

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

July 21, 2025  
Swayzee Town Hall

The Swayzee Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Paul Hamilton, Vice President.

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

Also in attendance were Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer; Philip Howell, Jake Simpkins, Utility Employees; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney, and Josh Miller, Town Marshal.

Visitors: Mike Shrock, Kenny Cates, Don Thompson, Tyler Bundrick, Gloria Reed, Rodney Lawson, and Derek Patterson.

Mike Horsley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather Zirkle made a motion to accept the June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Rhonda Fagan made a motion to accept the June 16, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Paul Hamilton, Vice President announced his resignation from council effective August 1, 2025.

**VISITORS**

Don Thompson with SEDC reported that applied for the T-Mobile Grant again.

Mike Shrock mentioned the pothole on the corner of Lavengood and Wilson is holding water.

Tyler Bundrick made a request that No Parking Signs be placed on the south side of Lyons Street.

Gloria Reed made another request about a second exit in and out of the Matchett Addition.

Randy McNally wanted to thank everyone who attended the rededication of the Thraikill Cemetery held on July 12, 2025.

### **CLERK TREASURER**

Presented Resolution 2025-04 Raising Residential Trash starting August 2025 from \$13.00 to \$14.00 and July 2026 from \$14.00 to \$15.50.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to approve the rate increase to Residential Trash. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Presented 2026 contracts for the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department for a 3% raise of \$28,521.17 and Southwest Medic remaining the same at \$5,500.00.

Rhonda Fagan made a motion to approve. Paul Hamilton second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Live streaming of the Council meetings started today July 21st, 2025, on YouTube.

Two 50/50 sidewalk applications were turned in. Town total cost will be \$4687.50 for the 50/50 Sidewalk Project.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to approve the two 50/50 sidewalk applications. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Working on the 2026 Budget and will have it ready for review as soon as it's ready.

The USPS Contract for the Post Office was emailed to all council members.

### **TOWN UTILITIES**

*Philip Howell - WasteWater Operator*

2024 Consumer Confidence Report is now available on the town's website.

The Water Tower report was completed by Preferred Tank and Tower He has requested more info and a quote for repairs with clarification regarding recommended repairs.

Peerless Midwest installed the new well pump successfully and still awaiting the filter media replacement quote.

Well #2 is tripping repeatedly and a request was sent to Berry Electric for a repair quote to be sent after the transfer switch is installed.

The transfer switch is ready to be installed when the last parts arrive.

Hydrant flushing is now completed.

Still waiting on quotes for the water tower hydrant semi-circle drive.

540 Technologies sent a new quote for obtaining a different number of wastewater data loggers that will help identify areas of storm water infiltration into the sanitary system. The quoted cost for 5 data loggers which includes software as well as assistance with monitoring was \$14,635.00.

Berry Electric will be working on electrical issues at the wastewater plant lift station.

The cost for the new comminutor is \$7,570 and parts should be arriving soon.

Several sources are assisting him to address difficulties with dichlorination.

Philip relayed from the inspector the possible installation of leak detection sensors for the chlorine and sulfur dioxide areas. A quote from Living Waters was requested for the sensors and other possible changes that are needed.

Solms Excavating completed the sink hole and drainage repair on East Lyons.

*Jake Simpkins -Streets and Parks*

Maintenance was done on the streets to include all the streets being swept and all catch basins were cleared of debris.

Curbs were sprayed with weed killer.

Mentioned potholes around town that need to be filled.

Starting on July 22nd tree trimming for school buses will be done along with tree trimming in alleyways and intersections.

A list was done of the sidewalks that are damaged from tree roots and a copy of the list was sent to Aaron Travis for review.

Maintenance was done on the parks including new mulch and spraying the weeds.

Inspection of East and West parks and reported no damage.

A burnt trash can was found at East Park and an installation of cameras were installed to deter vandalizing the park equipment.

The track at the West Park will be resurfaced.

A new storm drain on East Lyons Street has been installed.

Received a quote for a circle drive to be put in by the water tower for the fire department to use to fill the tanker trucks. Also mentioned was the gravel to be put down for the hydrant on Taylor street by the water tower.

Mike Horsley made a motion to approve the purchase of the gravel. Rhonda Fagan second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The camera trailer has been set up and after a software update will be ready to use.

The flooding issue on 4th Street due to a tile being blocked and with the help of Grant County Highway Department and Kenny Cates, the pipe has now been repaired.

The flag pole at West Park needs new rope.

## **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Kyle Persinger reported the following procedures that need to be done in regards to the sale of the property located at 307 E Main St.

1. A public hearing will need to be done.
2. Once the council approves the sale of the real estate, the town must have the property appraised by two appraisers.
3. The council shall determine a minimum bid based on the appraisals and the council's knowledge of the property.

4. After real estate is appraised, a notice is to be published in accordance with I.C. 5-3-1 setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale. The notice must state:
  - (a) Bids will be received beginning on a specific date.
  - (b) The sale will continue from day to day for a period determined by the board of not more than 60 days.
  - (c) The property may not be sold to a person who owes delinquent taxes or other factors.
  - (d) A bid submitted by a trust (as defined in I.C. 30-4-1-1(a)) must identify each:
    - (i) Beneficiary of the trust; and
    - (ii) Settlor empowered to revoke or modify trust.

5. A bid must be open to the public inspection before the expiration of the time set out in the notice, the real estate may be sold to the highest and best bidder. A bidder may raise the bid subject to written notice of the raise to other bidders. Furthermore, all bids may be rejected.

Kyle also mentioned this process could take 2-3 months.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The 2013 Charger is still having maintenance issues and will be dropping it back off at Behr Repair for repairs.

Attended the Grant County Emergency Management LEPC meeting to review plans for upcoming disaster drill near Swayzee with the planned drill set to tentatively take place on October 1st at 7:00 pm.

Marshall Miller also reported his attendance, along with Chief Deputy Collins, at the Annual Pistol Qualifications hosted by the Grant County Sheriff's Department on July 16th.

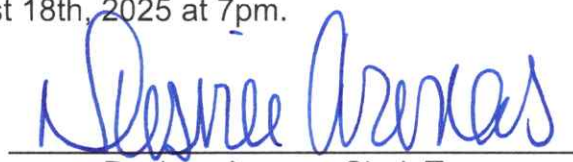
Court appearance on July 18th in the Grant County Circuit Court, along with Kyle Persinger, regarding an ordinance violation being issued to a town resident.

Paul Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be August 18th, 2025 at 7pm.

  
Rhonda Fagan, Council Member

  
Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer