

April 9, 2015

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2015. 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.

Mary McCarty updated the council on the income survey. A second mailing will go out as approximately 100 more replies are needed. Tyson Activity Center has applied for a Community Focus Fund grant. A public hearing will be held April 21 at 5:30 at the activity center. The town will serve as the applicant for the grant, and TAC will be the sub applicant.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 67 calls since the February meeting. The department has applied for an AFG grant through FEMA for a new fire engine, and the application has made it through the preliminary process. Ben stated that the department still has not received payment from the Marathon station for clean-up of the gas leak last year. Ben thanked Kevin for all of his help.

Scott Stim and Greg Dolci from Hoosier Hills attended the meeting to answer any questions or concerns about the new water. Mr. Stim stated that the residue in the water is calcium and magnesium, and in fact hard water is more beneficial than soft water. Steve asked about options for clearer water. The only solution is reverse osmosis or a water softener.

Marshal Joe Mann reported that he has received multiple dog and cat complaints. The TAC event went well, and superintendent Kevin Hensley helped tremendously by unclogging the sewer during the 3 on 3 tournament. Marshal Mann also wanted to alert the citizens that a peeping tom has been spotted and if anything suspicious is noticed, to call the police immediately.

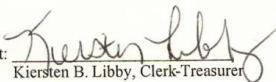
Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sewer work on Jarvis drive has been completed. Kevin would like to order new mulch for Pangburn Park. The council agreed unanimously. Morton salt contacted Kevin, and they will honor the town's salt agreement again this year. The sports complex has not been re-seeded, and needs to be done asap. There are 52 old stop signs in town that need to be replaced with the decorative ones.

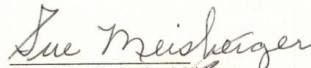
Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented a tax abatement agreement from Scott Neal for the Neal-Whear plaza. Steve signed the agreement. A thank you letter from the Legion Auxiliary for the girl's state sponsorship was presented.

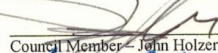
Steve asked attorney Eaton when the town can expect to see tax revenue from the newly annexed properties in town. Larry said the rate increase should be included on the current tax installment. Kevin will contact Duke to see when the street lights can be installed in Harvest Ridge, possibly June or July. The council agreed to hold an executive session on April 16 to discuss the street lights. Steve reported that approximately 100 children attended the hoppin on the square event. April 30 at 6 p.m. a public meeting will be held at town hall for vendors and participants in the farmer's market. The SRTS DNR grant deadline is May 1.


Attorney Eaton suggested that the town adopt a surface water rate. Sue asked about installing tile at the old firehouse. Steve would like to review some quotes and make a decision later.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Attest: 
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer


Council President - Sue Meisberger


Council Member - John Holzer


Council Member - Steve Mathes