

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

March 16, 2026  
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; Vice President, Heather Zirkle and Tyler Bundrick, Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer; Kyle Persinger, Town Attorney and Josh Miller, Town Marshal.

Aaron Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the February 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Tyler Bundrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

**VISITORS**

Mike Spaulding with Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department and Harold King.

Jamie Moore introduced himself as a candidate for Grant Circuit Court One Judge. He has served Grant County for 25 years, first as a deputy sheriff and later with the prosecutor's office.

**CLERK TREASURER**

The Town of Swayzee, Indiana Sewer Works Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2025, was sold to First Internet Public Finance Corp on January 27, 2026, in the amount of \$482,000.00, with an interest rate of 4.50% per annum and a maturity date of January 27, 2028.

On January 26, 2026, four wire transfers totaling \$50,705.00 were completed, consisting of \$30,125.00 for interest, \$10,000.00 for bond counsel fees, \$7,500.00 for municipal advisor fees, \$3,000.00 for bank fees, and an \$80.00 wire fee.

All related documents were provided to the Town Council for review. The Council was given the opportunity to ask questions, and no questions were raised.

A check in the amount of \$3,808.58 was issued to the Swayzee Days Committee for deposit into their new account. This amount represents remaining Swayzee Days donations from 2025. Approval for this disbursement was granted by the Town Council.

Tyler Bundrick made a motion to approve the check in the amount of \$3,808.58 to the Swayzee Days Committee. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

An additional \$95 million was set aside for communities that applied to the 2026-1 Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) call but were not awarded, making the Town of Swayzee eligible to reapply.

The grant application was resubmitted, and a Notice to Bidders was published in the *Chronicle* on March 14, 2026. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud during the Town Council meeting at 7 pm.

East Grant Street was removed from the current application due to incorrect mapping in the State's inventory. Efforts are currently underway to correct the inventory so that Grant Street may be included in future applications.

The Swayzee Rummages event will be held on June 5 and 6. Bev will continue to serve as the event organizer, with assistance provided as needed.

A new John Deere tractor was ordered and received on March 11. The first lease payment, in the amount of \$11,131.42, has been made. The lease consists of three payments, with the second payment expected to be in a similar amount and the final payment of \$1 due at the end of the lease term.

All lease documentation has been distributed to the Council for review. Photographs of the tractor were taken and will be added to the Town's asset.

## **TOWN UTILITIES**

Disinfection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant began on April 1 and requires the use of new pumps for chlorine and SO<sub>2</sub> injection. The current pumps are not operating consistently, which could result in potential compliance violations.

Two quotes were received from Living Waters for replacement pumps: \$15,000 for standard pumps and \$27,000 for variable-rate pumps. The variable-rate pumps automatically adjust chemical injection based on water flow, helping to prevent violations during rain events that increase inflow.

Although the new wastewater treatment plant will utilize a UV disinfection system, the variable-rate pumps are recommended as a short-term solution to maintain compliance.

Tyler Bundrick made a motion to approve Living Waters \$27,000 quote for the variable-rate pumps. Mike Horsley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5–0.

A gutter and downspout on a town-owned building (which shares a roofline with Chuckwagon) have been damaged. The resulting leak is causing water to drain onto Chuckwagon's building roof, leading to ice buildup and damage during winter conditions.

A temporary repair has been completed, and follow-up work with Clevenger's is planned to complete a permanent fix.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

A Notice of Public Hearing was published at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, announcing a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the sale of real estate located at 111 and 113 North Washington Street, Swayzee, Indiana, to the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department for \$20,000.00.

A public hearing was held as scheduled regarding the proposed sale of the property. The purpose of the sale is to allow the Fire Department to expand its facilities. No comments or questions were raised by the public.

Following the public hearing. A motion was made by Aaron Travis to approve Resolution 09-2026 authorizing the sale of the property. Heather Zirkle seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4–0–1, with Tyler Bundrick abstaining due to his affiliation with the Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department.

Work will continue on the Annexation Fiscal Plan for the Studebaker property located at 110 S. 4th Street and the Lenora Jean Eastes property located at 401 W. Lyons Street in Swayzee, Indiana.

The Council discussed the possibility of adopting an ordinance to stagger Council member terms in order to avoid all seats becoming vacant at the same time. Currently, all Council seats are scheduled for election at the end of 2027.

It was noted that if the Council wishes to implement staggered terms, an ordinance must be adopted by December 31 of the current year. The Council agreed that staggering terms are important for maintaining continuity of governance.

Kyle was requested to draft an ordinance for Council review.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The monthly call volume was 221, bringing the year-to-date total to 675.

2013 Dodge Charger is currently waiting to get in the shop for an oil change and ABS light.

Attended a free TAC course hosted by Marion Health Police Department, Indiana State Police Drug Task Force, and Indiana National Guard Police, focusing on active shooter medical response and tactics.

The new police vehicle has been assigned a production date and is scheduled for manufacturing.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An application will be submitted at the end of March for a T-Mobile grant to support improvements in the farmers' market area.

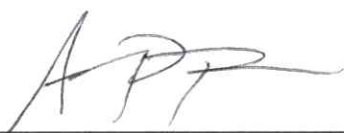
Swayzee Day Volunteers are being sought to assist with children's games at the "Crazy Eights" event.

The upcoming May 5 primary election was noted as an important date. General information regarding local county races and candidates was shared with those in attendance.

Aaron Travis 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 7:55 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be April 20, 2026 at 7pm.



Aaron Travis, President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer