

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**July 13, 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 July 13, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent(going to be late)

Dave Fox-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 the motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 town council meeting and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent (going to be late)

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Steve Kelley made a suggestion for the Police Department to make half of the towns gator payment since the Sweetser Police Department took it amongst themselves to place a large Police stickers on the gator. Rich Gamble said it all comes out of the same general account.

Steve Kelley made a motion to accept the bills as presented and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent (going to be late)

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

### **III. Open Forum**

Spencer from AR Engineering was here to review the plans for the new Dollar General store. It will be approximately 9100 square feet and the county has approved the site. Steve Kelley questioned Spencer concerning the façade of the building, making sure it was going to be nice since Subway has upgraded their building. Spencer indicated it would be like all the other new Dollar General buildings, brown and beige color. Spencer thought the hours of the store would be like others 8:00am to 10:00pm. AR Engineering is the civil engineer and Sweetser Partners is the owner and manager of the building, They are located outside of Indianapolis.

### **IV. Department Reports.**

Indot- Sign inventory -Devin presented the construction bid for the new informational signs for the town. The state awards the lowest bidder and that is MAS Contractors Inc., located in Brownsburg Indiana. The bid was \$40,164.06. Chuck Briede made a recommendation to accept the bid of MAS Contractors at \$40,164.06 and Steve Kelley seconded the motion. Devin said the work should start in either August or September sometime.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye  
Rich Gamble-Aye  
Chuck Briede-Aye  
Steve Kelley-Aye

Devin indicated that Jim Todd the Grant County Surveyor contacted Devin this week and they're ready to have an open hearing on Burge Ditch. Devin said they want to up the cost per homeowner so they can work on this ditch. They're primarily wanting the town's backing on increasing the price each homeowner pays towards the Burge Ditch, price could be anywhere from \$25.00 up to \$150.00 or the cost could be over the square footage of each home. Jim Todd told Devin there's only \$600 in the account, and he thinks there might be only 15 homes tied into Burge Ditch. Devin said the problem is the county doesn't own any equipment to be able to fix the problem and the county highway doesn't own any ditches period.

Chuck Briede asked Dave Fox to contact Jim Todd and see what he can find out.

Devin said he received a surprise visit from IDEM, they were at the plant for over 3 hours the other day. He said they indicated we were in Significance Non-Compliance on ammonia and this is due to lots of infiltration from the rain we've had. They were looking at our capacity numbers and trying to help Devin get us off the list. IDEM suggested to Devin to possibly shut down half of our plant, they had him overnight some samples for testing. Devin said the results could take 3 days or possibly 3 weeks. One of the inspectors spoke with Devin about the situation Oak Hill is in right now, they both agreed it would be good for Oak Hill to connect with Sweetser for their sewage. Chuck said he has a meeting scheduled with Oak Hill on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Jim Frazel and Steve Brock will be attending as well.

Devin said the contract for the Community Crossing Grant is completed, he and Mitch decided to take out Main Street and leaving Church and Franklin on the list. Making these changes results in E&B Paving being the lowest bidder. It should save the town around \$10,000. A separate application was submitted for the crack sealing.

Devin is submitting an additional application for the Railroad Crossing Grant and asking for additional three or four thousand dollars.

Police Department- Marshall Bill said he wants the board to possibly consider and a newer vehicle for the Sweetser Police department in next year's budget.

#### V. Continuing Business

Chuck said the board will start working on the 2018 Budget soon.

Steve Kelley asked if the board was still considering the security camera purchase and Chuck said this need to be discussed when they do the budget, Chuck didn't think we should do it this year.

Kim Rogers said Habitat received the Owners Title Insurance.

#### VI. New Business

Matt Stewart attended a EMA meeting and they're sending someone out on official sign off.

Rich thought the Habitat build has been successful.

Chuck presented the award from the Greenway Foundation that Terry Renbarger and Bob King accepted on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Sweetser was the only government agency receiving an award. It is called the "Outstanding Local Government Award" and this was for all the work done on the Switch Trail.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Meeting Minutes by:

Tina Cole

Clerk/Treasurer

Chak V. Brinn

Carol P. Soble

Steve Wilby

Matthew C. Stewart

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