

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
March 23,2017

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 March 23, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Absent
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

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 09, 2017 town board meeting and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

The board asked the clerk treasurer to correct one claim voucher that was made out to Oakes Welding & Repair, it should have been made out to Norris Insurance. Clerk Treasurer made the note to correct this error prior to issuing checks. Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the bills as written with this one minor correction and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

III. Open Forum

No one came forward.

IV. Department Reports

Devin got the camera the town purchase from Best Equipment. The guys used it to test an area on Sherron and Osborn, Devin presented a report that explained what they found in just that area. One of the plans is to use this camera to number every residents tap. Chuck Briede indicated at the next Storm water Board meeting he wants to discuss what areas they want to target first. Devin commented about the store coming into Sweetser on St.Rd. 18 has no place for it to dump stormwater, no culverts on St.Rd. 18 or Osborn. Devin said the closest line is on Sherron Street that they could tie in to. Devin was going to meet with Byron Cook on Friday to discuss this situation. Devin couldn't find a tap for Subway or the building adjacent that belongs to Trevin Butler, he wants to drop the camera in there as he thinks Subway is running on the Parsonage's tap. Chuck says it needs to be researched.

Devin approached the board about purchasing a Bridge at the cost of \$400, this is a tool to elevate the camera in certain man holes.

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bridge that will help elevate the Camera and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Marshall Bill was not present for the meeting and his liaison Matt Stewart had nothing to report.

Continuing Business:

Jim Sopher was present for Triad & Associates, he indicated that Jim Frazel would like to come in and treat the trusses with a special material, take out the insulation off the roof to see if this would take care of the moisture problem. If that doesn't work they would put the insulation back in and would have to create an attic. Jim Soper said there isn't enough lights in the sewage plant and more would need to be installed. Steve Kelley asked Jim Soper when Jim Frazel would need an answer to this suggestion. Steve Kelley called a friend Dennis Zappone with EECS that resides in Swayzee to discuss this situation that is going on in the sewage plant, he indicated this guy takes care of all the military bases all over the world as he's a very smart engineer. He gave Steve some suggestions, one would be to put up a moisture meter. Steve thinks we need a second opinion from someone outside over this moisture problem.

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve Phase One of the work that Triad & Associates wants to do in the sewage plant and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

They agreed to get a second opinion from Steve's guy. The flood area was on the original punch list but was not on the second punch list.

Devin wants to get all the stormwater off of the plant, he would like to secure the down spouts & drop a small catch basin to drain water to the pond. He will talk to Cates about the tile. Jim Soper spoke up and said that could cause a change in the permit, Devin will call the permit rider.

Kim Rogers said he spoke with Don Wimmer but he has not received any paperwork yet from Grant County Abstract on the Land at 800W. Grant County Abstract is trying to find a record out on the Lift Station (Fenstermaker) easement.

He indicated that Mary Wheeler has copies of the survey's on the BEP 209 Blight properties, he said that Habitat is willing to pay half of the surveys and that Insured Closing company will do the closings on these properties.

Habitat wants to move a shed on to one of the properties the week of Spring Break, and they would like to take some trees down. Stakes are in the ground where the taps are on the properties. Matt Stewart is signing people up for the Blitz Build, he indicated they're needing some team leaders. They are trying to raise 60,000 from all the churches involved.

Steve Kelley had pictures of mile markers for the trail, he said All Things Custom matched the price of their competitor. He said All Things Custom was coming up with new design for the signs at the beginning and end of the Sweetser Switch Trail.

Steve Kelley said he has not received any quotes on the Solar Project yet.

Chuck Briede said at the last park board meeting they approved to take \$5000 from the Park Board Fund to put towards the line of credit on the Sweetser Switch Trail project. Chuck Briede made a motion to spend \$5000 from the Park & Recreation Fund to the Line of Credit on the Sweetser Switch Trail project and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Rich Gamble-Absent
Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Steve Kelley has been in contact with Grant County Tourism, they have sent aside \$5000 but they possibly might be able to get another \$5000.

Mitch Hansel came to discuss the Community Crossing Grant that passed the house and was in the Senate for tweeking, he indicated the town could get half million worth of paving for \$100,000.00. He would like to identify the roads that need fixing.

Steve Kelley said he spoke with Mike Pretorius from Grant County State Bank to see if the line of credit the town has could be bumped up to \$200,000 at 3.875 interest rate in the first year. The board had discussions on how to repay it, it was also stated that drainage improvements can be included as well in the grant.

Mitch Hansel's fee would be \$19,120.00 and is not reimburseable out of the 80/20 but could possibly be taken from the line of credit. Chuck Briede would like to do some research to make sure the town can pay for this program.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm, all was in favor.

Minutes by:

Tina Cole

Clerk Treasurer

Chuck V. Briede

Richard P. Briede

Steve Kelley

R.D. Briede
