

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 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 March 10, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Chuck Draine-Absent
Travis LeMaster-Aye
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

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 25, 2016, Regular Meeting. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

The board questioned the clerk (Tina Cole) about the PILOT voucher amount of 4643.72 that was written in error, this amount was actually the Feb.2016 trash fees collected for March. Tina realized her error and issued a correct voucher for the Trash fees. The board asked the clerk to find the Resolution on the PILOT money for the next meeting.

Travis LeMaster 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 - Aye
Chuck Briede –Aye
Steve Kelley – Aye

III.

Travis LeMaster handed in his resignation on the Sweetser Redevelopment Commission Board, David Fox will be appointed to the Sweetser Redevelopment Commission Board.

IV. Open Public Forum

Mitch Hansel from Fleis and Vandenbrink indicated street resurfacing is now a item with INDOT, the town did an assessment management plan, the town did the paper study last year with all the assets categorized to where they're on the relations curve, Mitch will figure out how to get this asset management approved. The big issue is no streets in Sweetser are approved for this resurfacing, the lowest classification for funds is a major collector, and right now they say Main Street Sweetser is a minor collector. He indicated what they could do is try to upgrade Main Street in Sweetser as a major collector since it's the main street in the Town of Sweetser. Since we generate more traffic with the school, town hall etc... We would only be able to resurface main street if we can upgrade the classification. The additional thing that happens, we could have all the ADA ramps get upgraded to the ADA standards. Matching grant is 80/20. We could prioritize the items like the trail, upgrading existing sidewalks, put in new sidewalks. We have the opportunity to submit several items and see

which ones they would approve. We must submit this by May 16 there could be a little cost of approximately \$2000 to try and upgrade Main Street in Sweetser. It normally is a 6 week process, that entails letter from the council, redevelopment board, residents etc.. to get approved by the INDOT council. If we apply now INDOT would let us know by June or July, then the engineer would be decided maybe by December. There was discussion the project would cost approximately \$300,000 with the resurfacing, ramps etc... We would have until 2020 to save up for our cost of this project.

Mitch said he would get a proposal together of what the town wants to do in applying for this grant, like the trail, new sidewalks etc..... Mitch said they (INDOT) kinda likes to see projects in the minimum of \$300,000 upto 1 million range for these grants.

Discussion was held about new sidewalks in front of the school, and possible from the resident addition on the north side of 18 for it to go behind the school so those residents don't have to access Highway 18 to walk or ride bikes over to the trail.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to authorize Mitch Hansel of Fleis /Vandenbrink to get Main Street in Sweetser reclassified as a major collector. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble-Aye

LeMaster-Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

July 2017 is when we will open bids on the Street Signs for Sweetser.

V. Department Reports

Guys are coming to insulate the water line this week, Dennis and Ken will be doing some filling of holes and crack sealing.

There was discussion about the 11 month walk through on the W/W Treatment plant as we are nearing it's 1 year anniversary. There was just some minor repairs that need attention, re- configured the screen, nail pops in the drywall, some blower issues that need attention, the garage door openers that seem to sticking when trying to open the garage doors. One other issue is the Northside corner on 400 & 18 of standing water, possibly a broken field tile on the farmers property at this location. Not sure what we can do about this as it's not the Town's fault, maybe this will have to be re-routed by the farmer where he could possibly tie in to the pond or CIE.

Travis asked how the plant is doing when it rains Devin indicated that last week we had a little less than a half inch of rain, and the plant pumped out over 350,000 gallons just that day. Devin indicated we have a big hole somewhere he says some days it's on and then off. Devin said at the last town council meeting that Camera's was discussed he has two different companies coming in to do a demonstration with the camera's, they will be starting at the Case list stations with this camera demonstration, then the next crew will come in for the demonstration and he will take them to a different location for the demo.

Chuck Briede said we need to adopt a resolution for Chuck Briede (President of the Council) to be an authorized representative and signer for the SRF Loan.

Travis LeMaster made the motion to adopt and approve Resolution 2016-2, naming Chuck Briede as the authorized representative and signer for the SRF Loan. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble-Aye

LeMaster-Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

Other business out at the Treatment plant was what to do with the left over monies in the SRF Loan, basically we have \$21,725.00 left in the account. The watering system bill with Blue River Technologies has not officially been submitted yet, this bill is for \$15,905.00. Out there we have a little grinder pump station, and with this new technology and pump system it is not working properly, we need to increase the pump grinder size which is \$3233.00. Then there is an engineering service fee of \$2588.00 to do some work on the pipe and screening area, this would take up all of the monies in the SRF Fund.

Travis thought the Blue River Technologies bill was sent in to be paid, but Chuck Briede indicated he thought so too but there was a discrepancy over the bill with the Bacon/Wages not being billed correctly. Jim Frizzell will talk with Blue River Technologies and report back to Chuck Briede or Steve Kelley, we should know more at the next meeting.

There was some discussion about StormWater, fees the board decided they may need to have a stormwater board meeting sooner than the scheduled date. Jim Frizzell had a good idea is to charge residents a \$5.00 monthly fee, restaurants, businesses etc..\$15.00 and the schools \$30.00.

VI . Continuing Business

The town has had some emails back and forth with the State Board of Accounts Audit on the audit that was conducted this past summer for the years 2011,2012, and 2013. Linda Baker of (SBOA) submitted the Town's invoice to someone else for review as the Town believes the amount of the invoice is out of line with the previous audit that have been done. The auditor was here for 13 days but they were in and out a lot of the times, going to Swayzee and Marion where they were conducting other audits. The board feels they were not here a full 8 hours per day for 13 days.

Kim Roger revised the title on the Residential Sidewalk 50/50 program Ordinance 2013-2 that ties everything together plus he cleaned up some wording and took some of the wording out. He cleaned up it by using the word applicants instead of using homeowner.

Steve Kelley made a motion to accept the revised Residential 50/50 Sidewalk program , and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble-Aye

LeMaster-Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

Kim Rogers also brought a draft of a resolution determining certain properties of surplus owned by the town and should be sold. The items of surplus provided by the Town Maintenance Manager (Devin) could be sold at auction, run an ad in the paper etc..

Travis LeMaster made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-3 Sweetser Determining Certain Property to be Surplus. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble-Aye

LeMaster-Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

Kim stated he talked with Chuck Briede about the 4 lots in Eagle Estates, that the surveyor took care of the 4 lots and lot 22, so this survey work is all done and the signatories are completed.

VI. Old Business

Steve Kelley indicated that Kelly Moses wasn't able to attend this meeting, so Steve Kelley gave her a couple of the our new Bicentennial T-shirts she designed along with one of the hats and a golden spike.

VII. New Business

Steve Kelley said the luncheon that him and Travis went to sponsored by the Greenways Foundation, he was asking to spend \$25.00 for a standard membership to the Greenway Foundation .

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the \$25.00 standard membership in the Greenways Foundation, Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble-Aye

LeMaster-Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

Rich Gamble brought up the invitation from the Converse Town Hall about the Informal Networking meeting on March 28th. Steve Kelley indicated he was going, Rich wants to try and go but will have to see if he can get there by 6pm. The board members will all try to be there and will RSVP on their own.

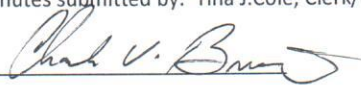



Steve Kelley will be attending the pre-sentencing hearing of Jeffrey Hayes that will plead guilty on March 18th for stealing the town's skid steer, the restitution hearing will be held at this same time. The town will find out at this time how much they will receive in restitution, it will be what the insurance company didn't reimburse the town for.

Chuck Briede had Kim Rogers and the board members review a letter he wrote to Chuck Draine asking for his resignation from the Town Council Board. It was discussed to email it to him and also mail it to him at his home address, priority mail and with return receipt requested.

Next Meeting will be on March 24th, 2016 at Suite Living starting at 6pm, followed by a Visioning Session presented by East Central Indiana Regional Planning District.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, everyone was in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

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

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