

March 8, 2022

On March 8, 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 with the correction that council member Josh Combs was not in attendance at the February meeting.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 87 calls in the last two months. \$64,000 has been raised for purchase of equipment. Ben is still waiting on a quote for the tornado siren wiring. One of the older trucks underwent an expensive repair. The department has 27 members.

Marshal Joe Mann and Deputy Marshal Cody Buchanan gave updates on ordinance violations. Cody reported that the junk car has been moved from the Brown property, but several people were unloading junk in the yard. Cody will warn him, and if he doesn't clean it up, the ordinance violation process starts over. John Rose has cleaned up his front porch, but the yard is still a mess. Cody spoke with the owner at 620 Colvin. Some progress has been made, and she has until March 18 to complete the cleanup. Joe reported that more cars belonging to the Svatbas are parked at Pangburn. He will put stickers on the cars, and they will have seven days to move them, or they will be ticketed. Attorney Lynn Flederman stated that any fees charged can be collected through the TRECS system. Lynn also suggested passing an ordinance to make that area a no long-term parking zone. Mr. Henman still has not fully complied and has until March 14 to do so. If he does not have his property cleaned up by then, Cody will contact Lynn and Roxanne can authorize Lynn to file. Joyce Vanosdol has someone doing some work for her and he is supposed to move some things from her porch to her basement. Cody also received a complaint about Chris Geyman's property and will serve him tomorrow. Joe received a complaint about Billy Fields' property. He thinks he may be running a business and there are stacks of tires in the driveway.

Superintendent Randall Miller reported 28 turn offs this month. The meter inside Meisberger's car wash will need to be moved. The town will have to cut up the road and run a new line, placing the meter base in the yard at the car wash. There are several other properties in town that need to do the same thing. The Benham Road water line project is coming along. Randall thinks the sewer plant motor may have been hit by lightning and will need replaced. He is also having problems with the bearings at the sewer plant. The cost could be up to \$15,000 to replace all six bearings. The battery backup at the water tower went bad and caused it to overflow. The radio on the water tower is outdated and Randall suggested getting it on WIFI. The quote for this is \$16,940 and the council voted to go forward with replacing it. Pollard lift station needs a new pump which will cost approximately \$8,000. The application for dumping sludge didn't get filed on time, so the town has until June to dump. Roxanne will check to see if the town can use ARRA money for a watering station.

Lynn has not heard from Jeff French on the Cori Lane easements.

Roxanne checked with Baker-Tilly about the rate study for the State Park. The cost will be no more than \$15,000. The council approved 3-0.

Mike Daugherty received a complaint about the dumpster at the Hassmer House. The dumpster is beginning to smell and is taking up too much space. It will be replaced by a smaller dumpster. Randall will speak with the owners about placement.

Laken Farrell signed the lease agreements for the sport's complex baseball and softball programs and the concession agreement. The soccer cub will hold an instructional league renting the complex for \$250.

Roxanne gave a Main Street update.

Randall will investigate getting stencils to mark no parking areas on the square. Ripley County Tourism is holding a park hop activity on March 12. They have requested to put signs up at Pangburn and the complex. The council approved 3-0. The complex gate will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Mike Daugherty