

July 10, 2014

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on July 10, 2014. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Tom Crowe from SE Water Systems was in attendance to offer his services to the citizens of Versailles. Mr. Crowe sells water softeners, bottled water and supplies.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 77 calls in the last two months, and a total of 208 emergency calls so far for 2014. Three new members have joined the Versailles Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Sieverding wanted to make the town aware that the live fire trailer will be moving into town in the next few weeks and not to be alarmed if smoke is visible.

Melinda Hunger was in attendance to file a complaint about the condition of the property at 234 S. Main Street. The property owner has not made necessary repairs, or cleaned up the outside of the property. Bugs and snakes are starting to appear in the yards and homes of neighboring properties. John Holzer recommended having an inspector look at the property, and condemn it if necessary. The council agreed unanimously.

Jeff Hamm and Matt McNew represented the Tyson sports complex board. They gave an end of year report citing a successful season including 350 youth signed up for summer leagues. The Babe Ruth field has been repaired, and all of the dugouts have been roofed. Matt thanked all who were involved in making the season successful. Both Matt and Jeff tendered their resignation to the council.

Natalie Gilpin informed the council that the Mainstreet committee will be hosting a cruise in on the square September 6 from 3-7 p.m. There will be live entertainment as well as a hog roast.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the manholes have been delivered for the sewer repairs. The water plant is now offline, and the issues with the new water system are being worked out. Nearly 3 million gallons of water were used in flushing out the new lines. The Hoosier Hills meter did not start until after the flushing was complete. The street department will begin blacktopping in August. John Holzer stated that a new employee will be hired as soon as possible for the street department. Kevin will begin replacing the water line that runs to the Legion park in the next week. The line running to the state park will need to be replaced as well.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby thanked the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a grant award of \$21,000 to assist the town in installing new computer equipment for the new water system.

Attorney Larry Eaton reported that there are several properties in addition to Harvest Ridge phase 4 that need to be annexed into town. Attorney Eaton recommended that the town adopt a fiscal plan for the annexation. The process will take several months to complete. The council agreed unanimously to proceed with the annexation process.

Steve Mathes proposed paying a second disbursement to Turfstars for the continuing work at the sports complex. The council will look at the fields and decide if payment should be made. The final payment will not be remitted until all work is completed and to the satisfaction of the council. The SRTS committee will be presenting to the health department. A small sample of the possible walking trail at the sports complex is down.

John Holzer clarified that he would not be resigning from the town council. John would like to name the new soccer field in honor of Emily Mathes. The council approved 2-0 with Steve abstaining. John thanked Hoosier Hills, Pete King and Scott Stirn. He also thanked Mary Mattingly from Ripley Publishing for her accurate reporting of the town council meetings.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes