

June 14, 2016

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on June 14, 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.

Jeff French gave a brief history of the Safe Routes to Schools program. The committee was formed around 2010 with the intention of making a safe walking and biking path to the South Ripley Community Schools from anywhere in the town limits. They received a \$75,000 planning grant through INDOT, and plans were drawn up for the different phases of the project. Phase 1 would be the walking trails at the sports complex, which were recently completed. Initially, projects were to be fully funded through grants, but presently there is a 20% match, and money is more difficult to procure. The committee decided that they did not feel comfortable applying for grant money, knowing they would have to come up with such a high match. If the committee decides to pursue the project, they will decide how to proceed.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 33 calls since the May meeting. The department received a \$4,000 grant from Homeland Security, which they will use to purchase new fire boots for some of the firefighters. They also received a \$10,000 grant to purchase a forcible entry prop, and an adjustable entry prop. The department is still in the running for a grant to purchase a new truck.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley had a request from a resident on Tanglewood Road to fill in the ditch line in front of his property. It is difficult for the owner to mow, due to the steep drop off. Kevin asked the council where they would like the Tyson Walking Trail sign placed. Signs that say "Pedestrians Only" have been ordered for the walking trails. No ATVs or vehicles are permitted on the walking trails. Marshal Joe Mann suggested moving the "No Trespassing" signs at the complex to the fence line so that people do not think they pertain to the walking trails.

Marshal Mann reported on several properties that were in need of inspection or repairs. Marshal Mann and Deputy Marshal Hafft are looking in to trading some of the department's old guns for new ones. It would be more cost effective to trade them in than to rebuild them. The council suggested getting trade in value quotes in writing, then proceeding with the trade.

Attorney Larry Eaton informed the council that the Internal Control Policy would need to be adopted. The council did so unanimously. The council also approved the travel policy, the credit card policy, the drug buy money policy, and the capital assets policy.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby, and council president Steve Mathes discussed the recent audit with Brian Samples and Roxanne Meyer.

Steve Mathes reported that the Main street committee has ordered new banners to fill in spaces on the light poles on and around the square.

Roxanne Meyer reported that the soccer lease agreement has been signed. Roxanne thanked Marshal Mann and his crew, as well as Superintendent Hensley and the street department for all of their help with Pangburn Park.

Brian Samples asked if extra water can be put on the soccer fields to help stimulate growth. Kevin will check into watering the fields. Brian also asked if the burn ordinance could be clarified. The council and attorney Eaton will work on clarifying the ordinance. Brian received a call from a resident asking if the correct spelling was "Cori" or "Cory" Lane. The correct spelling is Cori, one of the signs is misspelled.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Council President – Steve Mathes

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council Member – Roxanne Meyer

Council Member – Brian Samples