

February 18, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on February 18, 2016. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported that the department had 40 calls since the last meeting. Roxanne Meyer asked how the issues with Rescue 69 potentially becoming defunct would affect Versailles. Ben informed the council that he had procured EMS services for the town should the county do away with Rescue 69, but the commissioners had changed their minds at Monday's meeting, and EMS service will remain through Rescue 69.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the Ford truck had to be towed several weeks ago. The Chevy truck was also serviced. The new tractor should be in by the end of the month. Kevin asked if the council had made a decision about installing street lights on Sunset strip. Steve Mathes suggested getting an updated quote from Duke, and making a decision at a later time. The lights would not only benefit the residents in the area, but also the town employees when plowing the streets at night. Kevin presented a quote for a new sewer camera. The total price of the equipment is \$70,000, which can be set up on a 3-5 year payment plan. The company that the equipment would be purchased from will train the town employees how to operate it. Steve asked Kevin if he could negotiate the price a little, and the council will make a decision at the next meeting.

Roxanne had a request for a little free library to be placed at Family Connections. Kevin will get brackets to install it on a concrete pad. Three more little free libraries will be installed soon.

Marshal Joe Mann presented information on the Spillman public service software. The software will be necessary to comply with the e-ticket process. The software will cost the town \$14,000 if the VSP signs on with the Ripley county sheriff's department. If the town of Sunman signs on as well, the cost would be \$3,500 per officer for four officers. The representatives from Spillman would like to have an answer by mid March. Steve asked Joe to check with the school about possibly sharing the cost for the SRO to have the equipment. Joe will also check with Sunman to see if they are interested. The hiring process for the new deputy marshal is underway. Marshal Mann advertised with WSCH, WRBI, and Ripley Publishing. The total cost was \$1,290.00. Six applications have been returned so far, and all applicants passed background and driving record checks. The deadline to return an application is March 14. There will be a five panel hiring board consisting of Marshal Mann, SRO Jeff Thielking, and the three council members. The police truck has been leaking oil, and is in need of repair. Joe would like to give the new officer the Charger, keep the truck as a backup, and order a new AWD Charger. A new Charger would cost around \$28,000. Steve suggested that the truck be taken to the dealership to determine exactly what is wrong with it, and then making a decision on ordering a new vehicle. Joe presented four quotes for remodeling his office at the town hall. Roxanne congratulated Joe for being named officer of the year by the Versailles American Legion.

The council agreed unanimously to sponsor a girl for Girl's State. The cost is \$300.

Steve asked attorney Eaton if a letter can be sent to the owners of the property in the industrial park to ask them to clean it up. Steve received a complaint regarding parking in front of town hall after business hours. The area can either remain customer parking only, and open to the public after hours, or no parking at all. Steve will follow up with the citizen that filed the complaint. Steve also mentioned that the parking lot at the sports complex needed some work. Kevin will smooth the old gravel out, and order new. The rest of the walking trail and Adams Street will be paved in the spring or beginning of summer.

Roxanne asked if anyone had any new information on the firing range. Larry said he had not heard back from the ISP. Roxanne presented information for revamping Pangburn Park. She would like to start a Go Fund Me page to defray some of the cost. Some of the suggestions included removing trees, repairing the fence, and general sprucing up. The council members will meet at the park on Saturday at 10 a.m. to visualize some of the improvements.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Council President – Steve Mathes

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Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council Member – Roxanne Meyer

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Council Member – Brian Samples