

May 10, 2022

The Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on May 10, 2022. Council members Roxanne Meyer and Mike Daugherty were present with council member Josh Combs arriving later. Attorney Lynn Fledderman was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meetings from the previous meeting approved.

Steve Buffington from Coolsville bicycle shop was in attendance to request permission to use the town streets for a swap meet on May 28. Mike made a motion to allow, Roxanne 2nd, motion passed 2-0.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 126 runs since his last report with 78 calls in April and 17 so far in May. The calls included 8 false alarms at Tyson Manor, 3 gas leaks, and a 3-year-old rescued from a pond. The VVFD assisted Friendship, Dillsboro, and New Marion fire departments. Chief Sieverding stated that the Osgood fire department is struggling, with only 4-5 members remaining and their Chief resigned. Chief Sieverding will be revamping the emergency plan for the courthouse and the schools. There are 26 volunteer fire fighters on the department, with 2 new applications filed. A budget request was submitted for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Brian Linville with the Ripley County Rivals traveling baseball team was in attendance to inquire about holding tournaments at the Sports Complex. Mr. Linville will collaborate with Tyler Stone, Derrick Adams, and Steve Huff to organize weekend tournaments at the complex. The council will review the current contracts and discuss rental fees, and they will contact Mr. Linville.

Marshal Joe Mann reported issues with parking on Perry Street. Cars are parking on both sides of the street preventing adequate traffic flow. Chief Siverding noted that he would have a hard time getting a fire truck through in the event of an emergency. The council will discuss making this a no street parking area.

Superintendent Randall Miller noted that the Benham Road water line project was progressing. The bicycle trail signs are up, and they have been seeding lawns on Benham Road that were torn up from the water line project. Randall mentioned that there are sensors that can be put on the bearings at the sewer plant that would alert him when they needed to be greased. He will check on pricing for the sensors. IDEM did an inspection last week and found a few minor infractions. One of the main issues was tracking the water loss. Randall will work on setting up tracking. The street department will work on weed eating the ditch on the Liming's property and will spray for weeds. They will also put up the Veteran's banners and the flags on the square for Memorial Day.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby reported that Lisa Guerra has been appointed as the new Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Emily Wolf will still work on Wednesday's training Lisa until the end of the year.

Holly Wehr gave an update on the progress of the pocket park. Holly has several grants submitted for the park, the bike trail signage, and the Raider Gas project. Friendship State Bank is fully sponsoring the Music on the Square. 4 events are planned for the summer music series June-September. Many responses have been submitted from the Raider Gas survey. It was noted that there are no plans to build a visitor's center at the site, and the focus is removing the blighted property. The ribbon cutting for the bike trail will be May 25. The Tyson Library Teen Council will be working on the Dandelion Street Art Project with a completion date of June 7. Holly has also been working on the Versailles Square application for the National Historic Register designation. This would benefit property owners on the square, as it would allow eligibility for tax credits and grants in the future. The cost for the application is \$4,000 with 25% due up front. The council voted 3-0 to pursue the application. Holly asked permission to use the Town streets for the Farmer's Market which was unanimously approved.

Roxanne Meyer presented the Option to Purchase contract for the Raider Gas property. The council agreed to sign the contract pending Attorney Lynn Fleddernan's review and recommendation. The Ziptillity contract was also signed. The annual maintenance fee is \$3,750 and the initial set up which includes training is \$1,500. The environmental study agreement for Raider gas was approved 3-0. The cost will be \$2,500.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Mike Daugherty