

April 12, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on April 12, 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 with the clarification the the dugouts at the complex had been repaired and turned in to insurance.

Greg Goodnight from Gardner insurance presented quotes for flood and earthquake and cyber liability insurance. Steve Mathes stated that the council would review the information and decide to add coverage or not.

Theresa Parker addressed the council with a concern of standing water on her property. Ms. Parker presented pictures of her property displaying the standing water issue. She stated that the problem seems to be run off from behind the buildings on Adams Street in front of her property. Attorney Eaton suggested that an underground pipe would probably be the best solution for the problem. Steve explained to Ms. Parker that the town is in the process of trying to solve some of the issues with storm water, and that a small fee will be implemented on the utility bills to help cover the cost of storm drain repairs. Kevin will get an estimate for Ms. Parker for the cost of installing a concrete swell.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 46 calls for the last two months. Ben informed the council that the department is in dire need of a new truck. If the old truck dies, the department will be left with only one engine. Two engines are required to maintain the ISO rating of 5. If the rating drops, everyone in town will face an insurance increase. The replacement value of the truck is \$385,000. The department has filed for an AFG grant. Ben asked the council to clarify the burn ordinance. As the ordinance currently states, no open burning is permitted in town limits. Attorney Eaton will review the ordinance.

Joyce Samples was in attendance to request use of the square from Memorial Day-September for the Mainstreet Farmer's Market. The council approved unanimously.

Katherine Taul with Ripley county tourism presented information on the torch relay for the Indiana bicentennial. Versailles will be the first stop in Ripley county at noon.

Doug Foster from ETC presented information on phone and internet service for the town. Right now, ETC is only servicing businesses, but may do residential service in the future.

Kevin Hensley informed the council that the Sr Estates lighting is up. He presented a quote for the curb on Perry Street. The fields at the complex have been rolled. The sewer repairs on Perry street have been started. The pump at Graham Creek lift station is out. Gaslight Drive needs to be resurfaced. The cost is approx. \$28,000.

Marshal Mann will be conducting interviews for the new officer on Friday.

Attorney Eaton presented the soccer agreement. The agreement will be sent to Amy Miller for her consideration.

Resolution 2016-01 concerning credit card use passed 3-0. Attorney Eaton will work on a capital asset policy for the town.

The council voted to retain the money in the RCCF fund. The council approved rezoning the Thayer property to roadside business. The RSRF granted the town the money to build a restroom/concession stand shelter house at the complex.

Steve mentioned that the town should put a sign at the complex thanking the Tyson fund and RSRF. Mainstreet has a count for banners for the square, and has applied for a grant to purchase them.

Roxanne presented information on Pangburn Park. The playground equipment will be repainted. The goal of \$1,500 was met, and a former resident will match \$1,500. Randy Frye is getting a flag for the park that has flown over the state house.

Brian asked Larry if the two houses being built in HR must follow the bylaws covenant. Larry said that they did. With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Council President – Steve Mathes

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – Roxanne Meyer

Council Member – Brian Samples