

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council  
April 27, 2023

I. The meeting was called to order by Kyle Taylor at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Roll Call:

Charles Myers-Present

Matt Stewart-Present

Travis LeMaster-Present

Kyle Taylor-Present

Chuck Briede-Present

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

II. **Minutes**

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2023, meeting as written. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Charles Myers-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023, Preliminary Engineering Report meeting as written. Charlie Myers seconded the motion.

Charles Myers-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of April 27, 2023, as submitted. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Charles Myers-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. **Public Forum**

- No comments

V. **Department Reports**

**Police Department** – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan:
  - Reported 205 calls in the period
  - Said he would like to get a Police 1 online subscription for training purposes. It would make his department less dependent on other agencies.
  - Received a quote for body cams from Axon. Will compile a comparison with those from Motorola and present to the council.
  - The 2020 Tahoe has another split in the windshield. The windshield will probably need to be replaced.

- The AEDs have been deployed to the Tahoe's (one in each vehicle).
- Deputy Corey Ward has gone back to the Sheriff's department.
- Updated the council on the status of the properties that have been cited for or warned about ordinance violations.

**Maintenance Department** – Operations Manager Patrick Kendall was in attendance.

- Patrick reported:
  - UV bypass system has been repaired and a letter was sent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) reporting the same.
  - Sent a letter to IDEM in response to the cited deficiencies in our early warning system. Triad also responded and referenced the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER).
  - He continues to input assets and asset management data into Silversmith.
  - They have been keeping up mowing, other than Church Street. They also have been spraying weeds.
  - He has a couple of prospects for the third full-time maintenance position.
- Kyle reported Dollar General was having issues with their sanitary line and storm line. The issues seem to be resolved for now. However, on company property behind the store there is an uncovered 24" drain that needs to be covered as well as trash and debris that needs to be cleaned up. Town counsel Michael Hotz will compose a letter to the company.

**Parks Department**—President Steve Kelley was not in attendance.

- No report

## VI. Continuing Business

- Kyle reported that he had received an email from Michael Kleinpeter of Kleinpeter and Associates indicating:
  - The Sweetser Income Survey is 100% complete and has been submitted
  - We received Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) certification on the documents
  - The town will soon receive an Income Survey report
  - The town is eligible to apply for up to \$700,000 in OCRA Wastewater Construction funds.
  - The next rounds of applications are due in September 2023
- Stu Savka of Triad distributed paper and digital copies of the PER and the Asset Management Plan (AMP).
- Resolution 2023-2, Town of Sweetser Social Media Policy, was reintroduced for discussion and a second reading. After discussion, the matter was tabled.
- The council resumed consideration of a further salary increase for the town marshal.

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to raise the marshal salary to \$49,000 from \$45,000, effective for the payroll of May 5, 2023. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Charles Myers-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-No

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Clerk is still working on details for obtaining and using a town credit card. After discussion, matter was tabled.
- Discussion resumed on contracting for PASER rerating services. Matter tabled.
- The council further discussed the process for selling the Church Street property. Matter was tabled.
- The town clean-up date was clarified as being June 24. Patrick will contact Republic Services.

## VII. New Business

- None

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Potter

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