

November 8, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on November 8, 2016. All council members were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Tony Mayberry was in attendance to represent Ripley County ABATE. The club would like to do a fundraiser to purchase Christmas gifts for Silver Memories nursing home. They would like to collect money at the intersection of U.S. 50 & U.S. 421, and are requesting permission from the town to do so. Council President Steve Mathes stated that there are no concerns on the town's end, except for the safety of those participating. Marshal Joe Mann stated that he was not aware that the town could or could not grant permission for the drive, and recommended that the club contact INDOT. Fire Chief Ben Sieverding added that in the past, the VVFD has participated in such drives, and they contacted INDOT to inform them of their intentions.

Ben reported 30 calls since the last meeting. The VVFD has responded to 346 calls for the year, so far. The department has had one cadet turn 18, and another turning 18 this month.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley followed up on Mr. Horn's concern about the lighting in the alley near his property. There is currently a low wattage light in the alley. The council asked Kevin if the wattage could be increased, and Kevin said that was what he would recommend trying first. Jeff Hafft will contact Kevin about adding another exit in the old firehouse. A new employee, John Nuxoll, started last week. There have been some issues with meter transducers being damaged, and the responsible parties neglecting to pay for them. Paperwork was presented for financing for the new crane truck. Roxanne Meyer motioned to accept the financing, motion passed unanimously. Steve signed the necessary paperwork.

Marshal Mann reported that the wastewater treatment plant has been broken into. An office window was broken, and a laptop stolen. The new guns for the police department are in. One malfunctioned, so it will be sent back. Deputy Alex Hafft is no longer attending the police academy, and has resigned from his position. The hiring process for a new deputy marshal will start over. Some of the equipment purchased for Deputy Hafft can be reused for the new hire.

Judge Cheryl Richmond presented the figures for the town court. Judge Richmond said that she has become more accustomed to her new software, and isn't having as hard of a time with it. Roxanne asked if more trials will be held. Judge Richmond said that she would be holding trials in December.

Steve asked Kevin if the Mainstreet banners could be taken down when the Christmas decorations are put up. Kevin will take the banners down. Kevin will work on getting the ratings for the town streets by the next meeting. The council discussed the need for adding a storm drain fee. By adding a small fee for storm drain maintenance to the utility bills, the town may be eligible for future grants for repairs and upkeep. With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Steve Mathes

Council Member – Roxanne Meyer

Council Member – Brian Samples