

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**June 22, 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 June 22, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

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 the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 town council meeting and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Dave Fox made a motion to accept the bills as written and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

### **III. Open Forum**

Rebecca Nelson whom resides on Jackson Street introduced herself and indicated to the town board that she applied for the crossing guard position that needs filled. Marshall Bill was to introduce her this evening but he was called out on a runaway child case. Marshall Bill hired Rebecca to be the new crossing guard. She will start at the beginning of the school season.

The town board was pleased that Rebecca accepted the position.

The town received bids for the Community Crossing Grant street project with the state and INDOT.

There was three bids, Brooks Construction total bid was \$132,159.15, E&B Paving total bid was \$130,833.00 and Gaunt & Son total bid was \$127,830.00. The town board wants to follow their five year plan on the streets and they want to stick to the same amount each year which is not to exceed \$100,000.00. The grant is 75/25, the towns portion is 25% of the total cost.

We need to wait for approval from INDOT to see the town will be awarded the grant, we should have notice on this around the end of August. The town needed to get the bids to see how much of the grant we will received.

The town council needs to decide what amount they want Mitch and Devin to submit on the application to INDOT. The town board discussed what roads we would include in this grant, Scott, Winger and Ryan are extremely bad, these roads will get two coats of asphalt. The other roads would be Church Street, Main Street and Franklin, however Church and Franklin may have to wait until next year. The town needs to determine how much they can come up with for the 25% by July 14<sup>th</sup>. Mitch and Devin

said the town can also submit application for materials reimbursement, like the crack sealing, patching etc...

Devin said there is new crack sealers on the market that you can purchase by the skid, a skid normally provides a mile of sealer and he thought the cost was approximately \$2600.00. He thought it was called Master Seal, they provide the machine to apply the sealer and then you just return their machine.

#### IV. Department Reports.

Devin said he didn't have much from the waste water department, Matt Stewart asked Devin how much they've saved on infiltration since the repair down at First Option Trucking, Devin said he couldn't really tell him that. He indicated that in May the treatment plant was at 277% capacity. Dave Fox said he's received compliments on the work the guys are doing. Devin said there are charts showing studies of the lift stations and the pumps.

Marshall Bill made a phone call to the state to patch up the cross walk in front of the school, he was told they're working their way through the state updating the cross walks for all schools.

#### V. Continuing Business

Chuck said he dropped off the License Agreement to All Things Custom over the signage at their business, he's not heard anything as of today.

Kim Rogers stated the Trail property is all done, and the title and deed is recorded. He also said he spoke with the gentleman on the easements on Elm Street pertaining to Lot 22.

The Solar company from Peru came down on June 12<sup>th</sup>, their price was \$420,000 and it would take 20 years before we would break even and in this 20 years we wouldn't be saving any money. Chuck thinks the cost and timing is just not right now. He said they did talk about replacing the street lights to LED lights, this company is getting the cost to change the lights. Dave Fox said it's a growing technology and in future years the price could probably go down.

Chuck stated he's been in contact with Oak Hill High School, Joel Martin is out of the office for a couple of weeks, he's trying to set up a meeting.

Triad sent a proposal for the Oak Hill project, cost is about \$800,000. Chuck said if the town would make an agreement with the school, the town would need to get a state revolving loan for the project. The school would make the loan payment along with the monthly service sewage bill.

The Habitat for Humanity house will be put up starting on July 6, the foundation and blocks are all set, the framing will start on this date.

Dave Fox indicated the trees over by Kelley Station will be cut down soon by Riddle Tree Service.

Richard Street stopped in and said people were complaining about the pot holes on Ryan, Winger and Scott Drive. He also commented about the nice article in the paper about the Sweetser Rummage Days.

There was mention about having the town clean-up days after the Sweetser Rummage Days so residents could get rid of items they didn't sell.

#### VI. New Business

2018 Budget - There was discussion about the new HEA 1002 that states 50% of the distributions from the MVH fund is to be used for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of highways. We understand this is new money from the .10cents gasoline tax that was implemented on July 1, 2017. We are waiting for the SBOA to finalize how they would like for the towns to set up this fund.

There was discussion about the annual fee the town pays the Converse Library for the Sweetser Residents, they also wondered how many Sweetser residents utilize the Converse Library.

Rich Gamble showed the spreadsheets he created for our funds to show the board where our money is being spent and this will be most helpful when they start to do the budget.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Meeting Minutes by:

Tina Cole

Clerk/Treasurer

Charles V. Brown  
Eric Kelley

Richard P. Smith  
RDS

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