

November 13, 2014

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on November 13, 2014. Council members Sue Meisberger and Steve Mathes and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Leonard and Twila Waller, 651 Colvin Drive, requested the council's advisement on an ongoing issue with their neighbor, Roger McAdams. The Wallers had installed a sump pump around four years ago. The neighbor complained that all of the water they were pumping out was going into his yard. So, Mr. Waller contacted Superintendent Kevin Hensley to see what their options were for relocating the pump. Kevin advised the Wallers that the pump needed to be placed at the back of their property so that the water would pump into the nearby woods. The Wallers relocated the pump to the back part of their property. Since then, Mr. McAdams has built his driveway up, so that all of the water from his yard drains onto the Waller's property. Attorney Larry Eaton informed the Waller's that the town does not have jurisdiction over the matter, and that Indiana law treats surface water as a common enemy. Attorney Eaton suggested that the Waller's contact an attorney if an agreement cannot be reached among the parties. The council agreed that Superintendent Hensley could look at the property, and perhaps remedy some of the low spots in the yard so that water would not be so prevalent.

A hearing was held on the annexation of properties on South Main Street and Harvest Ridge subdivision. Several residents were in attendance to ask questions about the proposed annexation. Charlie and Ruth Ashcraft told the council that they have no problem with being annexed, but that the residents of Harvest Ridge would like to have street lights installed. Steve Mathes informed the residents that the town has obtained price quotes for installing lights, and that the situation will be reviewed once the annexation is complete. Mr. Ashcraft also had a concern about a sinkhole in the field adjoining his property. Mr. Ashcraft has been spraying to keep the weeds under control, but he would like to know whose responsibility the sink hole is. Attorney Eaton advised Mr. Ashcraft that the field belongs to the school, therefore it is the school's responsibility to take care of the sink hole. Attorney Eaton suggested that the Ashcrafts speak to the school superintendent regarding the matter.

Richard and Betty May, 1006 S. Main Street, asked the council if they would be required to hook on to the town sewer after their property was annexed. The council assured Mr. May that as long as his septic system was working he would not be required to hook on with the town, but that he did have the option to do so if he wanted.

Marshal Joe Mann reported that there have been several break-ins recently. Approximately 24 cars and 3 garages have been broken into. The incidents are being investigated. Marshall Mann would like to reintroduce the K-9 program. The council agreed to discuss the program further when council member John Holzer is present. Marshal Mann passed out 650 glow stick during trick-or-treat.

The council agreed to re-appoint Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Steve Mathes requested permission to close part of either 1st North Street or North Washington Street on December 6 for the Mainstreet event. The council agreed to close either street wherever it is necessary for the event. Santa will be on the square for photos, and the Young Confederates will be caroling.

Attorney Eaton has been researching the deferral program for the Versailles Town Court. He has spoken with a representative from Batesville about the program, and it will be very profitable for the court if the town institutes it. Sue requested that Larry continue to research the program, and asked if it would be possible to have it in effect by the first of the year. Larry will try to get the program going as soon as possible.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes