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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 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; Rhonda Fagan, Heather Zirkle and Mike Horsley, Town Board Members.

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

Visitors: Justin Alberts, Edward Arenas, Kathy Corey, Jeff Duncan, Brady Edgington, Jamie Flannery, Harold King, Terry Kratzer, Randy McNally, Brittany Riner; Media, Dave Taylor, and Don Thompson; SEDC.

Aaron Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the February 24, 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 February 24, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Ordinance 2025-01 No longer providing Health Insurance to the Swayzee Police Department was approved and signed by council.

2024 AFR was approved and submitted on February 28, 2025

VISITORS

Don Thompson, representing SEDC, reported that a representative from OCRA will attend the next council meeting April 17th. He also has discovered that the company, T-Mobile, has community grants available. The SEDC would like to help the community by hiring a paving company to pave several areas in Swayzee. Don has obtained a quote from Don Scott at Grant County Paving to pave the old tennis court at West Park turning it into a Pickle Ball Court. The quote will also be for paving the former hardware store parking lot. The next SEDC meeting is Thursday April 10, 2025.

Randy McNally came to the meeting to inform the public of the history of the Thrailkill G.A.R Veterans Memorial Cemetery north of Swayzee. There will be re-dedication of the G.A.R. Monument on July 12, 2025. The public is invited to attend.

Kathy Corey inquired about a permit for a new shed she is placing on her property. Councilman Mike Horsley let her know that she did not need a permit for her building. She also wanted to know the whereabouts of the easement lining her property. Mike will look into this and contact her with this information.

Terry Kratzer would like to see the town of Swayzee post building codes with definitions explaining what is allowed and not allowed when it comes to improving one's property. He inquired about the timeline of a new Post Office and the poor condition of the driveway leading back to the Post Office Boxes. He would like to see this area fixed immediately. Terry also expressed concern about Swayzee's water quality.

Councilperson, Rhonda Fagan, introduced the Farmer's Market for Andrew Wood who could not attend. They are forming a Farmer's Market Committee of 8 to 12 people. The Farmer's Market will be at 2 events this year; Swayzee Rummages June 6 & 7, and Swayzee Days September 13. The Farmer's Market Committee asked Council for a donation to purchase picnic tables and trash cans for these events. Aaron Travis made a motion to take \$500 out of the Rainy Day Fund to give to the Farmer's Market Committee.. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Jeff Duncan informed Council that there is a sinkhole in front of the Shaw and Puckett residences on Second Street. Also 2nd Street and Lyons Street need paving. Desiree will call Grant County to pave Lyons Street.

Several residents at the meeting expressed concerns about cars speeding on Lyons Street. They asked for police involvement for this problem.

Jamie Flatford expressed gratitude for Philip's help in attending to her father's water leak on Sunday March 23rd.

CLERK TREASURER

Desiree asked for the picnic tables at East Park to be chained to cement as kids are moving them to the playground equipment.

She informed the Council that this will be the last year for Mary Helen, our dedicated Crossing Guard.

Desiree is working with Daniel Tripp from Kleinpeter to clarify questions on the Swayzee 2023 Annual Financial Report.

Bergman's Concrete will be completing the sidewalk project on State Road 13 this week.

Desiree discussed purchasing new rubber playground surface mulch for the parks. Council agreed.

She will be canceling Korseen Fire and going with Thompson Fire and Safety Supplies for the annual service on the fire extinguishers.

Desiree will contact Scott's Grant County Asphalt for a quote on filling potholes in town.

She also will be getting bids to tear down the property formerly owned by Margie Shinholt on 307 E. Main. This land will be sold.

MEDIA

Brittany reported on the Swayzee website and Facebook activity. She shared with Council several sites online that are beneficial for job posting. She also is going to be doing some video marketing by creating reels about places to visit in Swayzee.

Brittany will be incorporating Constant Contact for assistance informing the public of the goings on of the town of Swayzee. This will also be beneficial in obtaining volunteers for the different events happening in Swayzee.

TOWN UTILITIES

Philip and Aaron Solms are currently working on the sinkhole on Lyons Street.

Phil has hired Berry Electric to install the tornado siren.

The pumps at the Water Plant are being repaired by Peerless.

Philip reported that the painting of the tanks and pipes at the Water Plant is almost completed and that the cost was within budget.

Phil requested that the Council would meet at the Wastewater Plant in the near future to review how things are going.

Phil has been looking for someone to repair the street sweeper and has not been able to locate anyone as of yet.

Phil informed the Council that the Wastewater Plant needs a new pump. The estimated cost would be \$2000 - \$3000.

A new sinkhole has been discovered in the parking lot across from Swayzee Tenderloin. Phil will be working on it as soon as possible.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle Persinger reported that he received a check from Mr. Philabaum. He communicated to the Council that a new law is in effect starting July 1st. The law states that all Town Council Meetings must be available by live stream. He is in the process of inquiring if the live stream can be audio only or must include video as well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshall Miller attended the state mandated Defensive Tactics and Ground Fighting on February 25.

Marshall Miller attended the state mandated Autism Training on March 6.

He requested permission to attend the Police Chief Executive Training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy April 21-25. The cost of the training is \$250 plus hotel stay.

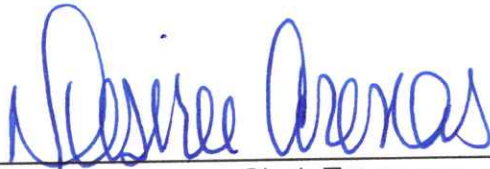
Aaron Travis made a motion to approve sending Marshall Miller to Police Chief Executive Training in April. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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



Aaron Travis, President

Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer