

September 12, 2017

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on September 12, 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.

Steve Buffington was in attendance to request permission to use the street adjoining his property on Saturday, September 16, for the 6th annual bike rodeo. The council approved unanimously.

Amy Streator from the RCCF presented the council with a check for \$2,000 to be used for park concession equipment. Amy thanked the town of Versailles for their continued support of the RCCF.

Janice Wilson, representing Ross' Run DAR requested signatures from the council proclaiming September 17-23 2017 "Commemorating the Constitution Week". The council signed the proclamation, which will be displayed during the Pumpkin Show.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 66 calls since the last meeting, and 29 calls so far just in the month of September. 354 calls have been reported this year. The VVFD received a grant for \$2,500 from REMC to purchase a portable defibrillator, as well as a \$25,000 grant from the state for repairs to the training tower.

Paul Sipples from the Lions club requested permission from the town to hold the 115th annual Pumpkin Show and Parade from September 27- October 1. The council granted permission. Mr. Sipples also requested permission to hold the Punkin Chunkin at the Sports Complex, which the town granted as well.

Heather Sides representing South Ripley Music Boosters requested permission to hold a car show on October 22. The car show would be held on the square, and the proceeds would benefit the South Ripley Music Boosters. The council approved unanimously. Heather also stated that the Music Boosters group would be interested in running concessions at the complex next season.

Bryce Anderson from Midwest Engineering gave an update on the storm drain project. Bryce also presented a pay request from Mike Holman Excavating. The project is approximately 60% completed, and may come in slightly under budget. Superintendent Kevin Hensley will research some possible areas for improvement should additional funds be available. The project cannot go outside the scope of the original plan.

Dean Ferrier from Rumpke was in attendance to address the council's concerns on trash pick-up. There have been quite a few complaints of excess spillage, as well as missed pick-up. Dean will run the route after trash pick-up in the near future to see if he can troubleshoot some of the issues. Dean would like for any future complaints to be directed to him.

Deputy Marshal Eddie Rodriguez gave the VPD report. Council member Steve Mathes thanked the VPD for their assistance with the Main Street Cruise In.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the borders would be put up at Pangburn Park, and mulch would be ordered. Kevin spoke with Duke about wiring for the new Christmas decorations. Kevin recommended that the town only charge a sewer tap fee at the new boutique on US 50 because the water tap was already there. The council agreed. Kevin presented quotes for hand dryers at the new soccer building. Water softeners are being installed at the complex to reduce lime build up.

The 2018 budget was presented for public hearing. Ordinance 2017-11 regarding the storm drain fee, and Ordinance 2017-12 regarding I & I were passed.

Attorney Larry Eaton will work on notices for properties in violation of local ordinances. Larry will also work on getting the old ice house building turned over to the town.

Marshal Joe Mann recommended that he and Deputy Rodriguez complete an annual physical fitness exam.

The Friends of Pangburn Park received a \$2,500 grant from REMC for picnic tables.

Matt McNew reported that the Versailles Kiwanis club donated the remaining funds in their account to the town for benches at the soccer fields and other needed park equipment. Matt will check on getting plaques for the benches. The batter's boxes at the complex need to be repaired. Matt will get price information on clay brick vs. matts to put under the ground.

Roxanne Meyer stated that she would like for the council to review the personnel policy. An executive session will be held October 3 at 6 p.m.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Steve Mathes

Council Member, Matt McNew