

March 14, 2017

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on March 14, 2017. All council members and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Scott Miller from UMBAUGH presented the council with information on financing a future sanitary sewer project. The town's sewage system is in need of repair, and the cost will be considerable. Scott explained that there are several options for the town to explore including pay as you go, grants, State Revolving Fund, Rural Development, and bonds. The council will discuss these options, and decide which is most feasible for the town.

Judge Cheryl Richmond reported on the town court. While revenue is down, Judge Richmond has a great deal of tickets that have not been paid yet.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sewer pumps were pulled at Rolling Hills and Graham Creek lift stations. The new crane truck and the new mowers should be delivered by the end of the month. The street department jetted a line on Clearview and cleaned out a great deal of debris. The council discussed an issue with a citizen's driveway on Cori Lane. The driveway is beveled because it was poured over a storm drain. Kevin explained that the driveway was not compacted right when it was installed. Steve Mathes will follow up with the citizen to address any concerns. New speed limit signs are being installed. Kevin will order and install them.

The council discussed a maintenance position for the sports complex. It was decided that the town will hire a full-time employee in the near future, and eventually would like to hire a full-time park manager.

Marshal Joe Mann presented the February activity report. Marshal Mann spoke with the Ripley County Dispatch, and was informed that a majority of the calls they receive for the town are between the hours of 3 p.m.-3 a.m. Marshal Mann will be patrolling during the later hours while Deputy Marshal Rodriguez attends the police academy. Marshal Mann will be enforcing town ordinances. The council discussed the need for security cameras at the wastewater treatment plant. Cameras will be installed at the new soccer building. The MOU for the South Ripley School Resources Officer was signed by the council.

Attorney Larry Eaton presented a petition to vacate part of Spencer Lane behind the Dollar General store. Ordinance # 2017-03 regarding the town speed limit and #2017-04 regarding the trash rates were presented for the first hearing. The council adopted a policy to enforce the town ordinances. The policy outlines the fees and fines for ordinance violations.

The council discussed the duties for the maintenance position at the sports complex. Duties include mowing and field maintenance, cleaning the buildings, as well as other general maintenance jobs. The council also discussed funding for scoreboards at the complex. They would like to purchase 2 boards for soccer, and 3 for baseball/softball. The league coordinator for the 2017 season will be Shawn Halcomb.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President – Roxanne Meyer

Council Member – Steve Mathes

Council Member – Brian Samples