

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes September 28, 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 September 28, 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

Dave Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2017 and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart questioned how old the Skid Steer is as we had another repair bill for it.

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the bills as written and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Public Hearing

Chuck Briede opened up the floor to the public over the 2018 Budget, no one came forward to comment.

IV. Open Public Forum

Harold Smuck from Habitat for Humanity gave a update on the new Habitat house on Broadway, it is finished and the new owner is just waiting on the paperwork so they can have the closing on the house before she's able to move in. She's scheduled to move in around October 22nd. He asked if town maintenance could dispose of some rubbish behind the house and the board didn't think that would be a problem. They still need to raise some additional funds to cover this project.

Ted Abdon said Steve Kelley received some estimates on crack sealing the trail from 500W to 700W. Steve has a guy who will do the crack seal for \$525.00 if the town purchases the materials. Steve also looked at having this part of the trail seal coated after the crack sealing, it's called Sand –n- Seal Coat together, approximately 1/8" to ¼" thick, cost would be somewhere around \$6000.00. It was decided that would have to wait another year or so.

Steve Kelley made a motion to hire the party he contacted to do the crack sealing from 500W to 700W and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

V. Department Reports

Mitch Hansel along with Devin Cole had the contracts for the board to sign so the town could receive the state's money for the Community Crossing Grant Street Project. Paving will begin sometime in the Spring of 2018. E&B Paving that was awarded the bid said they would stand true to their quote and should be able to have the work done by June 2018.

Devin mentioned the sidewalk project and how it would be nice to have them all done at the same time, this is a few years away. He also stated there was a Pre-Construction meeting in Wabash next Tuesday for the Sign Inventory, this project should be completed by November.

He spoke with IDEM over setting up the meeting with Triad and the town, he asks for a day that possibly all town board member would be able to attend. He indicated Richard Murphy from IDEM would be setting it up and advise of the location.

The street patch project on Meridian Street will be reimbursed by federal aid money on just the materials, Devin contacted Tony's Concrete to do the job. It took about 11 ½ yards of concrete.

Devin said there will be a call out for federal aid money on new projects beginning October 9 to November 22nd.

He also told the board they dropped the camera in the catch basin on Osborn and there's a stormwater line that doesn't show up on any of the town's maps.

He asked the board to consider purchasing a locator wand for the camera, it's \$1500 and will help them greatly. He said they are doing work for Dick Bragg and David Devore in Swayzee with the camera.

No reports from the Police Department.

Steve Kelley and Rich Gamble made some updates to the Employee Handbook, Steve reviewed the changes with everyone. They would like to finalize this handbook by October.

VI. Continuing Business

Ted Abdon received a letter from IWU thanking the town for allowing the students to participate in Community Day.

VII. New Business

Steve Kelley attended a meeting in Muncie, it's a committee that looks to improve cities and towns, he has a contact from this meeting to possible help the town obtain street lights for Main Street in Sweetser.

Devin indicated to the town that he contacted Ed Asher from Converse to fill-in for him while he's on vacation. This also brought up Devin's comp- time, the town board agreed to pay him overtime. He wouldn't be able to use up comp time due to the shortage of an employee position.

Ted Abdon spoke up and volunteered to be a back- up for Devin in the lab, it was then discussed to send Ted Abdon to school to be certified.

Matt Stewart made a motion to send Ted Abdon to school to become certified to do testing in the WWTP lab and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Richard Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

There was brief discussion over the 50/50 sidewalk program and possibly Bob King being interested in it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Meeting minutes taken by

Tina Cole, Clerk/Treasurer

Charles V. Bowers

David P. Sells

Steve Kelly

Matthew C Stewart

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