

December 14, 2021

On December 14, 2021, the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting. All Council members and attorney Lynn Flederman were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Meeting minutes were approved.

Greg Goodnight from Gardner Insurance presented the 2022 insurance renewal quote. There is 3% increase property coverage. Greg explained that the premium would go down considerably if the deductible went from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The council agreed to raise the deductible. The renewal date is December 20, 2021. Roxanne motioned to renew the policy, Mike 2nd, motion passed 3-0.

Crystal Welch representing the South Ripley Junior and Senior parents was in attendance to request permission to hold a fundraiser. Crystal said the parents had discussed standing at the intersection in town and collecting donations for the after prom. Marshal Mann and fire chief Sieverding both expressed concern about the danger of doing this. Attorney Lynn Flederman noted that if there is a lawsuit, the town would have exposure. With the opinions of Marshal Mann and Chief Sieverding, as well as advice from Attorney Flederman, it was decided that alternative fund raisers would be looked into. The council voted to donate \$500 to the cause.

Superintendent Randall Miller reported that Pollards lift station had to be rebuilt again. There was a sewer backup at Cori and Wood Lanes. Randall and Mike Holman repaired the line. The new mini excavator is in. The post office has requested that the town provide snow removal. Randall and the council agreed that the town does not want the responsibility of doing so. A property at 428 N. Washington Street needs to install a lift station. The property did not pass a sewer inspection, and it was agreed at the time of purchase that a lift station would be installed. The health department will be contacted.

Jeff Peaslee at 213 North Washington Street would like a residential parking only sign in front of his property to prevent County employees from parking there. Lynn suggested a two hour limit parking sign, but Joe said there is really no way to enforce it. The council discussed the options and decided not to install a sign.

Tom McPhearson has requested that a culvert be installed on Hwy 50 by 3C express. If the town does not agree to install a culvert, Mr. McPhearson wants to buy the alley. Lynn advised that if the alley is not needed, Mr. McPhearson can file a petition to vacate and half would go to him and the other half to Mr. Bustle. Roxanne recommended that Mr. McPhearson consult an attorney. BSM would like the town to sign a permit so that they can install fiber optic cable behind the Hassmer House. Lynn advised that they would need to submit a plan and a bond before the council could consider granting permission. The owners of the Hassmer House want to run a sprinkler system off of a 1 inch meter for their fire protection system.

Salary ordinance #2022-01 was presented and approved 3-0.

Lynn gave an update on the easements for Cori and Wood Lanes. Lynn also presented the bond closing documents. Friendship State Bank got the bid. The bond can not be paid off before July 1, 2027. The DNR meeting has been rescheduled form January 20, 2022.

Josh presented a report on the sports complex from Shawn Halcomb. The council will meet with Shawn on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Roxanne reported that the Ripley County EMA code red will replace Nixle. The council will discuss adding a salaried position. The position would deal with grant applications and economic development, as well as other town responsibilities.

Versailles Main Street had another successful Holiday Affair on the Square, with over 300 people attending. Roxanne suggested that the proposed pocket park next to the town hall be named the Kevin Hensley Memorial Park. The council unanimously approved. The bike trail was started on December 1. The town will pay \$1,250 to paint a bike lane from the bridge up Busching Hill. There will be a \$500 maintenance fee each year. Roxanne wants to speak with the County commissioners about possibly widening C.R. 50.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Mike Daugherty