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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2025
Swayzee Town Hall

The Swayzee Town Council 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 Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer; Philip Howell, Utility Employee; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney, Josh Miller, Town Marshall.

Visitors: Selena and Edward Arenas, Jeff Duncan, Kenny Cates, Don Thompson, Derek Patterson, Brian and Kathy Hall, Jerry Walls, Dwayne Collins, Bev Howard, Gloria Reed, Tyler Bundrick, Les Frost, Mike Shrock, Brady Edgington, Kolby Hiatt, Rodney Snipes, Mike and Leann McDowell, Randy McNally, and Rodney Lawson.

Aaron Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Rhonda Fagan made a motion to accept the May 19, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

VISITORS

Selena Arenas came to the meeting to complain about the rain water coming from the farm land adjacent to her property. The water also affected the properties of Mike Studebaker. The

rain water has no where to go. She has come in several times but nothing is being done. This time the rain was really close to her home.

Jeff Duncan reported in the last 10 years only 3 storm projects were completed. Also mentioned was how bad West Park floods during heavy rainfall.

Kenny Cates reported Swayzee received 3 1/2 inches of rainfall.

Don Thompson mentioned Carter lane drained within 12 hours. He also reported the Swayzee Economic Development has a couple of spots that need filled. Also mentioned was T-Mobile and the Born Foundation were both denied a grant. He relayed they will continue to apply for grants in the future.

Brian Hall mentioned his interest in purchasing the land on 307 E Main Street to construct a pole barn for a Mobile Food Truck.

Kolby Hiatt, located at 606 S Sims Street, wanted to thank the Swayzee Police and first responders for clearing the road in his housing addition during the Swayzee town rummages.

Susan Piper made a suggestion regarding the land/drive that connects Clark Street to SR 13 to have the basketball goal and fence removed for emergency vehicle access. Council stated the property is privately owned by farmer, Scott Winger, and is not considered an easement.

Tyler Bundrick with the Swayzee Fire Department reported they purchased an ATV Side-By-Side and used it during the rummages as a mobile EMT.

Bev Howard and Gloria Reed expressed their disapproval regarding the NO PARKING signs in their housing addition during the Swayzee town rummages.

Rodney Snipes expressed his dislike for the length of time it took him to get out of his housing addition to get to SR 13 during town rummages. He also expressed his thanks to the town for the new tornado siren and reported it sounded loud and clear.

Les Frost also mentioned his concerns regarding the difficulty with the roads during the rummages as well.

Rhonda Fagan, council member, mentioned wanting to use the land that Swayzee owns East of Lyons to be used as a community garden. Council approved to use the land for a community garden.

Aaron received the lease agreement from USPS for the new Post Office. Hours of operation are yet to be determined.

MEDIA

Brittany reported on Facebook followers were up to 2,483 and the top posts were on the limb and brush pickup and the water notice. Also mentioned were the scheduled posts for the 4th of July and the rental of the Town Hall.

The website's next phase is finalizing scope and timeline and then she will have proposed start and end dates.

Swayzee EGC Meeting will be July 10th at 7pm. Also upcoming will be the Thraikill G.A.R. Monument rededication ceremony on July 12th at 10am.

The website and registration for Swayzee Days is updated. She is scheduling emails and posts with sign-up information. The proposed timeline will be as follows:

Morning Events

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM · Swayzee Day 5K – West Park

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM · Pancake Breakfast – Town Hall

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM · Silent Auction – Town Hall

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM · Tractor Show – Baseball Field

Midday Fun

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM · Pet Parade – West Park

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM · Farmer's Market – Swayzee

Square

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM · Swayzee Economic Growth Council (Shirt Stand) - Lot at 112 S

Washington St

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM · Pie Baking Contest – West

Park Pavilion

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM · Kids Bike Parade – West Park

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM · Town Parade – Downtown

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM · Library & Local Authors – Lot at 112 S Washington St

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM · Kids Corner – West Park

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM · Swayzee Community Church Activities – West Park

Evening Highlight

8:00 PM – 11:59 PM · Movie in the Park – West Park Baseball Field

Desiree Arenas will run, coordinate and sponsor the Pancake breakfast for the Swayzee Days.

Chuckwagon Pizza will donate \$1000 to Swayzee Days and turn it into the Clerks Office.

CLERK TREASURER

Received 3 50/50 sidewalk applications. Jeff Collins, Edward Arenas and Jennifer McClain.

Also reported was the tree planted in memory of Mariel Shrock intruding into the power lines at West Park, Mike Shrock was notified and Indiana Michigan Power will be taking the tree down.

Trey Boswell's contract as the Wastewater Operator ended on June 15, 2025.

Still seeing overtime in payroll and asked the council to address the issue with employees still working overtime.

The Holidays and Vacation time section in the handbook needs to be updated.

Video cameras and equipment to start live streaming our meetings on YouTube starting in July have been purchased. The cost of the camera was \$410.

TOWN UTILITIES

Phil reported the water tower inspection has been completed and results should be sent soon.

Phil also mentioned Peerless rescheduled the well pump replacement, and will now begin this Thursday July 3rd.

Phil relayed the property located at 314 W Curless had previous water damage before recent leaks were detected. The remediation of the crawl space is still yet to be completed.

Phil mentioned hydrant flushing will resume July 7th-18th.

Phil reported the Fire Department confirmed that they will be able to use the hydrant at the water tower when a semi-circle drive can be installed. Phil is awaiting a quote.

Also reported was the hiring of Sweetser's hydrovac truck being used to locate water mains and valves, retire a water service, and installation of new meters and pits.

Phil also reported a water service line was repaired on Lyons St. that was the result of a broken main valve. The water valve will need to be replaced in the future. A quote for a new valve was done for \$14,600.

Phil mentioned getting quotes for repairs on the comminutor/shredder located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Phil also reported a quote was done from Walker Construction for \$32,000 for the Carter Lane storm drain project.

Phil relayed the property demolition on the lot located at 307 E. Main Street has been completed.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle Persinger had nothing to report.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Routine maintenance for the 2013 Charger and 2022 Ram being done this week.

Attended training on June 5th regarding false confessions provided by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Commented on the complaints that were received during the town rummages regarding vehicles parked near the entrance to the Cole Street addition and at the intersection of Cole and S. Sims because of homeowners blocking their yards off.

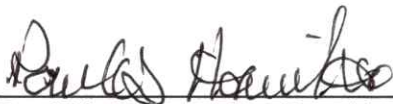
Reviewed several of the town ordinances regarding speed limits within the city limits for golf carts/ORV and No Parking and has provided a rough draft of the changes to the Town Council.

There were numerous complaints regarding speeding on SR 13 (Washington St) that town residents have reported to the Indiana State Police. Marshall Miller stated there will be a significant increase in patrols in this area and citations will be given to drivers if caught speeding.

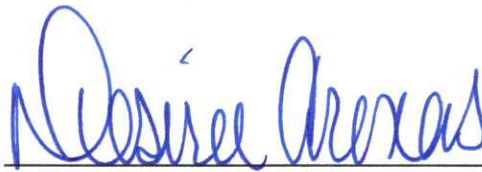
Paul Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be July 21st, 2025 at 7pm.



Paul Hamilton, Vice President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer