

January 9, 2014

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on January 9, 2014. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sue Meisberger was elected President, Steve Mathes was elected Vice President. Both votes were unanimous. The council agreed to keep the meeting date the second Thursday of each month. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mary McCarty informed the council of some of the town's options for funding the storm drainage project. The project is estimated to cost 1.3 million dollars, and there are two possibilities for funding at this time. The town can apply for up to \$500,000 through the storm drain program. The proposal would be due in February, and the final application in April. The town could also apply for up to 1 million from disaster recovery funds. That funding would be available at the end of 2014 or the beginning of 2015. Mary stated that the town could apply for both sources of funding, but accept only one. The council agreed to get all preliminary environmental work completed and plan on applying for the disaster relief funds.

Amy Cornette from the Tyson Activity Center asked the council for their support in applying for a historical preservation grant. The council agreed unanimously to act as the applicant for the Tyson Activity Center.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 33 calls since the last meeting. There were 373 calls total for 2013. The department logged 1,048 man hours for the year and their average response time was 6 minutes, 40 seconds.

Jerry Gilpin approached the council about the possibility of an organization installing decorative flags on the light posts. The council approved unanimously.

Jeff French has been appointed to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation.

Marshall Joe Mann reported that there had been several burglaries in town. Jeff Thielking has been officially appointed to be the school resources officer for the 2013-2014 school year.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley informed the council that the skid steer had a new drive motor installed. The Christmas lights will be taken down next week. Kevin asked for suggestions on where to have the decorations sand blasted and cleaned. The town streets have been salted 7 times so far this winter.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented a request from Do-Indiana to use the water tower for a repelling event. The council approved the request. The town has been granted \$40,000 by the Rising Sun Regional Foundation to aide in the cost of remodeling the old fire house. The council will meet with Jeff Hafft and get some ideas on what to do with the fire house.

John Holzer requested the figures from the court for 2013.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes