

August 13, 2020

On August 13, 2020, the Versailles Town Council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Flederman were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Susan Underwood representing Tri-Kappa was in attendance to ask the town's support for the Military Honor flag project. Ms. Underwood requested permission from the town to have Kevin and the street crew assist in hanging banners honoring local veterans. There will initially be 25 flags, with more to come in the future. The family of the veteran must submit an application along with a photo by the due date to be considered. Applications will be handled on a first come first served basis. The council offered their support of the project.

Erin Thomas, executive director of Lifetime Resources, presented the council with information about the organization. Lifetime Resources provides 1.2 million in services to Ripley County residents. Ms. Thomas requested a \$400 donation from the town to supplement matching funds. The council agreed to discuss the request and make a decision at a later time.

Steve Buffington, owner of the bicycle shop, requested permission to hold his annual bike round up on the square. Mr. Buffington would like the town to close the street beside his building from 1st North St. to the stop sign. The council gave approval, providing restrictions do not change. The round up will be Saturday, September 12.

Roger Kavanaugh from the Versailles American Legion informed the council that Legionfest has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 26.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding reported 122 calls since his last report. The calls included 12 vehicle accidents, a gas leak and 6 structure fires. The department has received a \$7,000 grant from the department of homeland security for training tower repairs.

Superintendent Kevin Hensley reported that the sidewalk project is going well. The clarifier work at the sewer plant will begin Monday. The annual CCR report was mailed out in July. The new dump truck will arrive at the end of September. Steve thanked Kevin and his crew for clearing out the weeds on bowling alley road. Roxanne thanked REMC for their assistance in repairing the light pole at Pangburn.

Marshal Joe Mann gave an update on ordinance violations. The council discussed a procedure checklist with attorney Flederman. Joe needs to order a new taser, batteries, and a new computer for Deputy Buchanan. New car prices are not available until 2021.

The RCED interlocal agreement was signed. Utility disconnects will resume next Thursday. The council discussed financing options for the Benham Road project. Dean Rogers should have some information this week regarding financing. Lynn will send easements to residents that would be affected by the project. A meeting will be held to discuss any concerns the residents have. Ordinance 2020-03 was presented for a second reading.

Marshal Mann will begin writing reports on nuisance properties and forwarding it to Lynn. Lynn will then send a letter to the property owner. The town intends to purchase the old Tan n Tone property. There are tax liens on the property that will need to be released before purchase.

Roxanne gave a Mainstreet update. Mainstreet will be purchasing flower pots using money from the Mask & Match program. The program has raised over \$7,000 to date.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Attest: _____

Kiersten B. Libby, Clerk-Treasurer

Council President, Roxanne Meyer

Council Member, Josh Combs

Council Member, Steve Mathes