

January 14, 2021

On January 14, 2021, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Flederman were in attendance. Council members Roxanne Meyer and Mike Daugherty were sworn in. The council agreed to change the meeting date to the second Tuesday of the month with the next meeting being held Tuesday, February 9, 2021. Officers were appointed with Roxanne Meyer being nominated for President and Josh Combs for Vice-President.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 101 runs since his last report, and a total of 613 calls for the year. The department received the Indiana Fire Chief Association grant. Around half of the members have received their COVID vaccines. Ben has submitted grant applications to REMC roundup and RSRF for assistance with replacing the department's self-contained breathing apparatuses. The current equipment was purchased in 2005 and is due to be upgraded. Ben requested that the curb by the fire hydrant at UPS be painted yellow to keep employees from parking in front of it and blocking the hydrant. Ben discussed some ideas for future funding for the department and stressed that funding is at a crucial level. An anonymous donor purchased new tires for the tanker truck.

Deputy Marshal Cody Buchanan gave updates on the ordinance violations.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the capacitors were installed at the water plant. Kevin presented a quote of \$17,600 for GPS mapping of all the water and sewer lines and storm drains in town. The striping at the sports complex parking lot will be completed by April, and a preview will be provided for approval. The town had previously agreed to dig the hole for the lift station at TAC. An 8 ft tank was purchased and Kevin expressed concern that digging that deep would result in running into rock that will have to be jackhammered. The council agreed to let Kevin get started and see how far he can dig without hitting rock. Next week sludge will be hauled from the sewer plant to the Wehr farm for fertilizer. The dump truck will be delivered next Friday. The truck will be financed for three years with a \$50,000 down payment provided by the Tyson fund.

The council voted unanimously to donate \$200 to Lifetime Resources, and \$200 to the Versailles American Legion Junior Shooting team.

Attorney Lynn Flederman introduced the bond ordinance. The first reading will be at next month's meeting. No new easements have been submitted. Lynn suggested meeting with property owners individually. Lynn asked when the Benham road water project would be bid. Kevin said he would like to do it before June. Lynn reviewed the ordinance violations. The council voted unanimously to allow Attorney Flederman to get the proper information to the property owners at Forge fitness to apply for a tax abatement. Lynn will speak to Gary Norman so that he can get the applications to the property owners.

Roxanne reported that the quote for the street lamps went down \$24,000. The electricity rate on the lights increased 61%. The council voted to start upgrading the street lamps using the money from the Tyson Fund. Roxanne presented the Community Crossings grant for \$283,054. The council voted unanimously to accept the grant. The insurance bid went to Gardner Insurance. The final invoice was received for the mainstreet resurfacing project. The remainder of the masks from the mainstreet mask and match program will be donated to the community.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

An executive session was held following the regular monthly meeting.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Mike Daugherty