

June 14, 2012

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on June 14, 2012. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read & approved.

C.T. "Sugo" Castner and Roger Kavanaugh were in attendance to request funding from the town to supplement the cost of having the traveling memorial wall in Versailles. Sue Meisberger motioned to donate \$1,000, motion passed 3-0. Mr. Castner and Mr. Kavanaugh thanked the town and stated that any funds not used toward funding the wall would be given to the memorial wall on the square.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding has submitted a grant to the Ripley County Community Foundation for the installation of new poles for new fire sirens. Chief Sieverding reported 46 calls since the last meeting. Derek Wood is a new member of the Versailles Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Sieverding also has grants in progress for replacing a fire engine and one for new extrication cutters.

Jeff Rogers was in attendance to inquire about the possible annexation on the South side of town. Mr. Rogers asked when the final decision would be made and if the homeowners would be asked to take a poll. Attorney Larry Eaton stated that the annexation would likely take place as soon as possible and that the homeowner's input would determine if it would take place at all. Mr. Rogers also asked what benefits the annexation would have to the homeowners. Attorney Eaton stated that the major benefit would be police coverage and ordinance enforcement by the Versailles police department.

Marshall Joe Mann reported that the new security camera was in and has been working well. Officer Dan Goris stated that South Ripley has been granted \$19,500 for the school resources officer position. Marshall Mann will be requesting additional funds from the 5 township trustees. Officer Goris would like for representatives from the town and the school to meet and work out the details of the grant for the upcoming school year.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley stated that new mulch has been spread at Pangburn Park. A new employee, Richie Lay, has been hired to do the summer mowing. All of the new electronic meters have been installed. Kevin also inquired about the letter from the county's attorney regarding reimbursement for the water and sewer line installation. Attorney Eaton said that there should not be an issue, and he will provide a copy of the town's ordinance to the county commissioners.

John Holzer would like to get Tyson Auditorium cleaned out within the next 30 days. The rummage sale items for the Holton tornado victims are still being stored in the auditorium.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented a contract on behalf of the sports complex board for Barb Hensley to run concessions at the sports complex. Steve Mathes motioned to accept the contract, motion passed unanimously. The sports complex board would like to hire Andi Richter to run the soccer league for the upcoming season, which was also approved unanimously.

Attorney Eaton asked if the town would like to pursue the annexation. John stated that he didn't think the majority of the property owners were for it, and that it wasn't really necessary.

Steve Mathes inquired about the right of way for the American Legion. Attorney Eaton will get a physical description of the property and file the necessary paperwork. A planning grant has been submitted for the proposed safe route to school trails. Steve also suggested putting up signs to direct people from out of town to the sports complex. Attorney Eaton stated that the state would have to put up the signs and that they would most likely agree to do so.

With no further business coming before the council, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 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