

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**October 12, 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 7:00pm on October 12, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart-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 a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Late

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Rich Gamble questioned the \$400 Alliance Indiana invoice, the board approved at last meeting to pay for Ted Abdon to become certified to do lab testing at the sewage plant. (Rich was absent at that meeting.

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the bills as written and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

### **III. Adopted Budget**

Chuck reviewed the town's budget from the previous board meeting when the town board held the public hearing. Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt the Sweetser Town Budget 2018 and Rich Gamble seconded the motion. Adoption of Budget 2018 is Ordinance 2017-2.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

### **IV. Open Public Forum**

Bonnie Hicks told the board she has trees that hangover in her alley, she try's her best to keep them trimmed back but she questioned if they were trimmed back far enough. Devin said he would send Dennis over to investigate the situation and advise.

Rich also questioned how we deal with the public's yard waste, while he was walking on the trail he noticed some yard waste in black trash bags. The town doesn't allow trash bags with yard waste to be dumped at the yard waste site which is located southwest off the trail. Chuck said he thinks Devin does a good job of monitoring that.

Steve Kelley said Byron Cook wants to square up his property back on Franklin, there was discussion that the town purchased a little piece of the corner 5 years or so ago. Kim Rogers said he will find out the legal issues on this tiny bit of property and let the board know.

The board brought up about hiring a new employee, there will be an executive meeting and Devin will be setting in on this meeting.

VII. New Business

Steve Kelley told the board about the "Town of Sweetser" sign that was located on State Road 18 coming in to Sweetser, it was damaged by high wind. He got a quote for a new sign from All Things Custom for Aluminum sign at \$400.00, Chuck thought it was best to repair the existing sign for now.

The board briefly discussed the Jake Breaking Ordinance of Silver Lake that Ralph Cook brought in, no decision was made about this. Chuck said he didn't think you could use Jake Braking on the sign as it is a trademark of a business, he said they would do some research on this.

Trick or Treating hours for Halloween will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Meeting minutes taken by

Tina Cole, Clerk/Treasurer

Charles V. Bunt  
Steve Kelley

Paul P. Smith  
Matthew C Stewart

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#### V. Department Reports

Devin said sign replacement should begin the first week of November. He said there will be a INDOT Community Crossing grant meeting next week to review information. He indicated the paving will start in Spring of 2018.

He told the board that INDOT will be opening for new projects from now until November 22<sup>nd</sup>, he said we should submit any new projects that the town wants to do. He stressed the board needs to move quickly. The match on these new programs will be 80/20 and we could possibly break it in to (2) projects.

Devin said that Mr. Spaulding fence needs to come down asap in order for Dollar General to connect to the tap. He said Dollar General would take it down but not be responsible for damages. Dave Fox said he would go talk to them about getting it down.

Devin said there was only one applicant that stood out for him. When he returns from vacation he will call this person and have him come to the plant so Devin can show him all around, it's primarily to see if the applicant will really be interested in the job. The board thought that would be a good idea before hiring anyone.

Chuck asked Devin some additional questions about the wand locator, the board agreed it was needed and told Devin to order it.

Steve Kelley made a motion for Devin to purchase the Wand Locator for the camera at \$1500.00 and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Devin said he will have Dennis bolt down the new marquee advertising sign to the trailer, the Lions Club purchased the sign for the town/parks.

Devin told the board he was on vacation next week and that he has the plant covered, Ed Asher from Converse was coming in Monday through Friday, Ted Abdon will be doing some testing and Dennis will be doing wasting and charting.

There was some discussion over the signs for the Newhouse lot and the pumpkin walk.

Marshall Bill told the board the new higher octane gas was much better on the vehicles.

Bill asked the board to consider adding Dental and Vision insurance to the town employee's current health insurance. The cost per employee was \$32.86 per month, Chuck said there was a couple of ways to looking at cost of it with the town and the employees. No decision was made if the town would pay all or a percentage of the insurance, that was tabled for a later time. The board did however vote to add it to the insurance plan.

Chuck made a motion to add Dental and Vision for the year 2018 with the employee being responsible until the town can determine if they contribute a share to the plan, Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Steve Kelley told Bill he put up a sign near the dog park that read "No Motorized Vehicles".

Bill indicated he needs to purchase a new battery for the Tahoe.

He also spoke with EMA about covering the pumpkin walk.

#### VI. Continuing Business

Kim Rogers said Lot 22 on Elm street has been recorded, he now believes all the lots in that area have been recorded. He brought a map he had of Sweetser, but he thinks Randy Miller has a more current version map of Sweetser.

Rich reviewed the updates to the Employee Handbook and after some discussion additional changes to a few pages need to be made.