

August 10, 2021

On August 10, 2021, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members were in attendance. Attorney Lynn Flederman was absent. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 65 calls for the month and 317 for the year including a fatal fire and a fatal vehicle accident. The department has three new recruits. VVFD received \$3,810 in donations from the donation request letter included in the June water bill.

Paul Sipples representing the Versailles Lions Club requested permission to hold the annual pumpkin show on the square. The pumpkin show will take place Wednesday, September 22-Sunday, September 26. All Ripley County Covid guidelines will be followed. Mr. Sipples offered condolences on behalf of the Lions Club on the passing of Superintendent Kevin Hensley.

Randall Miller presented the monthly street department report. Randall will be taking over as superintendent, and the town will be hiring a new assistant superintendent.

Marshall Joe Mann presented the monthly Spillman report. Marshall Mann reported that he and Deputy Cody Buchanan would be attending de-escalation training on November 19. The cost is \$150 per officer, and the council approved unanimously. Marshall Mann would like to start discussing purchasing body cameras for the police department. The council voted unanimously to replace the old trail cameras. The cameras at the sports complex are up and running. Calvin Daugherty will be sent a warning about his properties in Harvest Ridge that are in violation of ordinances. Marshall Mann would like to purchase a new SUV for the department. He will keep the truck and the newer Charger, and sell the 2012 Charger.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented the 2022 budget for the first reading.

The town will pursue READI grant money for the Safe Routes to School project, restrooms for the pocket park, a pavilion, and a water feature. SWIF money is delayed until August 27.

Roxanne gave a Main Street update. Ripley Publishing will not be sponsoring the pumpkin baking contest at the pumpkin show this year, so Main Street is considering sponsoring it. Roxanne also expressed condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Kevin Hensley. Kevin was a loyal town employee for nearly 30 years, and he will be deeply missed.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Mike Daugherty