

May 14, 2019

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2019. All council members were present, attorney Larry Eaton arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order. The Pledge was recited, and minutes from the previous meeting read and approved. Council President Steve Mathes made note that the bill from Umbaugh had been received. The total bill was \$19,192, with the Town and Township each paying half.

Tim Heim from South Ripley Ministerial Association presented dates and times for the Summer feeding program at Pangburn Park. Roxanne noted that the only issue that might interfere with the program is if work is being done at the park, and there may be some muddy areas. The SRMA would need access to the concession stand and the blacktop area. The council voted unanimously to approve the Summer feeding program. The program will be Mon-Fri, May 27-August 2.

A concerned citizen was in attendance to address the condition of the property at 234 S. Main Street. Attorney Eaton and the town council have given the owner, William Dougherty, multiple opportunities to fix the property, and it has fallen into disarray. Larry will send a certified letter to the owner giving him a set deadline to make all necessary repairs, or the town will move forward with destruction of the property.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 48 calls since the last meeting, 199 for the year so far. This month's calls included 3 accidents, a carbon monoxide leak, a structure collapse in Benham, and an assist at a structure fire in Holton. There was also a multi vehicle accident in Osgood that the VVFD assisted in. Due to the quick response of the fire department, and the work of all of the departments, lives were saved. The VVFD has been invited to attend a town hall in Indianapolis. This will consist of a Q & A session about the future of volunteer fire service. Ben reported that the county currently has no EMA director. Rescue 69 is slated to close after the end of next week, which will leave Versailles without a life squad. Chief Sieverding presented a budget request for next year in the amount of \$34,000. Roxanne asked Ben if he has had any correspondence with the exploratory committee regarding fundraising. Ben has spoken with Josh Yatsko, and exchanged emails with Holly Harley. Steve asked what the committee might need from the town and township. Ben mentioned a list of property owners to send letters to for donation requests. Kiersten will get a list of utility customers in town, and Amy Copeland, County Assessor may be able to get a list of property owners within the township.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the video work on the sewer system was done last week. The town can do away with some lines on Adams Street. The storage building at the complex is finished. There will be a training class for the new meter software June 5 & 6. The Washington street project has not started yet. The town will save around \$30,000 by doing the inspections for the sewer project. The playground equipment at Pangburn park will be removed in the next few weeks. Kevin will take down the bicentennial banners and replace them with flags for Memorial Day. Kevin mentioned that the door and window on the concessions building at the complex are still not fixed properly. Roxanne brought up the replacement of the water line on Benham Road. The project is not eligible for OCRA funding, and will cost approximately \$6-\$7000,000. Chief Sieverding mentioned checking into a school safety grant. The only other option for funding would be a water bond.

Steve has received a request to have a turning land into the school to alleviate some of the traffic. Roxanne will check to see if this is something Community Crossings would fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented a request from the Versailles American Legion for a \$500 donation for the annual car show. The donation was approved unanimously. Kiersten presented information about the cost and benefits of paper billing through Boyce Systems. The anticipated annual cost will be \$6,249, which includes printing, postage and return envelope. Steve motioned to move forward with paper billing, provided the cost does not exceed \$6,249. The council agreed unanimously.

Marshal Joe Mann presented the monthly Spillman report. Deputy Rodriguez has been taking care of ordinance violations. Marshal Mann gave information about a class scheduled for two days in June that he will be attending. Marshal Mann gave information on Lexipol law enforcement politics, which would update the SOPs for the police department. The cost is \$1,600/yr. Steve asked that Joe check with the representative and see if she would be available for a meeting or conference call to get more information.

Matt said that the complex is ready to be seeded as soon as Wes can get out there. The sprinklers are out. Wes will get drone pictures of the complex. Matt is meeting with the RSRF about the grant for Pangburn park upgrades tomorrow evening. The second tournament that was scheduled at the complex was cancelled due to weather. The meeting with the new soccer board went well.

Roxanne gave an update on Mainstreet. They are still looking for someone to build a rain bonnet for the new trash cans. They may have to buy new lids. Roxanne asked for an update on the camera systems at town hall and the police department. Joe said Randall will have to set the cameras up individually and then hook them up. He is having trouble getting through the attic at the police department.

Attorney Eaton updated the council on the Benz/Beadel properties next door to town hall. The owners are interested in selling, it would cost approximately \$500 for an appraisal. If the town purchases the property, they would have to go through a lien process. Steve asked Larry to check with the IRS to see what kind of cost is involved.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 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