

April 9, 2019

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on April 9, 2019. Council members Steve Mathes and Roxanne Meyer were present. Council member Matt McNew arrived shortly after the meeting started. The Pledge was recited, and minutes from the previous meeting read and approved.

Jerrid McDonald was present to address some concerns with the fire department. Mr. McDonald stated that after the final fire territory meeting he witnessed Doug Thayer attempt to hand chief Sieverding a donation, and Chief Sieverding was hesitant to accept it. Mr. McDonald also stated that he had heard Ben had similar reactions to others that offered donations. Mr. McDonald said that although he understood Chief Sieverding's emotion over the proposed fire territory being defeated, he felt the situation was handled wrong. Mr. McDonald's second concern pertained to the handling of a fire on his property recently. He stated that the fire was controlled, it was raining, and the flames were not 20 ft. high, as he had heard someone said. Mr. McDonald continued, stating that he felt he should give some money for the efforts of the department in handling his situation, but that he had a hard time giving money or his effort. Further, Mr. McDonald stated that there is an image issue with the fire department and it needs to be corrected. Mr. McDonald offered some suggestions for fund raising, including asking for donations at sporting events. Council President Steve Mathes offered Chief Sieverding the chance to respond, and stated that the proposal did not pass, and we all need to move on. Council Vice President Roxanne Meyer reiterated that the department responds when dispatched, and they don't just sit around waiting to be called.

Jim Busted asked if the bill for services had been received from Umbaugh yet. It has not. Steve once again noted that the bill will not exceed \$20,000.

Teri Powers updated the council on the current status of the Ripley County Soccer Club. Ms. Powers received an email from Amy Miller, stating that she was working her way out of the club. Amy set up a meeting, which was attended by Monica Miller, and announced that there were new rules and an all new board. An election was held, but no notice was given. The original Ripley County Soccer board was dissolved. Ms. Powers had some questions about the legality of the situation, and wants to ensure that there would be no legal ramifications against her or Ms. Miller. Steve informed Ms. Powers that the town council leases the park to the soccer club, therefore they have no involvement in how it is run. Ms. Powers understood that, and stated she wanted to make the council aware of the situation. She will turn in her keys to the park after she retrieves some personal belongings.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 52 calls since the last meeting, 151 calls for the year so far. 7 members have finished their skills testing for FF I & II courses. The department has submitted a communications grant to help with replacement cost of old equipment. The tornado sirens have been tested. The fire department has the capability to set them off from the station, but it saves several minutes if the county sets them off.

Pauline Moeller was in attendance to address a drainage issue at her property on North Adams Street. Her neighbor is building a 24x36 addition, and Mrs. Moeller is concerned that the runoff from the extended roof line will cause water to slope to her property. Mrs. Moeller is also concerned that during the construction phase, there will be no barrier to contain the water and mud, should there be heavy rain. Mrs. Moeller would like to have an understanding with the contractor, Barney Adams, that there will be an adequate barrier, and also that the new addition will not tap into her sewer line. Kevin will speak to Barney regarding these concerns. Mrs. Moeller was advised to speak to the building inspector with any questions about the structure meeting code.

Margaret Marcy from the Tyson Library requested permission to utilize the sports complex on July 5 from 8:30-10 p.m. for a summer party. The theme for the summer reading program is space, and the library would like to use the complex to set up telescopes and have a presentation about space. The council agreed that if the complex was not in use by the baseball/softball leagues, that the library could use the property. They will check with Shawn Halcomb to make sure it is available. The council later heard from Shawn, and the complex will not be in use at that time. Permission was granted.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the park meter has been installed, and the monthly report was given to Attorney Eaton. Work will begin on the sewer project in a few weeks, it was delayed due to the weather. Brush will be collected once a week. The speedbumps will be installed by Pangburn park. The big dump truck and the Chevrolet truck were both repaired. A

new dump truck is needed, the town may request money from the Tyson fund in the fall. The old dump truck will be repaired as needed, as long as it does not pose any safety issues.

Marshal Joe Mann gave the council information on lodging for training he is attending June 27 & 28. Marshal Mann and Deputy Marshal Rodriguez updated the council on ordinance violations.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented information on paper billing from Keystone. The cost is slightly more than postage and printing is currently, but there have been several issues with the postcard bills in the past few months. If the town opted for paper billing, the file would be uploaded to Keystone and they would print, stuff and mail the bills. Additional notes can be added to the bottom of the bill, and up to 5 articles of paper can be sent in the envelope with no additional shipping cost. The council agreed to consider this option, and will decide at the next meeting. Steve signed the Sports Complex rental agreement, and the letters of bid acceptance for the community crossings grant.

Matt spoke with Wes about reseeding the sports complex. He will try to start as soon as possible. One tournament was held at the complex, 5 more are scheduled.

Roxanne gave an update about Mainstreet. New trash cans are being purchased to replace the old Lions club cans. The Masonic lodge will have a fish fry Friday, April 12. The new computers are installed at town hall, and the new website is up. Rod Martin is the new IT person, and he has requested \$250/month payments for the website until the remaining \$4,000 can be requested from the Tyson fund.

Marshall Mann noted that the security lights at the police department need to be replaced. There are three lights, and they cost approx. \$200 each.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President, Steve Mathes

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Council Member, Matt McNew

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Council Member, Roxanne Meyer