

**TOWN OF SWAYZEE INDIANA
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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2024
Swayzee Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Aaron Travis, President.

Present were Aaron Travis, President; Paul Hamilton, Vice President; Rhonda Fagan, Heather Zirkle, and Mike Horsley, Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Josh Miller, Town Marshal; Philip Howell, Utility Employee;

Visitors: Dave Taylor, Kenny Cates, Brad Waddell, Harold King, Jeff Duncan, Brady Edgington, and Shawn Kleinpeter with Kleinpeter Financial Group, LLC.

Paul Hamilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to accept the November 18, 2024 Executive Meeting Minutes. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

VISITORS

Shawn Kleinpeter with Kleinpeter Financial Group, LLC is submitting a proposal to conduct a rate study for the Water Utility. The fee for conducting the rate study shall not exceed \$4,000 and will be invoiced after final presentation of rates to the Town Council.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the \$4,000.00 fee. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Aaron Travis, President signed the Engagement Letter for the Water Rate Study on December 16, 2024.

Kenny Cates asked the council what it would take to get the water softener up and running.

Dave Taylor a new resident at 202 N. Smith St;. Mr. Taylor asked Council what he needed to do to build a pole building, a garage, and fence for his dog.

Swayzee Economic Development Corporation plans to adopt the Comprehensive Plan from Ball State at their January 9, 2025 meeting.

CLERK TREASURER

New Storm Siren pole should go up tomorrow, December 17, 2024, but it is not currently working yet. The siren will be much louder and should expect complaints. County Dispatch currently sets it off, but are trying to get a second radio frequency to allow Greentown access to set it off as well. There are currently two bids for the electrical work for the new siren; Barry Electric- \$40,000.00; Hueston Electric- \$52,600.00. The most expensive portion is the automatic transfer switch for the generator to also run water.

Aaron Travis made the motion to accept the bid from Barry Electric to install the Automatic Transfer Switch. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Shinholt property at 307 E Main St., closed on November 19, 2024. Warranty Deed has been recorded. Town is currently in the process of collecting bids for the teardown of the property.

Marshal Miller and Aaron Travis met with INDOT about the school zone, and they stated that it is not a state recognized school zone. INDOT is working on a light activated sign that will flash during school times. INDOT sent a Speed Regulations to be Established form that needs to be signed by council. INDOT also has equipment monitoring the intersection at State Road 13 and 9th Street.

Thompson- Nuisance-303 E Main St., house fire December 2022. Did not show up for court. He was sent a letter on February 6, 2024. Construction was started on the house to fix it, but the construction has stopped for several months and is still open from the fire. What is the next step with the property? Kyle Persinger advised that he will be checking the tax sale. As of December 16, 2024 no taxes paid.

Bergmans Concrete still working on sidewalks on State Road 13 weather permitting. Collins 50/50 project has been canceled. They rejected the Bergman Concrete Estimate.

Water/Wastewater laptop that was bought for meter reading (Neptune, etc). Trey took the computer when he quit back in April and bought the town another computer? The computer that the town bought has been entered as an asset and needs to be returned ASAP. I just found this out in September 2024 when Philip was asking about anti virus software for the laptop. I told him that it's automatically renews on the credit card and we should not have to purchase any more. That is when I found out about him taking the laptop. As of December 16, 2024 laptop still has not been returned.

The Post Office called Aaron Travis and gave an update. No decision has been made regarding the new location of the Post Office. There are currently two options that were brought before the council.

1. Town maintains ownership of the property and they bring a building in.
2. Town maintains ownership of the property, the town builds a building, and they would lease the facilities from the town. (They would only be charged for electricity. There would also be no charge for sewage or water since it would be a town owned property. This is the council's choice).

New Hire Jacob Williams started on November 18, 2024. He is full-time working for Utilities/Street making \$18.00 an hour.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Philabaum documents have been signed. Motion to move forward on property transfer after Mr. Philabaum pays the \$1,400.00 in property taxes. Aaron Travis made the motion to move forward on the Philabaum property. Paul Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT


Holding off on new tires on the 2014 Dodge Charger until January, 2025.

There has been movement on the property at 113 W Madison. They have started to clean it.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Travis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be moved to January 27, 2025 at 7pm due to Holiday. This change will be posted in all locations.



Aaron Travis, President



Paul Hamilton, Vice President