

February 13, 2020

Be it remembered that the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting on February 13, 2020. All council members and attorney Lynn Flederman were present. The pledge was recited, minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Harley Jo Kenedy, 17 Rolling Hills, was in attendance to address an issue with her water bill. Ms. Kenedy reported that she had a leak fixed on November 25, 2019. She contracted with J.D. Construction on December 19, 2019, at which point the water was turned off. Ms. Kenedy's February bill reflected 68,000 gallons of water. Ms. Kenedy's stated that the home had been empty since around Thanksgiving, and there was no evidence of a leak. However, she then stated that there had been a small leak since 2013, where the water lines to the ice maker had not been capped off. Superintendent Kevin Hensley had the meter tested, and the result was that the meter was in perfect working order. Kevin stated that if the water was turned off at the house, it still could have gone through the meter. Ms. Kenedy contacted her contractor, who stated that he believes he shut the water off in the house. Attorney Lynn Flederman advised the council to have Kevin speak with the contractor before making a decision about adjusting the bill.

Fire chief Ben Sieverding reported 56 calls for the year so far. The VVFD received a roundup grant from REMC for lighting. Ben has submitted a grant to the Rising Sun Regional Foundation for replacing the rescue truck.

Randy Bustle asked the council if there was an ordinance concerning dogs in town. Marshal Joe Mann stated that a dog has to be under control at all times, either on a leash or fenced in. Marshal Mann said that if a dog is becoming a nuisance, the town can address it. Mr. Bustle's issue was with a dog barking constantly in the projects. Marshal Mann stated that he had already addressed some concerns with the particular dog, and if the problem persisted he would address it again.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the clarifier at the sewer plant needed repairs. Kevin has met with the workman's comp insurance agent regarding safety classes. The pressure reducer has been installed at the bottom of the park hill.

Marshal Mann gave an update on ordinance violations.

Clerk-Treasurer Kiersten Libby presented a request from the Versailles American Legion Auxiliary for sponsorship for Hoosier Girl's State. The council approved 3-0. The council voted 3-0 to roll over the investment in Ripley County Economic Development. A letter was presented from the ISP commending Marshal Mann for his efforts. The council agreed unanimously to add an additional town credit card in Kevin's name. Roxanne will speak to Jerry Wilson from the Lions Club regarding reimbursement to the town for additional security coverage during the 2019 Pumpkin Show.

Josh reported that Shawn Halcomb will run the 2020 rec league at the sports complex. The council is still looking for someone to run the concession stand.

Attorney Flederman discussed options for financing the Benham Road project. Lynn also discussed House Bill 1085 & 1165 that were proposed last year. The bills address unpaid utility bills. Lynn will get some information on the TRECS system, which would allow the town to file for garnishment of a tenant's state tax return.

Resolution 2020-01 was signed. The council voted unanimously to accept Omara's bid to do the work for the community crossings grant. The cameras at town hall will be replaced by Randall Benjamin.

Roxanne gave a Mainstreet update. The council should hear about the community crossings grant in 2-3 weeks. The council discussed the pending environmental study on the property next to town hall.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Steve Mathes