October 11, 2022

On October 11, 2022, the Versailles town council met for their regular monthly meeting. All council members and attorney Lynn Fledderman were in attendance. Minutes from the previous meeting approved.

Fire Chief Ben Sieverding presented the council with the VVFD monthly reports. There will be an open house tomorrow evening at the firehouse. On October 22, at 9 a.m., the IVFA will be coming to Versailles to discuss the future of volunteer fire departments. All departments as well as the public are invited to attend.

Von McGuire was in attendance to discuss his property on Gaslight Drive. The property is land locked, and Mr. McGuire is interested in selling it. He would like for the town to take over approximately 625 feet at the end of Gaslight Drive. Superintendent Randall Miller noted that snow removal would be an issue, as there is no place for the truck to turn around. Roxanne noted that it would add to the town's expenses as well as the road inventory. Attorney Lynn Fledderman stated that if the unpaved portion of the road is up to town standards, it will not be as big of an expense. She will investigate the matter and the council will discuss further.

Theresa Parker inquired about the progress of the Main Street project. There is an issue with the storm drain on her property. The back of the catch basin is concrete so there is nowhere for the water to go. Randall will look at the catch basin and discuss further plans with the engineer.

Erin and Chris Proctor were in attendance to observe the meeting. They did note that they have a lot of people using their circle drive as a turn around. Roxanne stated that the council would consider options to try to prevent so many cars from using their drive.

Kendall Hankins has expressed interest in installing EV chargers on the square. Holly has a meeting in early November with the USDA regarding EV chargers, and she will share the information she gets from the meeting. Versailles Main Street received a grant for ride share bikes. They are discussing what and how to charge for their use. Holly has reached out to Tim Webber of Webber Sports about purchasing the bikes.

Roxanne motioned to accept all issues on the consent agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

Lynn has spoken with Dean Rogers about the cost of a rate study. Tad Brinson looked at the properties that the council asked him to. He recommends having a contractor look at them more in depth. Justin Sturgeon is getting a design together for the Christmas tree in the pocket park. The golf cart ordinance was approved unanimously. The easement for the 911 tower was also approved unanimously.

The 2023 budget was approved 3-0.

Representatives from Bestway and Rumpke presented bids for the trash contract. The council will take the bids under advisement.

Roxanne stated that someone has expressed interest in the part time ordinance officer position. There will be an executive meeting to discuss salary, hours, and details of the position on November 1 at 6 p.m.

Holly asked the council if the Legion could use the new pavilion for their Halloween costume contest. The council agreed that there was no issue with that.

With no further business coming before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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