

August 14, 2014

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on August 14, 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.

Melinda Hunger was in attendance to check the status of previous complaints regarding the property at 234 S. Main St. Attorney Larry Eaton sent a request for inspection, but the homeowner would not allow access to the property. The homeowner must comply by September, or Larry will obtain a court order for inspection. Following the inspection, the homeowner will have 60 days to complete necessary repairs, or the town will take further action. Ms. Hunger thanked the council and attorney Eaton for handling the situation.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding informed the council that he has received a rejection letter for the grant to replace a 30 year old fire engine. Ben commended the department for their work at the Marathon station following a fuel leak. The firemen will be at the station for at least the next 24 hours attempting to clean up the leak. They have already logged over 300 man hours at the site. Ben noted that the leak is definitely coming from the Marathon station, but they have yet to find the exact location.

Andi Richter thanked the town for getting the soccer fields ready in time for this year's season. She also thanked Kevin Hensley and the street department for moving all of the equipment from Ohio Rod to the new field. 225 kids have signed up for youth soccer this year.

Marshal Joe Mann obtained a grant to purchase a lock box for unwanted prescription medication to be placed at CVS Pharmacy. September 13 from 10a.m.-2p.m. will be the next drug take back. Marshal Mann reported that officer Buddy had to be euthanized. Gilpin Monument donated a grave marker, and Buddy was buried at the shooting range.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the water line to the Legion park was repaired. There are three sewer issues that need to be addressed, and each will cost approximately \$15,000 to repair. The skid steer needs new tracks, which will cost around \$4,000. The council approved replacing the tracks. The ditch line at David Lane needs to be cleared. John Holzer recommended that the homeowners should be responsible for clearing it. Attorney Eaton recommended getting an easement if the town would be doing the work. The council agreed that the town will clear the ditch line one time, and after that, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to clear it. Kevin Menchover will be cleaning and re-stringing the Christmas lights. The cost will be \$1,000-\$2,000 to clean, paint and re-string the lights.

Marshal Mann has been asked by the probation department to help with drug screenings every Wednesday from 4:30-6p.m. Joe stated that ammunition has been ordered, and he would like to get new firearms. He has ordered new sites for two handguns, and he can possibly trade in some handguns for new ones.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented a request for additional appropriations for the park fund. The council unanimously approved. The 2015 budget hearing was held with no objections. The inter-local agreement was presented and signed by the council.

Steve Mathes reported a complaint that he received regarding fireworks in town. The Mainstreet committee will be holding a cruise in on the square on September 6. The Safe Route to Schools committee will present to the Kwanis on August 18. Steve recommended that upon inspection of the soccer fields, the final payment be made to Turf Stars if the work is satisfactory.

Sue Meisberger presented a request from the Lions Club to utilize the square for Pumpkin Show September 21-28. The request was unanimously approved. Parking will be prohibited along the parade route Saturday morning, and the town will order 3 dumpsters for the Pumpkin Show.

Attorney Eaton reported that all of the easements for the storm water project are done. Larry needs drawings from the engineers in order to speak with the property owners regarding the easements. Ordinance #2014-03, concerning annexation of Harvest Ridge phase four, and resolution # 2014-05 adopting a fiscal plan for annexation were read. The public hearing will be November 13. Larry also mentioned that the Begley property, and Sheets Trucking property need to be annexed as well.

Steve had a request from some residents of Harvest Ridge for street lights to be placed. The council agreed that once Harvest Ridge is annexed into town, they will consider the request.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes