicated he was still working on this. Kim is also still working on the Shane & Volland properties.

Steve Kelley mentioned that all the necessary paperwork was done on the Borrow Pit (for the pond) and he's just waiting to hear back from INDOT.

VIII. New Business.

Chuck Briede shared that the town received the bill from the State Board of Accounts on the Audit that was done this past summer. The town was audited for the years 2011,2012 and 2013, the bill was for \$7915.00. The town board decided they would email the SBOA over the amount of this invoice for the audit. The town board compared this invoice over the past couple of audits that was invoiced in the \$2000 range.

Rich Gamble made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, all was in favor and meeting adjourned.

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







