

January 12, 2012

All council members & Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby were sworn into office by attorney Larry Eaton.

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on January 12, 2012. All council members and Attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read & approved. The reorganization meeting was held, Steve Mathes nominated Sue Meisberger for council president; motion passed 3-0. Sue nominated Steve for vice president; motion passed 3-0. All council members were in agreement that the regular monthly meetings should stay on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Citizen Jim Henson was in attendance to inquire about the inspection results of his property. The inspection showed that the stable roof needs to be repaired, wiring brought up to code, new siding installed, and vegetation cleared. The council asked that Mr. Henson report back in May with updates to the property.

Gil Landwher from the Tyson Sports Complex board informed the council that he would like to check into applying for the community focus fund grant, or any other grants available. The council agreed that the board should get all of the ideas they can, check into all grants & present their findings to the town council.

Ben Sieverding from the Versailles Volunteer Fire Department reported 23 calls since the last meeting, 356 calls for 2011. The department was down about 80 runs from 2010.

Marshall Joe Mann presented the council with some pricing information on new police vehicles. John would like to hold a special meeting to discuss purchasing a new vehicle and what to do with the old one. Marshall Mann also reported that the prosecutor's office is putting together a hotline and e-mail address for crime tips. The cost would be approximately \$250 per entity to set up and maintain the tip lines. The council agreed to pay \$250 if the other entities decided to do so.

Steve Mathes reported that several people had asked about annexing into town limits. Larry will send out information explaining the annex laws to those who would be affected. Steve has also been working with a company to check on making a website for the town. The initial cost would be around \$2000, with additional annual fees for maintenance. The council will meet with the company during a special meeting. The walking trail committee is still gathering general information. They did find out that the trails don't have to be 8 ft. wide.

John reported that Jim Waldo has been appointed to the zoning board. Carol Evans has been re-appointed to the planning commission. Hoosier Hills Water will find out if the second grant was approved by January 31. John mentioned that he had several requests that the town accept credit/debit cards for payments. Sue said she was against the idea because it is more trouble than it's worth. John motioned to advertise for bids for the firehouse, Steve 2nd, motion passed 3-0. With no further business coming before the council, meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes