

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
August 25, 2022

There was no meeting held on August 11, 2022, due to lack of a quorum.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chuck Briede at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Roll Call:

Kyle Taylor-Present

Matt Stewart—Present

Travis LeMaster—Present

Dave Fox—Absent

Chuck Briede-Present

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

II. **Minutes**

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022, meeting as written.

Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of August 11, 2022, and the Bills Docket of August 25, 2022, as submitted. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. **Public Forum**

- Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department Chief Kirk Herring was in attendance. Kirk publicly thanked the council for the donation to the department for the purchase of new radios and pagers. Kirk displayed a radio and a pager that were purchased with the funds and related how they were benefitting the department.
- Kyle Taylor asked Kirk if there was anything the department or the town could do to improve the department's ISO rating. Kirk said installing a municipal water system would greatly improve the ISO rating.

V. **Department Reports**

Maintenance Department

- Chuck reported the treatment plant screen had been repaired and was operational.
- Matt said he had a resume from a potential candidate for the treatment plant.
- There was a discussion of developing a work order system for the town maintenance department.

Police Department – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan ordered new blood draw kits.
- Ryan said the AEDs should be delivered sometime in September.
- Josh Treon has been hired as a deputy.

- Corey Ward is about halfway through his required training.
- Ryan reported the total cost is \$514.90 for parts and ammunition for the town rifle.
- Chuck reported the 2012 Tahoe has a recall notice for the passenger side air bag. Ryan said he is aware of it and has been trying to get it scheduled for repair.
- Kyle asked if we could give away the abandoned bicycles that have been collected. Ryan said we could donate the usable ones and send the others to the landfill.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve reported that the dog park Shelter has been completed. He estimated the replacement value of the shelter at approximately \$13,000. Clerk will notify insurance.
- Steve said he thinks some outside tree service vendors are dumping at the burn pile. Matt said we have a similar issue with out-of-town people using the town recycle containers. Travis asked Steve to come back to the council with recommendations for addressing the burn pile issue.
- Steve again addressed the washout along the backside of the shelter by town hall. Possible solutions include a retaining wall, grading so the ground level is below the foundation, and some method of channeling the water away from the town hall and the shelter. Matter tabled.

VI. Continuing Business

- Discussion resumed of the proposed amendments to Animal Control Ordinance 2009-5. Michael Hotz presented a draft of the proposed amended ordinance.

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to pass on first reading General Ordinance 2022-4, an Ordinance Amending the Animal Control Ordinance previously adopted in General Ordinance 2009-5, as amending and replacing General Ordinance 2000-8, as amending and replacing General Ordinance 1958-11, and as amended by General Ordinance 1975-3. Kyle Taylor seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye
 Matt Stewart-Aye
 Travis LeMaster-Aye
 Dave Fox-Absent
 Chuck Briede-Aye

Public hearing and second reading will be on September 22, 2022. Clerk will have a notice published in the paper.

- Town counsel Michael Hotz reported on the status of the ordinance violation on Laura Lane.
- Matt inquired if the Bragg Street property was on the Highway Department schedule. Chuck reported they had been out to evaluate the project and thought they were going to try and get it on their fall schedule.
- Kyle resumed discussion of staffing and supervising the maintenance department as well as the treatment plant. Matter tabled.
- Travis asked if everyone is using the new email addresses and recommended that everyone migrate to the new system as soon as possible.
- Chuck reported he worked with Fleis and Vandenbrink to get the first quarter INDOT reporting done and is now working on the second quarter. He said they were wanting to get the project closed-out in the near future.

VII. New Business

- Chuck reported that the town had received an email about the sign near the fire station belonging to Jan Renbarger. Chuck said we need to see that the sign is moved or disposed of. Marshal Ryan said he would work on contacting the owner.

- Stu Savka and Lou Savka of Triad were in attendance to present the quotations for televising and cleaning the 41,749 feet of the town sewer system. The low quote is from Innovative Pipeline Systems for \$97,580.63. There was a review of the necessity for and the timing of the project. Also discussed was funding for this project and the Preliminary Engineering Report. The water source for the project is yet to be determined.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the bid from Innovative Pipeline Systems for \$97,580.63 for the televising and cleaning of the town sewer system. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye
 Matt Stewart-Aye
 Travis LeMaster-Aye
 Dave Fox-Absent
 Chuck Briede-Aye

- Stu reported that the town of Nappanee is interested in purchasing our sewer camera system.

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to authorize Triad to negotiate the sale of the town sewer camera and trailer. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye
 Matt Stewart-Aye
 Travis LeMaster-Aye
 Dave Fox-Absent
 Chuck Briede-Aye

- There was discussion of the of the upcoming meeting with the Oak Hill Schools superintendent regarding the proposal to bring the school onto the town sewer system.
- There was a discussion of getting a quote to do some patching of a portion of the streets this year.
- Chuck reported that Hands of Hope has asked permission to place a poster in town in October. Council approved.
- Clerk discussed possible budget hearing dates.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16.

Respectfully Submitted,
 John Potter
