

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 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 April 14, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye
Steve Kelley-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 as written from the March 24, 2016, Regular Meeting. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Travis LeMaster -Aye
Chuck Briede – Aye
Steve Kelley – Aye

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the bills as written, Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble –Aye
Travis LeMaster - Aye
Chuck Briede –Aye
Steve Kelley – Aye

III. Open Public Forum - No one came forward.

IV. Continuing Business

Kim Rogers reviewed the Wabash Republic Services contract, he indicated that we could terminate the agreement after 30 days if we are not satisfied with their services. The town however is happy with their service and the new contract. Steve Gill with Republic will be at the next meeting with the contract ready to sign.

The first quiet title suit for the Shane property has been published in the Chronicle, on May 26th they will enter a decree, unless someone should come forward but highly unlikely, and this is what we need to be able to transfer the property. Then we can start obtaining some bids for demolishing the property. We've had several publications, so we should at that time be able to release the liens on these properties as they will go towards our in kind. The town will proceed with obtaining bids but the work cannot start before May 26th, 2016.

Kim filed the opening for the board seat vacancy, he filed a copy of the resignation on Chuck Draine to the Clerk of Court Carolyn Mowery. Chuck Briede stated that if the board seat was appointed to someone on the Volunteer Fire Dept. there's some restrictions that come with this, such as this person would not be able to vote on the Budget. Chuck is contacting the DLGF to find out the correct answer and get their opinion. Rich Gamble asked what are the qualifications for being a board member, other than being a resident and a registered voter. Kim Rogers will do some research on this. We only have one application at this time however there are a couple of other residents interested. The board hopes to vote on the vacancy at the next meeting.

Vision session meeting went well, Chuck Briede said the biggest thing was communication with the residents. Steve Kelley asked if the board would consider a separate mailing to the residents asking for the email addresses. Travis said he has a problem spending the cost of postage for 500 letters to ask for

email addresses when we can try to obtain them by putting something on Facebook the sewage bills and a sign-up sheet in town hall.

Chuck Briede said we need to start working on the Internal Control policy that the State has mandated to be completed by July 1st, this is a check and balance policy on the clerk/treasurer position for the town .

Steve Kelley said we are now members of the Greenway Foundation.

Rich asked what the status is on the pond? Steve Kelley talked with the people who will be digging, they're just waiting for it to dry out. Steve wondered since this company is not paying for the dirt he asked them if they would be willing to pay for irrigation windmill for the pond but the gentleman said after spending 3500.00 on permits to get the dirt there was no money left. Steve said it doesn't hurt to ask!

Rich wants to know who's paying for the repairs on the damaged culvert at the corner of Peterson Drive, Steve indicated the town was paying for the repair. Rich thinks we should look at the person and their insurance to see if the town can re-coup the cost of this repair.

V. New Business

The state is going to be sending the town a total of \$12,792 for road funding , 75 percent can go to the streets the other 25 percent you can spend on what you want to spend it on but they strongly suggest you put all of it towards asphalt for the streets. Later on in the year the state will have a program where they will match this money on a 50/50 program. This program will start after the fiscal year ends in July.

Mitch Hansel said the first thing you must have in place is the Asset Management program which he provided. Devin and Mitch came up with a plan on streets we can fog seal, to make the roads in better condition. Once the roads are identified this is presented to INDOT for approval so we can qualify for the 50/50 grant money. Chuck Briede thought the town should be getting additional 12,000 from the state to put in the Rainy Day Fund.

The streets the town is looking at right now for fog sealing is Broadway to State road 18, Craven over to Main and then moving over to Sherron and Meridian in the first couple of years. In the following years other streets will be done like resurfacing Wes Way etc... Mitch said the 50/50 fund we should use for resealing.

Mitch said we can't get the Main Street classified by May, so he's looking at trying to use federal funds in 2020 for Main Street.

Steve Kelley said he would like to make a motion for Mitch Hansel to get this road funding project started to see if INDOT will give us the 50/50 grant. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble –Aye

LeMaster-Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

There was further discussion on INDOT's Federal Fund Project for Sidewalks on Main Street along with ADA ramps. The town needed to decide which project should be number one and number two. The board thinks the sidewalks should be the first project and this will be in the year 2021 but both projects will be submitted.

VI. Departments

Devin informed the board they're hitting phosphorus limits. Devin had a punch list of items, BL Anderson has been out a few times, Knee's should be out to do the electrical work soon. He wanted to know where the board is at on the Stormwater Fee, the Stormwater board meets on May 12th. Devin thinks we need to implement the stormwater fee as soon as possible, he keeps telling IDEM were working on it. They guys are ready to do the work and save the town some money, plus it will help out in the long run. Devin had a couple of companies come out to demo the mini-cam cameras the town can use to inspect the sewer pipes in the town. One demo was on Jackson street where the camera showed a lot of lime stone in the sewer so much it could not get through the pipe. They were down about 200 to 300

feet and couldn't go any farther due to the lime stone. He had Jack Doheny give him a quote on the Proteus Camera which includes cable reels, accessories, control unit etc, the total cost is \$53,894.00. He had another company come out called Insight with their camera for a demo, the gentleman from Insight giving the demo asked Devin if he had a generator to operate this camera, then he wanted to know if Devin had wrenches and other tools to get the camera up and running, it didn't even compare to the Proteus Camera that Jack Doheny provides. Devin said the quality on the Insight camera was horrible no comparison to the Proteus. Although the price with Insight is less the camera didn't even compare, and quality of the camera with Insight was horrible. Devin said the Proteus camera can be operated by one person.

Rich asked if the town could possibly rent this camera out, someone indicated that contractors pay/charge 2.50 a foot when using one of these cameras. Devin said to rent the Proteus cost \$2000.00 a week, so there's potential to renting this out to other towns, possible farmers etc..

Devin said Jack Doheny is located in Whitestown so it's close for service on the camera if needed.

Rich Gamble said he's all for getting the camera, Steve Kelley indicated he learned from the IACT meeting that the USDA is willing to give money and Travis LeMaster mentioned we could talk to Grant County State Bank about a loan for it, or we could maybe pay for it with money from the Stormwater Fee.

Tom Walters presented the town board with paperwork that the town board started to create in 2001. He had copies for each board member.

The board said we need to set a date for Summer Clean-Up Day.

Kirk Hornacker will be at the next meeting to give quotes on the Town's Insurance.

April 29th will be the Friday Night Opener at the Sweetser Ball Diamond, it will be under the lights and a carnival theme. Begins at 8:50pm.

Steve Kelley indicated he needed another draw of \$7500.00 to pay Byron Cook on the equipment and labor for work beginning again on the Trail.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to implement the draw to pay Byron Cook and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble-Aye

LeMaster -Aye

Briede-Aye

Kelley-Aye

Travis LeMaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Everyone was in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

.Minutes submitted by: Tina J.Cole, Clerk/Treasurer

Charles v. Bower

Travis LeMaster

Steve Kelley

Paul P. ...
