

August 13, 2019

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on August 13, 2019. All council members and Attorney Larry Eaton were present. The Pledge was recited, and minutes from the previous meeting read and approved.

Members of the Versailles Mainstreet Committee were presented with a check for \$500 from the Ripley County Community Foundation. The grant will be used to purchase banners for the square. The council thanked RCCF and the Mainstreet Committee for their services.

Steve Buffington requested permission from the council to close Main and 1st North Streets for his annual bike rodeo on September 7. The council agreed unanimously to close the streets.

Paul Sipples representing the Versailles Lions Club requested permission to use the square and surrounding streets for the Pumpkin Show and parade. The council voted unanimously to give permission to hold the Pumpkin Show and parade.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 37 calls since the last meeting, including 3 vehicle accidents and a barn fire. Chief Sieverding thanked the RSRF for a grant of \$1,860, which will be used to purchase extrication gloves. There will be a live fire training exercise at 400 East. The VVFD is waiting for IDEM to return paperwork and make sure the property is clear of asbestos.

Beverly Miller asked the council about installing some more stop signs on Tanglewood Road and Horton Street. Superintendent Kevin Hensley will order two stop signs. Mrs. Miller was in attendance to follow up with the council on the condition of her property. Council President Steve Mathes informed Mrs. Miller that the council would follow up with her at a later date, and Marshal Joe Mann would be by to speak to them personally. Mrs. Miller also had a complaint about the weeds at the old Shell station. Attorney Eaton will contact the owners of the property.

Melinda Hunger was in attendance to ask the council about the condition of the property at 234 S. Main Street. Attorney Eaton stated that he has filed suit against the property owner, William Dougherty, and the next step will be for him to appear in court.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that milling will begin Wednesday, August 14 on Washington and 1st North Streets. Two culverts were replaced at the license branch. Kevin has kept in touch with Gil Landwehr, transportation director at South Ripley, regarding paving Benham Road. Kevin presented quotes for re-lining the manholes on Chad Dr. The funding will come from the stormwater fund.

Deputy Marshal Eddie Rodriguez updated the council on ordinance violations. Officer Rodriguez has issued two thirty day warnings.

Bids were opened for trash service from Bestway Disposal and Rumpke. The council will review the bids and have a decision by the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented the 2020 budget. The council signed the RCED interlocal agreement. Attorney Eaton will follow up with the State Park.

Roxanne Meyer reported that the property adjacent to the town hall has been appraised. Attorney Eaton stated that the owner is not interested in selling the property at appraised value. Roxanne stated that the Mainstreet Committee has partnered with Ripley County Tourism to receive a \$1,500 grant. The grant will fund a display detailing the consolidation of South Ripley schools. The display will be housed at the Town Hall during the Pumpkin Show.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Steve Mathes

Council Member, Matt McNew

Council Member, Roxanne Meyer