Village of Versailles

Last month’s meeting minutes

Held April 7th, 2025 @ 6:30

*This meeting is being held on May 5th, 2025*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Newell, Mayor Earl Cooley; Trustee Jacob Fink, Trustee David Hoelscher; Trustee

Molly Lenover, Trustee

Sandy Fry, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Bob Howard, Trustee

Employees Present:; Charlotte Hannig, Treasurer; Ali Taylor, Secretary

Guests: Lisha Hall, Peggy DeWitt, Liann Bauch, Justin Oliver, Suzy Parn,

Virtual Guests: Chrissy Ruble, Village Clerk

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Dave Newell led the Pledge of Allegiance with the rest of the Board. Roll Call was given with 5 Trustees present.

Communication to the Board:

Peggy Dewitt approached the board about the

D. Hoelscher made a motion to see if Sheriff’s Office will contact Regina Floyd about gaining ownership of the camper needing removed. S. Fry 2nd the motion. 5 y, 0 n.

Ali Taylor spoke about the sewer and surcharge accounts and the water billing system. She advised that they are still estimating because the new system cannot pull any data from the old system. She says the new billing system should be good to go by the next billing cycle if the readers get going. She has estimated amounts for the sewer and surcharge accounts. She informed that 66 readers were dead back in July and there may be more now. She said that payments would be processed a little behind due to a hard-stop when switching systems, explaining why the Waterworks account was so low. Each month is around $8,000-9,000. Jacob asked for a complete number of Sewer and Surcharge amounts needing transferred. J. Fink made a motion to move forward with the estimates of Sewer and Surcharge and answer back with complete numbers needing transferred and from which accounts, based on actual payments received. D. Hoelscher 2nd the motion. 5 y, 0 n.

She also stated that she is only in charge of Amazon account receipts and that she gives Charlotte the receipts every month. Charlotte agreed that she had received them.

Lisha Hall with the Township approached the board about the Community Building A/C units being on city property after being approached by Earl Cooley. She shared that it would be thousands of dollars to move. B. Gossage shared that mowing around the units is difficult. Lisha stated that she did not intentionally install them on city property. E. Cooley said that he had talked with Jacob about creating an easement on the property to protect themselves from any damages. D. Clark stated that he could write a license in agreement. Lisha also shared that there was no meter in the Community Building and that if there was a leak, it would ruin the basement of the building.

Mark Sides shared that he was in the process of cleaning up his yard. The Board advised him that he would have another 30 days after his first warning to clean up.

Approval of Minutes:

J. Fink made a motion to approve minutes, S. Fry 2nd the motion. 5 y, 0 n.

Corrections:

Treasurer’s Report: Charlotte shared her reports. J. Fink makes motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. S. Fry 2nd the motion. 5 y, 0 n.

Corrections:

Clerk’s Presentation of Bills Paid:

D. Hoelscher made the motion to pay bills as amended. M. Lenover 2nd the motion. 5 y & 0 n.

Corrections: Typo on graph had Water and General swapped, but bills were paid from the correct account.

Committee Reports:

Finance –

Police – Justin Oliver shared that these ordinances affected people that did not have a lot of money. He shared his experiences with the Floyd citations. He shared that when he gets the letters from Clerk, he meets with the violator to discuss and then watches for improvement 7-10 days before issuing fines. He shared that he issued another citation for a property here in town today. The Clerk is now going to send ordinance violation letters to the Sheriff upon first violation, rather than once the 60-day mark has been reached. This will allow the Sheriff Dept to assist in remediation with homeowners prior to fines.

Streets and Alleys – D. Hoelscher asked if we were planning to fix any streets.

Water and Sewer – Nothing additional from Ali’s remarks above.

Ordinances, Public Service and Ordinances – J. Oliver is going to follow up to see if the Neese’s dog had been put down.

Cemetery - Nothing

Parks and Recreation - Pool license was renewed for one year, through May 2026.

Building and Grounds – Nothing

Personnel – J. Fink requested to go into Closed Session. Once out of Closed Session at 8:03pm, J. Fink made a motion to delegate the hiring of the Maintenance position to the Chair of the Personnel Committee. D. Hoelscher 2nd the motion. 5 y, 0 n. J. Fink made a motion to give the Attorney the permission to run two background checks on prospective applicants. E. Cooley 2nd the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Spring Clean Up: Dates are set for May 3-4 and 17-18. J. Fink discussed storing the dumpsters in the shed. D. Hoelscher stated that putting the dumpsters in camera’s view was the only thing to do. J. Fink suggested that we get two trash dumpsters at a time to alleviate them getting filled too fast. S. Fry asked that if we set hours, if those that entered after hours could be turned in for trespassing. J. Oliver shared that he could issue tickets as long as it is posted as no trespassing. J. Fink made a motion to keep current dates and to get two 30-yard dumpsters from Jennings and one scrap dumpster from Markert’s. S. Fry 2nd the motion. 5 y, 0 n.
* Community Foundation grant applications are due May 1. Chrissy asked for Committee members to help her with coming up with ideas and then she would write the grant. J. Fink suggested that we work on getting new timber and pea gravel for the parks and committed to measuring the parks for estimates on rock.
* Chrissy shared that the Dot Charitable grant had been submitted for the Christmas décor and a shed to store them in. The project budget was $21,000. She is waiting to hear back from Dot on the application.
* D. Hoelscher shared that the Highway claims that they do not want to pay the Schuster bill due to it not being maintained and exposed. He shared that he thought the County should have been maintaining it. S. Fry suggested we send it back to the Highway to pay.
* D. Hoelscher asked why the bill to Childers had not been paid from last month. Ali shared that the check had been written, so they would have to track the check.
* E. Cooley asked about the Stinson property. J. Oliver shared that he had talked with Chad Markert about demolition, so he had spoke with Larry to give him a heads up. Since then, weather has put a damper on the project.
* Ali Taylor asked for approval to get Brian Gallaher hired to get Quickbooks on the office computer. The Board agreed that it would be operation maintenance so would not need a motion.

J. Fink makes motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm.