

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes August 10,2017

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 August 10, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Steve Kelley.

Roll Call:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Kelley. Prayer was given by Matt Stewart

II. Review and Approval of Minutes / Review and Approval of Bills

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2017 and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Matt Stewart questioned the Big R bill and the clerk described all items that were purchased . Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the bills as written and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Rich Gamble made a motion to accept and approve the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department Contract for year 2018 at the amount of \$8487.00, this is a 3 percent increase over last year contract.

Roll Call:

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

III. Open Forum

Jill Curtis (Kuba) owns the home at 316 N Greenberry, she and her husband purchased a new home at 811 S. Main Street here in Sweetser. Kuba asked the board if they would consider removing the trash fee from her sewage bill at the 316 N Greenberry address since no one will be living there. She has not listed the property for sale as they are still clearing things out to their new house. The board decided to take this under further discussion as if they allow it for one person then they have to allow it for others who come forward with the same request. The town board decided they will notify her once a decision has been made.

Tom Culley the Director of Emergency Management Association presented the town board with a resolution adopting the Grant County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved by FEMA. This will reduce the potential harm to people and property by taking action before a disaster occurs. Steve Kelley made a motion to accept and adopt the Grant County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Absent

Steve Kelley-Aye

Dave Fox asked Tom Culley about the siren behind the telephone company and said it wasn't working, Tom said it's the town's responsibility to fix those. He a company from Ft.Wayne by the name ESI works on them, and a new one costs around \$25,000.00.

IV. Department Reports

Marshall Bill informed the town board they're down to one police car, the Dodge Charger has a major problem and he's not sure if it's the motor or what it is. Marshall Bill got a couple of quotes on fixing the charger, one quote from Robert Oakes and the other is from Mike Anderson Dodge. After much discussion over the car and the quotes the town board decided to have the car repaired by Robert Oakes, as he guaranteed the warranty on the parts and labor. Dave Fox made a motion to accept the quote by Robert Oakes to repair the Dodge Charger for \$8453.80 and this includes a 3 year 100,000 mile warranty on parts and labor, Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede -Absent

Steve Kelley-Aye

Devin, Ken, Rich and Matt met with IDEM officials on Wednesday, August 9 at the WasteWater Treatment plant. IDEM is wanting to help the town get things in order with the sewage plant. IDEM indicated the plant has some flaws that were brought on by the engineering firm Triad. David Denman an official with IDEM drafted a letter to Triad Engineering about over the Waste Water Treatment plant, Devin presented this letter to the board for their approval since it will be coming from the town board to Triad Engineering and to see if there were any changes in the letter they would like made before IDEM sent it to Triad.

Devin said he located a CD that was labeled as "as built plans" however it was labeled properly, the town doesn't have the "as built" for the sewage plant. IDEM is wanting a copy of the town's contract with Triad Engineering along with town's Sewage Ordinance. This will be located and sent to them. Devin was asked to contact the construction company Zachrich to see how often the Inspector was there when the plant was being built. Zachrich indicated they never recorded how many times or dates the inspector was there, this inspector was employed by Triad. Devin also noted to the board when the plant start up happened, Jim Sopher was the certified operator for Triad.

V. Continuing Business

Kim Rogers has the 400 W Trailhead agreement on the trail annexation.

Steve Kelley spoke with Scott Reeder over the trucking company's settlement for damage of the asphalt and flower beds at the entrance on 400 West on the trail, they settled for \$500.00.

Steve Kelley asked the board if he could purchase four handicap signs for the trail at \$35.00 each, the board approved his request.

Steve K said the trail would have a plaque made for the tree donated by Kuba Curtis for her late husband Richard Timmons, the clerk will have Kuba submit what she would like on the plaque.

The Pumpkin Walk will happen on October 28,2017.

Matt Stewart asks Ken Jones how the investigation of the stormwater line is going that is close to Ignite business. Ken wasn't sure if they will be able to get the camera in that line and the ownership of the stormwater line there is in question. This was tabled until Chuck B returns and have a fur ther discussion with him and Devin.

Steve Kelley asked the board members what date would work for them to hold an Executive Meeting , all agreed on August 23, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Rich Gamble spoke about the Budget process along with tentative dates for publishing it in the paper , public hearing and adoption dates.

Steve Kelley said the employee handbook needs to be updated with some changes that has occurred.

VI. New Business

Steve Kelley attended a ECI Regional Planning Board meeting in Muncie, he talked about some of the issues discussed at the meeting, pertaining to planning out sewage rate increases, two year budget plans , town towing services just to name a few.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Meeting Minutes by:

Tina Cole

Clerk/Treasurer



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