

**SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 28, 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 July 28, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Matt Stewart-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**

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the July 14, 2016 meeting and Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Absent

Travis LeMaster -Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Steve Kelley – Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the bills and entered and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble –Absent

Travis LeMaster - Aye

Chuck Briede –Aye

Steve Kelley – Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

**III. Open Public Forum**

Bonnie Hicks asked if she was trespassing if she walked on the alleyways.

Mitch Hansel from Fleis and Vandenbrink spoke on our 5 year plan with the street projects. He indicated the state changed to allow resurfacing of streets with in the Grant Program that the town has applied for. The town's portion for this grant needs to be placed into the Rainy Day Fund. The town received \$12,000 this spring from the state plus money will need to be transferred from the town's Local Roads and Streets fund into the Rainy Day Fund. The top priority streets/roads are Mary Lou, Washington, Miller and Davis street. The grants are to be awarded by the end of August.

Travis LeMaster made a motion and was seconded by Matt Stewart to sign a commitment letter to LTAP showing support for the pavement grant.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Steve Kelley-Absent

Mitch and Devin applied for a Railroad Crossing Grant for \$1500.00 to be covered at one hundred percent that would cover warning signage and pavement markings. Mitch also mentioned that we should hear by October 2<sup>nd</sup>,2016 for our 80/20 grant application for the Main Street sidewalk project.

#### IV. Department Reports

Devin reported that a valve was left open at the sewer plant. Clean up was completed and IDEM was notified. He said they plan to install the wood fence posts next week on the new section of the trail. The town will address the sink hole at the Kreitzer property on Eagle Drive once the Storm water fees are established. Travis LeMaster asked Devin if they will be painting street lines on Main Street, Devin said he doesn't have the paint yet but will look in to this.

#### V. Continuing Business.

Demolition is set for 9:00am on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> for the Voland property located on Broadway, and then the Shane property located on Meridian sometime that week. Habitat for Humanity anticipates building on those properties in the Spring of 2017. Letters have been sent to all the surrounding neighbors notifying them of the demolition start date.

Budget Update- Chuck and Matt met last week to start the budget process. Next budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm. Chuck will put a notice out to all who can make it.

Insurance Update- Chuck met with Scott Reeder with Insurance Management Group to get a quote for the town's insurance to compare our current coverage.

Storm water Board- Travis LeMaster introduced a stormwater ordinance that will establish fees so that the town can repair and maintain the stormwater system. Rates that would be charged to residential is \$5.00 a month and \$15 or \$30 for non residential. Travis Lemaster made a motion to introduce on first reading Ordinance 2016-2 for the establishment of stormwater utility and fees and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Rich Gamble-Absent

The board set a tentative public hearing for stormwater fee ordinance to be held on August 25, 2016.

Chuck mentioned the Park Board will financially support up to \$1000 for putting on the Pumpkin Walk, which will be held Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Wesleyan church will help with the support of this event, a meeting will be held on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wesleyan church to start discussing plans for the Pumpkin Walk.

Matt Stewart questioned where the town board stood on the Title IV implementation. Members discussed and Travis will get appropriate information updated to the town's website. Travis sent an email to Kim Rogers but has had no response from him, he's currently out of town.

Update on the new Dog Kennel on 300West. Mt Olive Church's sewer line from the church to the lift station is private. Devin will check cost of the pipe to run from the kennel to the lift station, with the possibility of the Sweetser Phone company helping install it.

#### VI. New Business

No new business to report.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Travis LeMaster seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Tina J Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer.

Charles V. Bruce  
Tina LeMaster

Paul P. S. B.  
Matthew C. Stewart

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