

December 13, 2012

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on December 13, 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.

President Sue Meisberger presented Resolution 2012-01 granting a tax abatement for the improvements on the building of the new Cash Saver grocery store. The resolution passed 3-0.

Jim Henson updated the council on the progress of improvements to his property at 402 South High Street. Mr. Henson is in the process of installing new gutters and roofing the barn.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 22 calls since the last meeting. Chief Sieverding commended the Versailles Volunteer Fire Department for containing a basement fire and not allowing it to spread to the upstairs of a residence. Chief Sieverding received a check from the RCCF to assist with the cost of the new emergency sirens.

Gary Norman from Ripley County Economic Development was in attendance to support the tax abatement for the grocery store. Mr. Norman asked Superintendent Kevin Hensley if RCED was responsible for partial payment for repairing pipes that were clogged and damaged behind their building. Kevin said it was the town's responsibility to repair the pipes because they were not initially installed properly.

Jeff French presented the council members with prints detailing the property that the legion would like to own. The parcels are between the legion and the old fire department and between the legion and the town hall. The council members agreed to deed the property to the legion pending a variance approval from the zoning board. Jeff also reported that he and Steve Mathes met with INDOT regarding the Safe Route to Schools grant. The town will be responsible for paying invoices related to the SRTS project, and INDOT will reimburse. The grant totaled \$75,000, and is to be used for planning for walking/biking trails.

Dean Ferrier from Rumpke was in attendance to inform the council that Rumpke had bought out Linkel's, and would be the new trash service provider for the town. Mr. Ferrier requested a formal legal document to appoint Rumpke as the trash service provider.

Marshall Joe Mann reported that the new police car is finished.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sludge has been cleaned out at the water plant. Kevin will be attending the next commissioner's meeting to request that the jail install their own grind station. There is excessive debris coming from the jail that has been clogging up the lift station. Kevin contacted Hoosier Hills regarding the new water source. He recommended that when the new water is available, the customers install a water softener because the water is a lot harder than the water the town has now.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented an insurance bid for 2013 from Gardner Insurance. The bid was approved unanimously.

Council member Steve Mathes asked attorney Eaton when the town can close on the sale of Tyson Auditorium. Larry stated that as soon as the title search comes back a closing date will be scheduled. Steve sent in the proper paperwork to the state to get signs marking the sports complex.

Council member John Holzer would like to ask the Tyson Board of Trustees if the money the town receives for the sale of Tyson Auditorium can be held in the water operating fund. The trustees had requested the money be put toward repayment of bonds.

Attorney Eaton recommended a rate increase to help defray water operating costs until the new water source is available. John stated that he thought the current rate would suffice until next year.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President – Sue Meisberger

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Council Member – John Holzer

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Council Member – Steve Mathes