

April 5, 2022

On April 5, 2022, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Flederman were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Teri Elam was in attendance to address the condition of her property at 531 S High Street. Ms. Elam has received several letters regarding ordinance violations and inquired about how to report that the property has been cleaned up. Attorney Lynn Flederman stated that Deputy Marshal Buchanan has cleared the property, and it has been reported to the court that the property complies with town ordinances. The council thanked Ms. Elam for cleaning up the property and requested that she maintain it in the future.

Mary McCarty from SIRPC is working on a blight elimination grant for the former Raider Gas station. The application is due at the end of June. A public hearing will be held on April 20 at 10 a.m. The project total will be \$521,400, with \$447,860 being funded by the grant and a match from the town of \$52,140. The town will apply to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for a grant of up to \$40,000 to assist with the match. Mary read a resolution declaring the gas station a blighted property and the council unanimously approved.

Superintendent Randall Miller reported that the Tyson Street project is complete. The Benham Road water line project is moving along. The parking lot at the bike trail is almost finished, more gravel will be added this Summer. Randall will spray the ditch on the Lyming's property annually to keep the weeds under control. The meter at Meisberger's car wash has been moved outside of the building. New bearings were ordered for the Sewer plant. The street department cleaned up Joyce Vanosdol's property at 950 S. State Rd. 129. Randall repaired the cooler at the Sports Complex, and it is running fine.

Holly Wehr was introduced as the new Director of Community Development. Holly gave an update on what she has been working on. Main Street has accepted a bid for the pocket park located next to the Town Hall and will continue to work on developing it. They would like to do a summer music series featuring local artists. A memorial pavilion with a stage is also planned. Holly will also deploy a survey on the Raider Gas Station to assist the town in obtaining the OCRA grant. The Tyson Library teen council is looking for ways to get involved in the community. One suggestion was painting dandelions on the street in front of the library. Holly was appointed by the council to the SIRPC board.

Attorney Lynn Flederman gave an update on ordinance violations. The Henman property at 443 Tanglewood has not been cleaned up as agreed upon so Lynn will file a complaint. Lynn will also draft an ordinance to prevent long term parking by Pangburn Park. She suggested that the council approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules. No overnight parking will be permitted along Tanglewood Road or on the Pangburn parking lot.

Josh Combs reported that the rec league has 300 participants.

Mike Daugherty reported that UPS is looking to expand and would like to stay in Versailles. Gary Norman is discussing the possibilities with UPS.

Roxanne Meyer presented a quote from Omara for \$550 to paint "no parking" in front of the town hall. \$16,500 from the Tyson Fund will be used to purchase GIS mapping for the street department. Roxanne gave an update on the Community Crossings grant. The council discussed possibilities for the next round of ARPA funding. The town would like to install a dewatering station, or possibly purchase cellular water meters. Randall noted that some of the lift stations need repair work, and he would also like to do some smoke testing. The council will meet with the

owners of the Hassmer House to discuss moving the transformer outside. Jill Curry has been working with the town of Holton on a water softening system. The council will discuss options in the future.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President, Roxanne Meyer

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Council Member, Josh Combs

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Council Member, Mike Daugherty