

September 10, 2019

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on September 10, 2019. All council members and Attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge was recited, and minutes from the previous meeting read and approved.

Melinda Hunger was in attendance to inquire about the progress being made at 234 S. Main street. Attorney Eaton reported that there has been no appearance made by the property owner, or his attorney to give an update or timeline on repairs. Sandy Pickett, real estate agent for Meisberger Realty reported that the roof has been replaced, and new plumbing is being installed. The homeowner can not afford an attorney to represent him in this matter, and would prefer to put his money into repairing the property. The council and Attorney Eaton were in agreement that they would like to see the home restored, and requested that the homeowner appear in person at the next council meeting. Sandy asked what the next step would be, and what is legally attached to the property. Attorney Eaton stated that the matter has been filed in court, but the town can choose not to pursue it. The council again requested the presence of the property owner, William Dougherty, or an attorney on his behalf, at the next council meeting, October 8, 2019.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 30 calls since the last meeting, including 4 vehicle accidents, 2 residential fires, and a couple of incidents at South Ripley Schools. Chief Sieverding commended the department on their quick response time. Roxanne Meyer asked Chief Sieverding if he has heard anything from the exploratory committee that was formed following the fire territory meetings. Chief Sieverding said he has not heard anything in about four months from the committee.

Jeff French, reported an incident on August 30. Jeff had a conflict with a health department employee regarding parking in front of his office. Jeff stated that both he and his wife have spoken to the employee and asked that a spot be left open in front of their business for customers. The employee has repeatedly refused to park elsewhere. Marshal Joe Mann suggested putting customer parking only signs in front of the business, but Jeff said he wasn't sure he wanted to go that route yet. Jeff will wait until next month to see if the issue can be resolved, then possibly approach the council again if further action is needed.

Dean Ferrier from Rumpke noted that he had provided bids for all four bid options plus recycling, but Best Way did not. Dean committed to being the primary contact to the Town of Versailles if Rumpke is awarded the trash contract. Steve informed Dean that the trash bids would be opened later in the meeting.

Jana Lloyd representing South Ripley Cheer requested permission to have a color run on the square October 12 at 3 p.m. to benefit the cheer team. Roxanne asked Jana if she could map out the route, Jana stated it is the same route as the Pumpkin Show run. Steve asked Jana to speak with Marshal Mann regarding which streets need to be closed. The council voted unanimously to grant permission for the run.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sewer project is going well. The new sewer vac is coming in handy, and has been used several times. Kevin inquired about the property next to the town hall, and if the town should mow it before pumpkin show. Larry will send a letter to the owner requesting they clean it up as soon as possible. Kevin reported that the part for the clarifier is in and he will start putting it together.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby reported that due to an error in the 2020 budget, it will not be presented for approval until the October 8 meeting. The council approved the upgrade to Key Fund software next year. The software is a mandatory upgrade.

Trash bids from Rumpke and Best Way were opened and reviewed by the council. Roxanne asked if any complaints were expressed regarding once per week pick up, none have been expressed so far. Steve noted that Rumpke had met the bid specs, but that the town was leaning toward Best Way's service because they will provide the large containers, and there would be no cost increase to utility customers. Roxanne asked Jay Hull, representing Best Way if he had an approximate time that they would pick up trash. Jay said he would run the route and get back with the town. Jay requested a list of trash customers, and said the totes will be delivered by an outside company. Steve thanked Dean and Rumpke for their service. The council voted to approve the contract with Best Way for November 1, 2019-October 31, 2022.

Marshal Joe Mann reported that since Officer Rodriguez has been appointed as the School Resource Office, the VPD will be hiring a new Deputy Marshal. Applications can be picked up at the town hall. Marshal Mann has received many compliments regarding Officer Rodriguez and his service at the schools. Marshal Mann requested additional security for the Pumpkin Show parade. He requested 8 officers at \$200/each in addition to himself and Officer Rodriguez. Marshal Mann will request reimbursement from the Lyons Club.

Roxanne gave an update on the Mainstreet committee. She mentioned that although Mainstreet is not sponsoring, they are in support of Fall Fest. The award meeting for the Tyson Fund will be Saturday, September 14, and the Town will supply cake and punch.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Steve Mathes

Council Member, Matt McNew

Council Member, Roxanne Meyer