

January 11, 2013

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on January 11, 2013. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. John Holzer nominated Sue Meisberger for board president, Steve Mathes 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

William Tewmey was in attendance to represent the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Tewmey and other members of the Masonic Lodge would like to run the sports complex for the 2013 season to raise money for scholarships and expenses at the lodge. The council advised Mr. Tewmey that they are in the process of reforming the sports complex board, and they will take his offer under consideration when selecting who will run the ball program.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 22 calls since the last meeting. The department had 401 calls for the year, and their average response time was 7.58 minutes. There are 20 members of the Versailles volunteer fire department. Adam Hunger has been named assistant chief. Chief Sieverding informed the council that he is getting a quote for wiring and programming the new emergency sirens, and he hopes to have the poles in and the sirens mounted by the end of the month or the beginning of February.

Julie Berry and John Wetzel from Midwest Engineering presented the council with information regarding the recent smoke testing that was conducted in town. Currently, there are 8 lift stations, 20 miles of mainline pipe and 208 manholes in town. The town is experiencing issues with infiltration and inflow, which is driving up the cost of pumping water from the storm drains. Some of the problems can be solved by putting special covers on the manholes. Midwest Engineering will give the town an estimate for repairing the issues identified in the smoke testing. Ms. Berry suggested seeking funding from a Community Focus Fund grant.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley met with the county commissioners about the excessive debris coming from the jail. They will try to monitor the inmates more closely. Kevin also stated that the fields at the sports complex need to be fertilized and reseeded. He will get an estimate for the cost of doing so.

The council nominated Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby to serve on the SIRPC. Ordinance 2013-01 pertaining to employee salaries was unanimously approved.

Steve Mathes had received some concerns regarding the safety of people walking and riding bikes near the highway by the career center. An executive session was set for January 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss the sports complex and the water operating fund.

John Holzer inquired about the revenue of the town court. Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented the 2012 revenue and expenses.

Sue Meisberger asked permission for the Kwanis to have a BBQ on the square. The council unanimously approved.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 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