

October 11, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on October 11, 2016. Council members Roxanne Meyer and Brian Samples and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ron Horn, resident at 501 S High Street, addressed the council with several concerns. Mr. Horn has had reflectors and political signs pulled up on his property. He requested some form of illumination on the southwest side of the water tower to deter vandalism in and around the alley. Secondly, Mr. Horn stated that the property adjoining his has an issue with standing water, and is unkempt. He requested that the town take a look at the property and possibly fix the drainage issue. Lastly, Mr. Horn asked if there was any issue with the water. He stated that his water has a foul smell recently. Roxanne asked Kevin if he could follow up with some of Mr. Horn's concerns. Marshal Mann and Deputy Marshal Hafft will step up patrol in that area.

Patrick Rose from the Ripley County EMA presented information on a county emergency plan for the council to review.

Judge Cheryl Richmond presented the town court revenue figures. Judge Richmond informed the council that the court will be closed several days next week while she attends Judge's conference in Indianapolis. Tamea Hewitt will cover the court while Judge Richmond uses her remaining vacation days.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 51 calls since the last meeting. The VVFD has responded to calls in Holton three times this month. The department received a grant for \$11,000 from the Rising Sun Regional Foundation to upgrade rescue equipment. The department taught over 450 children about fire prevention. Ben will resubmit the grant for the new fire engine.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported a leak on Highway 50. An ad will be run in the local paper expressing the town's need for a new employee. Jeff Hafft will look at the firehouse roof in a few weeks. Roxanne requested that Kevin get a bid from Jeff for adding a new exit to the building. The sidewalk on Perry Street will be finished in October, and a concrete pad will be poured behind the new concession building at the sport's complex. Roxanne requested that a sign be put up to make it more clear where the recycling dumpster is at the water plant.

Marshal Mann informed the council that Deputy Hafft will be attending the police academy in November. Marshal Mann requested that the council seriously consider purchasing a new police vehicle. He would like to keep the truck and the Charger, and purchase an additional car. Marshal Mann also commented on the recent drug sweep. It was the result of an eight month investigation.

Attorney Eaton mentioned that there was no progress being made on the property on the square. He suggested that the town find a new building inspector.

The draw for TAC was signed. The trash contract with Rumpke was signed, and the 2017 budget adopted, all unanimously.

Roxanne got some information from Jeff French to assist in the Paser Rating. Attorney Eaton mentioned that the speed limit in town cannot be less than 25 unless you have a traffic study done. The necessary speed limit signs will be replaced to reflect the 25 MPH speed limit. Roxanne presented the plans for the new playground equipment. It will be installed in about a month.

Brian motioned to name the alley between High and Washington streets Jimmy Lotshaw Lane. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Attest: Kiersten Libby  
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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