

June 11, 2020

On June 11, 2020, the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Flederman were present. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 44 calls since the last meeting, and a total of 279 calls for the year so far. The VVFD has responded to Osgood three times in the last month. The department received a \$25,000 grant from homeland security to spend on the training facility. Chief Sieverding presented a budget request for \$36,000 for 2021. Chief Sieverding mentioned that the fire territory proposal may have to be revisited, or the department may not be operational in ten years.

Marshal Joe Mann reported that several repairs have been made to one of the police cars. Marshal Mann discussed opening the playground, and what measures can be taken to keep people off of the field until the broken utility pole is repaired. Marshal Man informed the council that the department needs a new taser, as well has new microphones for the cars. One of the vehicles will need to be replaced soon, and Joe has been pricing new vehicles. Ordinance violations were discussed, and Marshal Mann gave an update on several properties.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley presented a quote for \$4,500 for trimming the cherry trees in town. The council agreed to go ahead with the trimming. Kevin asked the council to consider passing an ordinance to require every home to have a visible number. Attorney Flederman agreed that it would be a good idea and the council should consider passing an ordinance. Kevin also reported that he met with Dave Omara about the main street paving project. Kevin will meet with TAC about installing a lift station next week.

The council discussed the possibility of raising the utility deposit amount. Attorney Flederman recommended checking into the TRECS system first. TRECS is free to members of Trust Indiana, and would assist in collecting any past due utility bills left behind by former customers.

Attorney Flederman informed the council that she will be scheduling a meeting with DNR to discuss what improvements they have made and still need to make. A rate study will be conducted in order to move forward with financing options for the Benham Rd. water line replacement project. The contract for Baker Tilly was signed to approve moving forward with the rate study.

The council discussed the ordinance violation fee schedule. Lynn suggested sending a warning letter, then giving the occupant 30 days to make improvements. If no improvement is shown, a second letter should be sent giving an additional 30 days. If there is still no improvement, Lynn would get involved. Lynn wrote up a waiver for the group participating in painting the mural at town hall. Ordinance 2020-02 regarding the right of way occupation was passed 3-0. A \$10,000-\$15,000 bond will be obtained from the companies providing the work.

Steve Mathes asked if the trail at the complex has been paved yet. Kevin said the work will be done when the crew is in town working on the main street project. The rest of the trail also needs to be seal coated, and the bridge needs to be stained and sealed. Josh Combs mentioned purchasing a cyclone vac for the complex for \$2,400. The council agreed to go ahead with the purchase. Roxanne Meyer presented a quote for two laptops for Kiersten and Emily to work from home. The council approved the quote. Roxanne gave a Main Street update. The mask and match program has been very successful, and the farmer's market started last Saturday.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President, Roxanne Meyer

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Council Member, Josh Combs

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Council Member, Steve Mathes