

October 11, 2012

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on October 11, 2012. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Eric Rabe, proprietor of the new Cash Saver grocery store, and Robert Wood, owner of the property were in attendance to request a tax abatement from the town. Attorney Eaton stated that ordinarily a tax abatement cannot be granted to a retail business, but if Economic Development finds it pertinent, an exception can be made. Attorney Eaton also stated that the abatement may only apply to the improvements, not to the building itself. Mr. Rabe said he and Mr. Wood were under the impression that a full abatement could be granted. The property tax figures that Attorney Eaton presented did not agree with the figures that Mr. Wood had. It was agreed that the correct figures would be obtained from the county Treasurer's office, and the council would meet with Mr. Wood and Mr. Rabe in the future to discuss the abatement. Resolution 2012-01 was passed granting a tax abatement to Mr. Wood for the improvements on the property. The store will open Friday, October 12, and hold their grand opening on Saturday, October 13.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 59 calls in the past two months. The new emergency sirens will be delivered next week. Ben will ask Duke Energy if they can help set the poles for the sirens.

Gil Landwehr from the Sports Complex board thanked Kevin Hensley and the town employees for all of their help with the complex this summer. The town council thanked Gil and the complex board for all of their hard work.

Marshall Joe Mann has begun ordering equipment for the new police vehicle. The car will be finished in mid-November.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported 4 water leaks. The probation department has been helping pick up trash on and around the square. Kevin would like to look into purchasing or leasing a new tractor for the street department. The old tractor will be up for sale. The town will advertise the sale for ten days, and take bids at the Versailles Town Hall. The council agreed to move ahead with the sale of the old tractor, and leasing a new one. A bid was obtained for \$5,000 to install new curbs by Tyson Church and the Masonic Hall. Steve asked Kevin about possibly having a tree trimmed at the end of Main Street. The tree has a large limb hanging over the street, and it is a possible hazard. Kevin got a bid for \$250 to remove the limb, or \$1,000 to cut down the whole tree. Kevin will meet with the property owner, and ask if he wants the tree removed. Kevin stated that there is a computer issue at the water plant, and a specialist will be looking at it.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented the 2013 budget, which the council unanimously approved.

Steve Mathes reported that there should be a decision any day on the grant for the proposed walking trails. Steve also submitted an application to the state for signs to be put in place to indicate the direction to the sports complex. Steve asked attorney Eaton to follow up with the Versailles American Legion on their request for a right of way behind the town hall.

Jeff Hamm presented a check to the town from the summer softball league.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes