

December 13, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on December 13, 2016. Council members Roxanne Meyer and Steve Mathes, and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mike Cole from Fibertech approached the council with plans to install fiber-optic cable within town limits. Mr. Cole presented the proposed route for installing the cable. The contractor that does the installation will ensure that digging does not interfere with the water and sewer lines. Attorney Eaton recommended that the town procure some form of surety, either a cash deposit or a bond. Superintendent Kevin Hensley asked that extra potholing be done to ensure the water and sewer lines would not be disturbed. Council president Steve Mathes motioned to allow the fiber optic cable, provided Fibertech secure a \$15,000 bond, and that they work closely with Kevin. Roxanne 2nd, motion passed 2-0.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 44 calls since the last meeting, and a total of 390 calls in 2016. Ben informed the council that the old fire engine is out of service. The department has an aging fleet, and equipment. If the VVFD loses it's ISO rating, the town's insurance could go up around a quarter of a million dollars. Attorney Eaton recommended applying to the Tyson Fund for assistance, or checking into a lease to purchase program.

Dustin Nobbe with ETC also addressed the council about providing fiber-optic cable. Steve informed Mr. Nobbe that the specifications would be the same as for Fibertech.

Adam Smith spoke with the council about the rising drug epidemic. Mr. Smith is the head of public relations for a non-profit group that deals with addiction recovery. The group holds classes in the Aurora/Lawrenceburg area. Mr. Smith asked the council for permission to hold a recovery walk from the court services building to the Tyson Gym on January 7, 2017. The council granted permission, and asked that Marshal Mann be contacted when an exact date was determined.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sludge has been hauled from the sewer plant. Midwest Engineering will meet with Kevin on Thursday to discuss the upcoming storm drain project. The bid meeting will be held during the regular council meeting on January 10, 2017.

Marshal Mann reported that the truck is being repaired. Marshal Mann has a strong suspect in the sewer plant burglary. The stolen laptop was recovered, and a new laptop purchased to remain at the sewer plant. There have been three applications turned in for the Deputy Marshal position.

The council voted to reappoint Carol Evans to the BZA, and Kiersten Libby to SIRPC.

Steve had a call from Jeff French regarding the alley behind Ernie's Pizza. Mr. French would like the entry to the alley marked so that customers won't block it.

Roxanne would like the grass infield torn out at Pangburn Park. Kevin and the street department will remove the grass and dump some dirt in. Roxanne mentioned that several ordinances need to be adopted or clarified. The council will take care of those at the next meeting.

Trash rates will be raised \$1/month to cover the increase from Rumpke. Larry will start the process of advertising for the adoption of a storm water fee. The council agreed unanimously to remove a tree at Pangburn Park that will interfere with the storm drain project.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Steve Mathes

Council Member – Roxanne Meyer

Council Member – Brian Samples