

July 11, 2017

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on July 11, 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.

Roger Kavanaugh from the Versailles American Legion was present to request permission from the town to hold the Taste of Versailles on July 29 from 12 p.m.-6p.m. Mr. Kavanaugh requested that Water Street be closed in order to vendors to set up and grill. There is no admission charge for the event, and tickets for samples will be \$2 each. All proceeds will go toward establishing a culinary arts scholarship to be awarded by the legion. Marshal Mann stated that he didn't see a problem with holding the event, and the council agreed unanimously to allow the closing of the street.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 38 calls since the last meeting. The tornado siren by the town hall has not been working properly, and is on the list to be inspected.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that on Wednesday, July 11, Tanglewood road will be closed for setting the new culvert. Jeff Hafft is repairing leaks at the soccer building. Curry and Associates stopped by to pick up paperwork on the park regarding I & I.

Steve Mathes presented photos of flooding at a residential property. Kevin recommended enlarging the pipe or building a retaining wall to help the water flow through more easily. Larry Cochran submitted a proposal for \$4,500 for cleaning and painting the soccer and concession buildings. The council unanimously accepted the bid.

Marshal Mann presented his activity report. The cameras at the soccer building are finished, and the sewer plant cameras will be installed soon. Marshal Mann will meet with Superintendent Rob Morehead and Principal Rod Hiett regarding the evaluation of SRO Jeff Thielking. The new police car should be delivered in the next few weeks. The Crown Victoria will be stripped and sealed bids accepted for it's sale. Marshal Mann and the council discussed several properties that need to be cleaned up.

The I & I ordinance and the storm drain fee ordinance were presented for their first reading. Roxanne Meyer will check with the athletic director at South Ripley for information on ordering paint for the soccer fields. Roxanne reported that the Community Crossings grant was submitted. The town's share of match funds is \$60,000, and will hopefully yield a grant for \$180,000. The money will fund approximately 3 years of paving projects, with Washington street and Main street being the most costly. The council discussed the need for sidewalks by McDonalds on the highway.

Matt McNew informed the council that three more tournaments will take place at the sports complex this month, and six are planned for next year already. Matt used the new field drag, and it is working well. Amy Cornette contacted Matt with a request for a letter of recommendation for a RCCF grant to purchase indoor batting cages. The council discussed starting an instructional league for baseball. The council also discussed the possibility of allowing someone to plow up and disk the unused portion of the

property at the sports complex for farming. Steve Mathes thanked the RSRF for a \$10,000 grant for working on the soccer fields.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President, Roxanne Meyer

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Council Member, Steve Mathes

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Council Member, Matt McNew