

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016

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 November 10, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart-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 as written from the October 27, 2016 meeting and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve the bills as entered and Steve Kelley seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Rich Gamble –Aye

Chuck Briede –Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Jena Kern who resides at 509 S Devoe Drive, Sweetser, IN sent in a letter requesting we waive the late fee on her sewage bill. She mailed her check in and it was on time but she failed to sign it. The board approved to waive the penalty fee she was imposed as we had to send her check back to her for a signature.

III. Review Applicants for Open Seat on Council

David Fox was in attendance for the vacant council seat. Rich Gamble made a motion to nominate David Fox for the vacant town council seat and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Kim Rogers (town attorney) proceeded with the oath of office swearing in David Fox.

IV. Public Forum

Tom Colley the Deputy Director of the EMA was in attendance and wanted to introduce himself to the Town Council. He thanked Steve Kelley for his service with the EMA on the multi hazard mitigation plan and to thank Matt Stewart for representing the Town of Sweetser. He discussed some of the items the EMA is working on.

Scott Reeder with IMG was present, Chuck Briede has been working with him on a quote for the town's insurance. The town's currently policy is with Norris Insurance and the semi-annual premium is due on December 1,2016. Scott presented the town with a better insurance policy and some savings over the existing policy with Norris Insurance. There was some discussions over some of the inclusions

with Kim Rogers and he feels all his questions and concerns were answered. The town council made a decision to award IMG as the town's new insurance agent.

Rich Gamble made a motion to accept the Quote #10784000 from IMG on the Town of Sweetser's Insurance Policy and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox –Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

The town council will have Tina call Norris Insurance to cancel the town's policies with Norris Insurance.

V. Department Report

Devin said he's just waiting on Gaunt & Son to start with the asphalt. Once this is done he's wanting to start concentrating on the infiltration. He got two new quotes on the camera's he would like to purchase. There was discussion over the two different camera's and quotes he received, he explained the difference of operation and accessories with the camera's. Chuck Briede said the stormwater board met before the board meeting and he would like to get a couple of cycles (stormwater funds) in place to see if we can afford a payment on one of these cameras. The board also discussed on additional ways the camera could be used, such as renting it out to other towns, farmers etc to offset the payment. Devin said they also had lease agreements on the camera's, he will verify those lease amounts. He also talked about the Leaf Vac truck and the leak they're having in the radiator. Once leaf season is over the truck will be going in for repairs. Devin said they've met the limits for October phosphorus, and he might not fill that many bags at the plant.

Marshall Bill was not in attendance, Chuck Briede gave a update on Bill's wife who's been sick with heart problems. He said he saw where the purchasing of police radios was going in front of the county council next week. The town is purchasing one radio and the county council is purchasing two radios for the town.

VI. Continuing Business

Kim Rogers is still looking at the new labor pay rules going into effect on December 1, 2016.

VII. New Business

Chuck explained and read the resolutions on the new funds created for the 50/50 and Matching Road and Bridge Grant Fund.

Steve Kelley made a motion to accept and pass Resolution 2016-6 to transfer funds in the amount of \$12,791.74 from the Local Road and Streets fund to the Fund 261 Rainy Day Restricted, and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Richard Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Steve Kelley also made a motion to accept and pass Resolution 2016-7 to transfer funds in the amount of \$12,791.74 from the Rainy Day fund to the Special LOIT Distribution Fund, and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Richard Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Steve Kelley said he's still looking at other options for the trail where some of the sides either need stone or some grating done . He bought 10 concrete barriers for the trail.

Chuck Briede indicated the town council will hold a special meeting at 6:00pm on November 17 to discuss the 2017 Salary Ordinance.

Chuck Briede ask to adjourn the meeting and all was in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Tina J Cole
Clerk/Treasurer.

Chuck Briede

Richard P. Small

Steve Kelley

Matthew C Stewart

R. D. FX