

June 11, 2015

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on June 11, 2015. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Scott Miller and Jessica Eckerle from Umbaugh were in attendance to review the water and sewer rate studies with the council. The water rate study revealed an operating loss from 2012-2014, and an increase of 67-71% is recommended. It was also recommended that the sewer rate increase 30-35%. Several options were presented as to increasing the rates, including a gradual increase over time as opposed to all at once. The council will look over the rate study, and make a decision on the rate increase.

Mary McCarty informed the council that a storm water fee should be established in the near future. This fee can be a flat fee for all customers, or an assessment of run off in different areas of town can be done to determine the rates for the area. The town will not be considered for future grants for funding storm water projects if a rate is not established. Mary suggested starting with a small fee, possibly \$1 per customer.

Julie Berry from Midwest Engineering updated the council on the progress of the storm water project. The surveyor has been in town, and some information should be available by July 1. The deadline for the grant application is September 11. Mary stated that she has had some difficulty obtaining responses from the income survey. We may need to send people door to door, or have the surveys filled out at town hall. The paperwork for the TAC exterior façade improvement grant is complete. Mary also said that the Main street farmer's market is doing well, and each week there has been a greater vendor and shopper turn out. There will be a children's market on June 20.

Marshal Joe Mann stated that cat and dog complaints are up again. There will be an ordinance violation issued to those that do not properly clean up after their pets. Natalie Gilpin has requested a central location for storage of Main street property. Joe has offered the police department's covered trailer for storage. John Gilpin is heading the AA/NA meetings on Thursdays at 7:30. Greg Hayes from Oinc Wireless has offered free wi-fi for the old firehouse if the town will allow him to put wireless equipment on the side of the building. The council agreed that he could do so.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that a power surge had caused problems with several of the lift stations. The repairs have been turned in to the insurance company. Kevin replaced the water heater at the sports complex. A small fire started at the complex when someone threw a cigarette butt in the trash can. No damage was reported. Kevin noted that the tractor will be up for purchase at the cost of \$39,000. Steve Mathes commended Kevin on the walking trail at the sports complex. Steve mentioned possibly getting a couple of benches for the trail with the left over RSRF grant funds.

Steve corrected his previous statement that the walking trail grant is a DNR grant, it is actually a federal grant.

John Holzer, along with the other council members, had received a call from Jessica Beach regarding the town mowing a property before noted deadline. All council members agree that the issue has been resolved and no further action is required.

Carpet World is in the process of installing new flooring at the old firehouse. The flooring should be completed on Friday.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Sue Meisberger

Council Member – John Holzer

Council Member – Steve Mathes