

December 11, 2018

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on December 11, 2018. Council members Roxanne Meyer and Steve Mathes and attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Greg Goodnight from Gardner Insurance presented the 2019 insurance renewal offer. The insurance premium has increased slightly due to some losses in 2017. The council approved the renewal offer unanimously.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 47 calls since the last meeting, and 547 for the year so far. The department received a grant from the RSRF to purchase two new thermal imaging cameras. There are seven new recruits in the Firefighter 1 course. The VVFD will be handing out 2019 calendars. Ben mentioned that the rescue truck will probably need to be replaced soon. The council discussed the fire territories with Ben. Funding is still needed for the Umbaugh study to form the territories. Roxanne will reach out to Toni Halcomb, Johnson Township Trustee to see if she can offer some assistance. The council agreed to give Ben a decision by December 19.

Roger Kavanaugh from the Versailles American Legion was in attendance regarding the sale of the town hall. The survey needs to be signed and recorded, and the bank will set a closing date.

Mike Holman and Bob Curry were in attendance to discuss the next phase of the storm drain project. The alternate bids were considered, which made Mike Holman Excavating the low bid. Bob presented the contract for the council's review and signature. Mike will provide an insurance certificate, payment bond and performance bond. The council approved the contract unanimously. Bob suggested that traditionally there is a pre-construction conference to discuss details and expectations, but he did not think it was necessary considering Mike's work history with the town.

The town hall will be closed December 24 & 25 for Christmas, and December 26-28 to move into the new building.

Marshal Joe Mann reported that the new police building is painted and ready for flooring and trim. Roxanne will check on lettering for the outside of the building and the new town hall. Roxanne asked for an update on ordinance violations. Deputy Eddie Rodriguez has issued one citation and is in the process of issuing several others. Once a citation is issued, the offender is given 30 days to pay the fine, or it will be turned over to small claims court.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sewer line at taco bell is complete. The small dump truck is being repaired. The Christmas lights are all up. Steve asked that Kevin check on prices for paving the remainder of the walking trail in the spring. Kevin reported several complaints about the Rumpke trash service.

The council voted to appoint Carol Evans to the BZA.

Roxanne asked Larry to follow up with a letter to the Twisted Wrench about putting up a fence around their property. Larry has not received a response. Ordinance # 2018-03 regarding the election schedule passed 2-0. A town hall rental agreement was presented for review. Ordinance #2018-04 regarding the rules and regulations for use of the community center was approved 2-0. Roxanne will meet with Randall Benjamin to discuss the camera system for the new town hall. The council also discussed hiring someone to clean the new town hall.

The storm water fee will increase \$.05 on January 1, 2019. The main street committee is interested in potentially renting a space at the new town hall. Larry will write up a contract. The town court bank account is still open. As soon as reports are printed, Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby will distribute funds to the State, County and Town.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President, Matt McNew

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Council Member, Steve Mathes

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Council Member, Roxanne Meyer