

**Minutes of Sweetser Town Council**  
**March 10, 2022**

**I.** The meeting was called to order by Dave Fox at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Roll Call:

Kyle Taylor-Present

Matt Stewart—Present

Travis LeMaster—Present

Dave Fox—Present

Chuck Briede-Present

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

**II. Minutes**

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022, meeting as written. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

**III. Bills**

After discussion, Kyle Taylor made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of March 10, 2022, as submitted. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

**IV. Public Forum**

- Resident Bob Highly of 216 E. Davis was in attendance and expressed concerns about:
  - a neighbor hanging a dead deer in the yard and then leaving the carcass in the yard after dressing it
  - a neighbor conducting target practice in their yard with a bow and some type of rifle and allowing unsupervised teenagers to take target practice with some type of pistolBob thinks these actions are inappropriate in the town limits and perhaps could be addressed with an amendment to an existing ordinance or ordinances.  
Regarding the dead deer, Deputy John Gavin said that state law requires property owners to remove dead animals from their property within 24 hours. Town counsel Michael Hotz said the issue may also be covered in the town's nuisance ordinance.  
Dave said that the council is currently considering a weapons ordinance.
- Resident Misty Thorne of Allen Drive was in attendance. Due to a fire her residence is currently uninhabitable. She is requesting permission to park an RV in her driveway as a temporary residence until repairs to her home are completed. Bob Highly and Chuck Briede said there is a 6-month allowance in the Area Plan Zoning Ordinance for such situations. So Misty is free to proceed with the RV arrangements.
- Bonnie Persinger was in attendance. He mother was the prior owner of the 118 S. Bragg Street property recently acquired by the town. She requested permission to enter the dwelling to remove pictures and keepsakes, if any. The Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department recently used the dwelling for training. It was decided to grant Bonnie access to the dwelling accompanied by the Marshal or a deputy.

- Steve Kelley reported that the abandoned vehicle issue on Laura had deteriorated.

## V. Department Reports

### Maintenance Department — Superintendent Devin Cole was in attendance.

- Devin reported:
  - His department patched potholes on Laura and Allen. and
  - Repaired about 75% of the town's alleys; will try to finish the rest next week. Will need to rent another skid loader to complete the repairs.
  - He will be using some millings to shore-up the path to the leaf-dump area.
  - He had received some quotes for a new salt spreader. Estimated cost is \$6,000 to \$10,000. Time frame for purchasing is probably early 2023.
  - Banners and flags have been hung.
  - The damaged stop sign at Hubert & Craven still needs replaced.
  - The white pick-up is in for repairs.
- Devin distributed the 2021 Wastewater Plant Annual Report and said that he had submitted a letter to IDEM in response to the inspection report.
- Devin reported he signed a contract for the town with AEP to install all new LED streetlights. The work should be done in June or July. There is no cost to the town for the upgrades. Chuck asked if AEP would be installing any new poles. Devin said there were none envisioned as part of this project, but the town could submit a work order requesting new poles for the areas deemed in need of additional lighting. Any new poles would be the town's expense.

### Police Department – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan reported
  - The department responded to 174 calls the two weeks past
  - He has instructed his deputies to try and limit idling time to save on fuel
  - The 2012 Tahoe needs ball joints and shocks.

### Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve reported:
  - He replaced the signs at SR 22 & County Road 500 W
  - Don Hatch has been painting the inside of the caboose.
  - The Parks Department will be replacing the borders around the flower beds
- Steve said he might not be here for the annual clean-up and refresh performed by Oak Hill students; thus, someone else may need to coordinate the project with the school.
- Steve inquired if anyone thought the old trailhead signs could be refurbished and repurposed.
- Steve said he wants to switch the plaques to the other side of the Howard Schick Memorial sign and is looking for ideas for what to put in their place once they have been moved.

## VI. Continuing Business

- Kyle reported that Stu Savka of Triad is requesting quotes to camera all the town's sewer lines. Stu says we need to get this done before the preliminary engineering report can be completed.
- Matt asked if we were ready to fund the fire department radios. Clerk said we just need a formal request form the fire station. Dave said he would speak with Chief Herring about it.
- The proposed weapons ordinance was discussed. Matter tabled.
- Kyle said he had a quote for an app-based vehicle tracking system. Matter tabled.

## VII. New Business

- Chuck asked when the town clean-up should be scheduled. Council decided upon June 25.
- Matt asked if we had decided on a projects committee. Matter tabled.
- An executive session was scheduled for Friday, March 18, at 5 pm at town hall. Clerk will post and send public notifications.
- Chuck provided an update on the Area Plan Commission and the proposed solar farm ordinance.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Potter

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