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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 18, 2025
Swayzee Town Hall

The Swayzee Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Aaron Travis, President.

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

Also in attendance were Philip Howell and Jake Simpkins, Utility Employees; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney; Josh Miller, Town Marshall; and Brittany Riner.

Visitors: Harold King, Rodney Lawson, Kenny Cates, Lynn King, Kathy and Brian Hall, Tyler Bundrick, Samantha and Mike Stevens, and Derrick Patterson.

Aaron Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather Zirkle made a motion to accept the July 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-1.

Paul Hamilton resigned his position as council vice president effective on August 1, 2025.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the resignation of board member Paul Hamilton. Rhonda Fagan seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-1

The town will be taking applications for an opening on the Town Council Seat on the Town Board until August 20th. Seat must be filled by August 30th.

VISITORS

Samantha Stevens asked the council about setting up a metal BigFoot sign to advertise her bake stand on the corner of South Washington and East Main. Council approved.

MEDIA

Brittany Riner reported an update on the website and is still waiting on the test on the URL site for .gov emails.

CLERK TREASURER

Desiree Arenas

The 2026 Budget is still being worked on and will be available for review at the next town meeting on September 15th. It will be adopted at the following meeting on October 20th.

Requested a further discussion on raises for next year so it can be added to the budget for 2026 and have a salary ordinance signed by the next meeting on September 15th.

The 50/50 sidewalk applications that were submitted and mentioned in the last board meeting for J. Collins and E. Arenas will start mid-September 2025.

The Swayzee Days donations totaling \$4000 were received from the following businesses:

- Chuckwagon Pizza - \$1000
- CMZ General Contractor - \$1000
- Grant County State Bank - \$500
- Fiberhawk - \$250.00
- Pipe Creek Animal Clinic - \$250.00
- Mike Anderson Marion - \$ 250.00
- Mike Anderson Gas City - \$250.00
- Swayzee Christian Church - \$250.00
- Drakes Fast Lane - \$250.00

TOWN UTILITIES

Phil Howell, Wastewater Operator

Water

Received a quote for repairs recommended by Preferred Tank and Tower and will look over Tower Inspection Report to determine what maintenance is necessary.

Peerless performed maintenance at the water plant and installed a new master meter and shut-off valve.

The water plant generator transfer switch is ready to be installed.

A plan is being developed to install a new hydrant at the water tower lane and Taylor street rather than creating a semi-circle drive for the fire department tankers.

The water plant chlorine leak detection system must be replaced. The verbal quote from Living Waters was approximately \$2,500 and an official quote was requested.

Living Waters was also notified and briefed regarding the chlorine pump not working at the Water Plant.

The town's representative from The Alliance was able to help detect water leaks on private property draining into the stormwater system on Lyons Street. The owners have been alerted that repairs are necessary.

Wastewater

540 Technologies sent a new quote for obtaining a different number of wastewater data loggers which will help identify areas of storm water infiltration into the sanitary system. A quote was done for 5 data loggers costing \$14,635, which includes software as well as assistance with monitoring. Rhonda Fagan made a motion to approve and Aaron Travis 2nd the motion. The Board approved with a vote of 4-0-0.

Berry Electric agreed to supply a quote for installing a connection at the water tower lift station so that a portable generator can be used in case of power outages.

The wastewater plant comminutor arrived. American Pump fabricated an extension for the previous comminutor and they will need to install that on the new comminutor before it can be placed into service.

Problems with the dichlorination process at the wastewater plant have been resolved.

The quote from Living Waters for leak detection units for both chlorine and sulfur dioxide rooms were \$5,285.00. These are necessary for safety as well as regulations.

Aaron Travis made a motion to approve the quote from Living waters for \$5285.00. Rhonda Fagan 2nd the motion. The vote was approved with a vote of 4-0.

Streets - Jake Simpkins

Working on a plan for drainage through the park and post office area.

A sink hole was found at the Swayzee MHP that affected several mobile homes and leaks were reported.

Residents will need to be reminded to not blow grass-clippings into roadways.

Tree trimming will be performed over sidewalks and limbs that protrude into roadways that hinder school bus clearance.

Circle drive at the water tower may be put on hold and a new idea is to be addressed with the Swayzee Fire Department to discuss splitting the cost of just moving the hydrant.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Marshal Josh Miller

The 2014 Charger had the A/C recharged due to low freon. Further maintenance was performed on the left front tire after a screw was found in it.

On July 24th, Marshal Miller attended the Grant County Law Enforcement Executive Meeting hosted by the Marion Police Department.

On August 13th, Marshal Miller attended the Introduction to Conflict Prevention Techniques hosted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

273 calls were taken this month and 308 the previous month.

A request was made to the council for approval to proceed with the purchase of 2 new Phase 2 radios from J&K Communications. The total quoted amount is \$5642.92.

Aaron Travis made a motion to approve the Phase 2 radios from J&K Communications for \$5642.00. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

A request was made to the council for the Motorola in-car radios flashcode currently in the vehicles be updated to operate on P25 Phase 2. This is performed by ERS at a cost of \$1039.14.

Aaron Travis made a motion to approve ERS to update the flashcodes in the vehicles for \$1039.14. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

The Swayzee Police Department was awarded the First Responders Grant through the Indiana Department of Health. This grant awards the department with 25 doses of Nalozone (Narcan) for Opiate overdoses.

TOWN ATTORNEY - Kyle Persinger

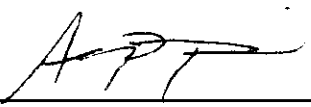
Philabaum property is complete

Will start the process for bidding of said real estate at 307 E Main Street, Swayzee. Will have resolution at next meeting September 15th.

Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be September 15th, 2025 at 7pm.



Aaron Travis, President



Rhonda Fagan, Council