

May 9, 2013

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on May 9, 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.

Jerry Gilpin expressed disappointment that the town is not supporting local business. Mr. Gilpin stated that for the past two years, the uniforms for the baseball/softball programs had been purchased from out of town vendors. Mr. Gilpin told the council that this sets a poor example for everyone if the town chooses to shop from vendors in other communities instead of their hometown. Gilpin went on to say that he has donated over \$10,000 in money and services in the past, and was involved with the initial development of the sports complex. The Gilpins have also offered to allow the sports complex board to order equipment at their cost, a 40% savings. Council member Steve Mathes will speak with the sports complex board and meet with the Gilpins so that the issue can be resolved. Steve thanked the Gilpins for their hard work and volunteer time, as well as commending the sports complex board for their efforts. Council president Sue Meisberger stated that the council was not aware that the bid for uniforms had been awarded to an out of town vendor until after the fact. Council member John Holzer stated that the town council was in a difficult position because they were unaware that the bid had been accepted from another vendor, and the sports complex board was instructed to buy locally if the bids were competitive. Mr. Gilpin also stated that the Lions Club has not received a sponsorship request for two years, and had to pursue the sponsorship last year.

Jerry also spoke on behalf of the Lions club regarding the Pumpkin Show. The Lions Club has been working with Marshall Joe Mann on a disaster plan, in case of an emergency during the Pumpkin Show. Marshall Mann has been in contact with the EMA and the Fire Department to help develop the plan.

Marshall Mann presented quotes for surveillance cameras for the sports complex and Pangburn Park. Some serious vandalism recently occurred at Pangburn Park, making it necessary for 24 hour surveillance. The council will review the quotes and make a decision about the purchase at a later date.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the rest of the trees that were ordered for the sports complex were on backorder, so he cancelled the order. Kevin ordered trash can lids and metal drums for Pangburn Park. Video work on the sewer lines by Pollards lift station revealed two residents with drains pouring into the storm drains. The residents were instructed to close the drains.

Steve Mathes informed the council that the engineering firm Green Three had been selected for the proposed walking/bike trails. Steve also asked attorney Eaton about the potential sewer rate increase. Larry will work on the necessary paperwork for the increase for the next meeting.

Council member John Holzer spoke about the Mainstreet Indiana project that the council met about previously. The town would like to have volunteers who are interested in working on the project. The benefits to forming a committee would be networking opportunities and possible grant funding.

Sue Meisberger presented a letter from the Lions club requesting permission to use the square on June 22 for their annual chicken fry. Permission was granted in a previous meeting. A bid was presented to have a tree cut down on 1st North Street. Kevin will get a second bid and the council will go with the lowest bidder.

With no further business coming before the council, meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes