

**SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2013**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:23 p.m. on August 8, 2013, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President, Travis LeMaster.

**II. Roll Call of Board Members Present:**

Rich Gamble – absent, Carl Moorman, Chuck Briede, Travis LeMaster, Steve Kelley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Travis LeMaster. Prayer was given by Chuck Briede.

**III. Special Motion by Travis LeMaster, Council President**

Travis LeMaster made a motion that effective immediately, Marshal Chris Tarlton be placed on administrative leave with pay. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Absent

Carl Moorman – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Travis LeMaster instructed Marshal Tarlton to see Carl Moorman after the board meeting to turn in his gear.

**IV. Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the July 25, 2013, meeting, the executive session from July 25, 2013, and the special meeting on July 30, 2013, were submitted for approval. Chuck Briede stated that the only correction he saw that was needed was to the July 30, 2013, meeting minutes. Chuck stated that Steve Kelley shared that an individual indicated to him that he would be willing to donate enough money to pave one mile of the trail. Chuck believes that a notation should be made to the minutes to clarify that the donation is for one mile of the original trail, not the new section of the trail. Steve Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular meeting and the executive session on July 25, 2013, and the special meeting on July 30, 2013, with minor corrections. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Absent

Carl Moorman – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

**V. Review and Approval of Bills**

Travis LeMaster stated that there are two sets of bills to be approved. Travis remarked that there are two bills from Co-Alliance for gasoline that have come in very close together and stated that the fuel usage needs to be examined. Chuck Briede agreed that the budget for fuel is being used quickly. The Clerk passed the bills from Co-Alliance to the Board to review. Dennis Cole spoke up that there has been a problem with the meter on the fuel tank and Co-Alliance is aware that the meter needs to be replaced. Discussion was held. Chuck Briede made a motion to pay the bills. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Absent

Carl Moorman – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

#### **VI. Departmental and Committee Reports**

Town Maintenance - Travis LeMaster asked if Dennis Cole has a report for the Maintenance Department and Dennis stated he did not have a report.

Clerk/Treasurer - Travis LeMaster asked if there is a report from the Clerk/Treasurer. Eileen LeMaster reported that the Clerk's office discovered several old, unreleased liens. The list of unreleased liens was provided to Angie Lewis in the Auditor's office. Angie Lewis examined the list and reported back the status of the unreleased liens. Angie reported that several liens recorded in 2010, 2011 and 2012 were never provided to the Auditor's office to be placed on the tax rolls by the Treasurer. Angie stated that they are getting the liens applied for the fall taxes so that those amounts may be collected and then released.

#### **VII. Report from Town Attorney**

Kim Rogers stated that he has contacted Lewis & Kappes regarding employee related matters and Kim has an engagement agreement with them for their assistance with employee related matters. Kim presented the Board with copies of the fee schedule and stated that Joe Rompala recommended David Gray with the firm of Lewis & Kappes. Chuck Briede made a motion to enter into an engagement letter with David Gray of Lewis & Kappes to provide services regarding employee matters. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Absent

Carl Moorman – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Travis LeMaster signed the agreement letter on behalf of the town.

Kim Rogers stated that at the last meeting he was informed that the PILOT needs to be adopted for 2013 for the amount of \$52,000.00. Kim stated that he has created a Resolution for the Board to sign to authorize the PILOT for 2013. This is Resolution 2013-4. Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-4 to authorize the PILOT. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Absent

Carl Moorman – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Kim Rogers also stated that he is focusing on the nuisance ordinance, specifically the process relating to the initial notice.

## **VIII. Other Business**

### **a. Continuing Business**

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Travis LeMaster stated that he received the response that Triad provided to IDEM from Jim Frazell. Now the town is waiting for a response from IDEM.

Kim Rogers stated that IDEM is requesting a response within 30 days regarding the occurrence on July 24, 2013. Kim is waiting to hear back from Jim Frazell. Kim stated he would follow up tomorrow. Kim Rogers asked Travis LeMaster for a copy of the response to IDEM.

Travis stated that the visit to the treatment plant has been scheduled for August 29, 2013 at 6pm. Kim Rogers stated that he will be out of town that day. Directions to the treatment plant were discussed.

Travis LeMaster stated that the Budget has been sent to the Chronicle Tribune and the Oak Hill Times for publication on August 12, 2013 and August 19, 2013. The County Council review is September 18, 2013. The public hearing is September 26, 2013, and the adoption hearing on October 10, 2013. Travis confirmed that the board members received the emails sent out regarding budget reductions that will be handled at a later date.

### **b. New Business**

Chuck Briede spoke regarding smoking the sewer lines and that the notices are ready for mailing when Devin Cole returns. Travis stated that once the lines are smoked there will be determination regarding infiltration. Chuck stated that smoking the lines is step one in the process of looking for infiltration.

Chuck Briede reminded the Board of the fundraiser for the fire department on August 17, 2013 and stated that he has volunteered to be in the dunk tank along with Travis LeMaster.

Carl Moorman stated that the County has not been able to fog for mosquitos due to the weather.

## **IX. Open Public Forum**

John Gavin, 814 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Marion, IN, spoke to let the Board know that he is filing a grievance with the EEOC relating to his prior employment with the Sweetser Police Department. John

stated that he has experienced difficulty gaining employment since leaving his position with the town.

Steve Curless, 329 N. Main Street, Sweetser, IN, asked if the public may come on the tour of the treatment plant in LaFontaine. Travis LeMaster stated that this tour is for the Board only. Chuck Briede explained that LaFontaine's treatment plant is very similar to the plant the town is planning to build. Chuck Briede noted that the LaFontaine site still has two lagoons that are not used since they updated their treatment plant.

Brandon Mattingly, 106 W. Quail, Decatur, IN, stated that he is a reserve on the Sweetser Police Department and that he wanted to inform the Board that he is supporting the EEOC complaint of the former officer and the current officer based on the evidence of which he is aware.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Kelley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:48pm.

Minutes submitted by: Eileen D. LeMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Travis LeMaster

Charles V. Briede

Steve Kelley

Carl J. Moore

Travis P. Smith