

July 12, 2012

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on July 12, 2012. All council members were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with a correction from John Holzer that in the previous meeting he stated that the council would like the rummage sale items cleaned out of Tyson Auditorium in 30-60 days, not 30 days as recorded in the minutes.

Sue motioned that the council ask for Tyson Auditorium to be cleaned out by the middle of August, John 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding noted that Jamie Vest has resigned from the Versailles volunteer fire department. Ben also stated that he would speak with a representative of the Rising Sun Regional Foundation if necessary to give further information for the grant submitted for new fire sirens.

A concerned citizen was in attendance to address the condition of a property on North Monroe Street. The property has become unsightly, and is affecting the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Superintendent Kevin Hensley has spoken with the property owner, who claims he is working on cleaning it up. Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby will speak with attorney Larry Eaton about sending further notice to the property owner.

Marshall Joe Mann asked the council if the Versailles Police Department could request money from the Tyson Fund to supplement costs for the school resources officer. John stated that per Rod Hite, no further funding could be applied for until the new superintendent is installed at South Ripley. Marshall Mann also stated that he has received a number of complaints regarding stray dogs and cats.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported three water leaks in town since the last meeting. A new employee has been hired for seasonal mowing. Kevin would like to purchase additional sprinkler systems for the sports complex since the summer has been so dry. Kevin suggested requesting money from the Tyson Fund for a new jetter and camera system.

Kiersten Libby presented a request for re-zoning lot #23 in the Smith Addition from R-3 Residential to Local Business. The council unanimously agreed to do so. A request was presented from Lifetime Resources for funding from the town. The council denied the request. Chief Sieverding noted that he had spoken to Lifetime Resources about missing smoke detectors at the Tanglewood Apartments. Chief Sieverding stated that if they did not replace the smoke detectors, the state fire marshal will be contacted.

John suggested requesting money from the Tyson Fund for remodeling the old firehouse to create a new town hall/community center. He stated that a decision needs to be made to renovate and use the property or to sell it. Sue suggested checking into grants for a new town hall. John would like to get a revised estimate on the cost of renovation, and hold a special meeting to discuss it.

Steve Mathes reported that a grant for the proposed walking/bike trails has been submitted, and the committee should hear something by September.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes