

December 13, 2022

On December 13, 2022, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Fledderman were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

Marry Anne Gay and Bill Gay were in attendance to address a drainage issue affecting their properties. The culvert behind Sawmill lift station that goes into Laughery Creek is not draining properly and is causing a large pond to accumulate. Roxanne said she was not aware of the issue, but the town will check into it. Mary Anne asked if a permit had been obtained from IDEM when the culvert was installed and noted that she could not find one on file anywhere. Attorney Lynn Fledderman suggested having Curry & Associates review the issue and see if the Town is responsible for fixing it. Mary Anne stated that Curry could contact her, and she will show them what the problem is. Bill addressed concerns with the water being turned off frequently at his daughter's house. He also noted that the meter is broken and showing no usage. Superintendent Randall Miller said that nobody from the town crew is turning off the water, and he was not aware of the meter being broken. He will investigate the situation.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 646 calls for the year so far. He complimented members of the department for their quick response to a Thanksgiving Day fire. Ben is working with Roger Linville to help resolve the short staffing of the Osgood fire department.

All department reports were received and reviewed by the council prior to the meeting. Items on the consent agenda were accepted.

The council will work with the County Commissioners to draft a letter requesting that the County employees respect business parking on the square. Roxanne is trying to reach out to the EMA director regarding a text system to alert town customers of boil water advisories and other emergencies.

The bid for the bathrooms at the pocket park was awarded to R.B. Adams construction in the amount of \$65,000. Schutte Excavating was awarded the \$84,000 bid for the splash pad. The registration form and fee for golf carts passed unanimously. Holly Wehr was appointed to the Ripley County Economic Development, Ripley County Redevelopment, and Southern Indiana Regional Planning Commission by the council. Ben Lawhorn was appointed to the Ripley County Zoning Board of Appeals. The contract for administration of the OCRA grant by SIRPC was signed.

The council discussed replacing the clay tile sewer line behind NAPA. Curry and Associates will do some research on possible reimbursement for the project. The issue was tabled.

The council discussed options for the opioid settlement distribution. Roxanne will send Lynn an email outlining the guidelines for usage. Marshal Mann suggested partnering with another organization on a program.

The 2023 salary ordinance was passed unanimously.

Randall will get a quote for Casey's to hook into the sewer.

Marshal Mann discussed some VPD needs including new tasers and a laptop. Joe will take Kiersten's laptop and Holly will look into some matching grants for tasers.

The property and liability insurance quotes were reviewed. The council elected to stay with Gardner Insurance.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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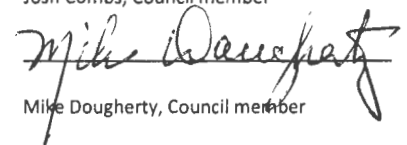
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