

January 14, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on January 14, 2016. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The annual organizational meeting was held. Roxanne Meyer nominated Steve Mathes for council president, Brian Samples nominated Roxanne for vice president, both nominations passed unanimously. It was decided that the regular monthly council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the February 2015 meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2015. The meetings will be held at the old firehouse beginning with the February meeting.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 13 calls since January 1. The FEMA grant to replace the old fire engine has been resubmitted. Money from the Tyson Fund will be used to refurbish the brush truck. The final payment was received from the Marathon Station for clean-up of the gas leak. Chief Sieverding reported 413 calls for 2015. The department's average response time fell to 7 minutes, 19 seconds. Ben commended his firefighters for an outstanding job. The council thanked Ben and the department.

Greg Dole, Scott Stirn, and Pete King from HH Regional Water District were in attendance to answer any questions or concerns from customers regarding the water supply. Steve Mathes asked the gentlemen to recap some of the solutions for combating the hard water. Mr. Dole commented that the water is not extremely hard, but what is considered moderately hard. Being well water, it does contain calcium and magnesium, which are healthy minerals. The water is filtered by Hoosier Hills. When the hydrants are flushed, if particles are detected in the water, the hydrants run until the water is clear.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley stated that he had addressed the complaint from the citizen on Cori Lane regarding the quality of the water. The water present at the meter was not the same as the water inside the house, thus the problem is not with the water, but rather the pipes in the house.

Mr. Stirn suggested using vinegar for cleaning coffee pots and appliances. Steve asked if any rebates are available to customers should they choose to install a water softener. Hoosier Hills does not offer any such rebate. Steve thanked Mr. Stirn, Mr. Dole and Mr. King for attending.

Marshal Joe Mann reported that he has ordered a new vest, radio, and other equipment to replace the items damaged when he entered a pond to rescue a motorist after an accident. Insurance will reimburse the town for the cost of the equipment. Marshal Mann would like to begin the hiring process for the new Deputy Marshal as soon as possible. The position will need to be advertised for at least 30 days. Steve mentioned advertising in the paper as well as calling local radio stations.

The cabinets in the kitchen at the old firehouse have a first coat of paint. The walls will also need to be painted. Roxanne commented that it was a tremendous improvement.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley asked if the council had made a decision to install streetlights at Sunset Strip. No decision has been made at this time. Kevin reported two water leaks last month, both were the responsibility of the homeowner to repair. New tires were purchased for the F350. Steve and Kevin will be attending INDOT training. A sewer problem was reported on Chad Dr. The town main went into the homeowner's back yard, and a 5 gallon bucket was used to connect the main to the sewer line. Roots got into the line, causing a backup.

Salary ordinance #2016-01 was passed unanimously.

Steve mentioned possibly getting a small grant to purchase more flags for the light poles around the square. Steve welcomed Roxanne and Brian to the town board.

Roxanne would like to organize a committee to “Perk up Pangburn Park”. The group will be seeking donations for plants and flowers. Other possibilities include replacing the backboard on the basketball goal, painting an interactive map, and a labyrinth. The little free library is going great, and four more will go up in the Spring.

Attorney Larry Eaton has contacted Gary Norman about companies coming to town that could potentially be high volume consumers. Larry also mentioned possibly obtaining grants to put in sidewalks around the projects.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Council President – Steve Mathes

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – Roxanne Meyer

Council Member – Brian Samples