

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, and Mr. Gigandet. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, Assistant Village Administrator Francis, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Visitors included Mr. Aaron Moran and Ms. Meladi Brewer from the Greenville Daily Advocate & The Early Bird.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Subler administered the Oath of Office for Mr. Steinbrunner and Mr. Gigandet.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the consent agenda items which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the December 22, 2021 Public Hearing and December 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for January 12, 2022
- Approval of a recommendation from EMS Administrator Matt Harvey to appoint Bryer Gilland as an EMT for Versailles EMS
- Approval of a recommendation from EMS Administrator Matt Harvey to appoint Alfred “Bud” Studt as an EMT for Versailles EMS
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Mike Wehrkamp to the CRA Housing Council
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Adam Miller to the CRA Housing Council.

Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Aaron Moran, Versailles School Superintendent, gave a brief overview of school happenings. Fall sports ended with a State Championship for the football team. Success continues with the boy’s basketball program and wrestling team. Versailles placed #7 on the State’s Report Card, up from #44 in 2019. Praise was given to staff, parents, and students for efforts made in combating the COVID virus and helping to keep the school open for in-house learning. Mr. Moran also gave a brief overview of the new building project which includes more space for the band, FFA, and technology programs. There will also be the addition of a multi-purpose facility for student activity.

Under public discussion, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to appoint Kent Paulus as Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Paulus abstaining from vote. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the amended Rules of Council for 2022, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler then stated that the committee appointments for 2022 that he had provided to Council members on January 1<sup>st</sup> needed to be revised due to meeting time conflicts for some of the Council members. He announced the following revised committee appointments for 2022:

Finance & Audit	<b>Kent Paulus- Chair</b> Cory Griesdorn Todd Dammeyer
Street & Safety	<b>Todd Dammeyer - Chair</b> Ralph Gigandet Jeff Beasley
Personnel/Policies	<b>Jeff Beasley - Chair</b> Kent Paulus Lance Steinbrunner
Facilities	<b>Cory Griesdorn - Chair</b> Lance Steinbrunner Ralph Gigandet
Planning Commission	<b>Kent Paulus - Rep</b> Jeff Beasley - Alt.
Cemetery Board	<b>Ralph Gigandet - Rep</b> Todd Dammeyer - Alt.

Park Board                                **Todd Dammeyer - Rep**  
Cory Griesdorn - Alt.

Tree Commission                        **Ralph Gigandet - Rep**  
Todd Dammeyer - Alt.

Town Hall Property Board            **Cory Griesdorn**  
Jeff Beasley

Moving on to old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 21-72, an ordinance establishing a compensation plan for Seasonal Workers for the Village of Versailles, Ohio be read by title only for the third and final reading. Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 21-72. Paulus made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Dammeyer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus then made a motion to have Ordinance No. 21-74, an ordinance adopting a new Shade Tree Ordinance for the Village of Versailles be read by title only for the third and final reading. Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 21-74. Paulus made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The first item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 22-01, a resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the Water Meter AMI Project and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 22-01 be read by title only, a second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 22-01 was read by title only, a second and third time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 22-01 as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was a recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee for adjustments to the water and sanitary sewer rates and for legislation to be prepared. The Finance and Audit Committee met on January 5, 2022 to review a recommendation to amend the water and sewer customer charges and connection (tap in) fees. The recommended adjustments are for an increase of 24% to the monthly water customer charge and a 6% increase to the sewer customer charge with no increase to the per 100 cubic foot usage charges. The proposed adjustment would increase residential customers monthly water fees by \$2.98 and sewer charges by \$.78 per month. Also, the recommendation is for an increase to the connection (tap in) fees to \$1,000 for water and \$1,000 for sewer to help cover our costs to add new customers and recover some of the legacy costs to serve these customers. The current connection fees have been in effect since 1985. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee for legislation to be prepared for the proposed water and sewer customer charge increase and for the increase of water and sewer tap in fees, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the third item of new business, Council members considered a written recommendation from the Planning Commission to establish the zoning of annexed properties to R-1 owned by Kyle & Andrea Goubeaux, Harold & Debra Pohl, Brian Pohl, Brian & Mechelle Heitkamp, Dane & Carol Strausbaugh, and to amend the zoning for property owned by Sommer Real Estate LLC from R-1 to B-1 along with setting a Public Hearing for March 9, 2022 at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to establish the zoning of the annexed properties as listed and to schedule a Public Hearing for March 9, 2022 at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council members then discussed snow removal of the lot north of the Versailles Hotel. In the past, the Village has handled the snow removal in the public parking area behind the hotel, Best Bite, and the hardware store. This area has always been a lower priority on the snow removal list and has historically been serviced after the completion of the street ice and snow removal. Now the lot has been reconfigured to be a part of the hotel parking area and it makes sense that the contractor removing the hotel's snow also service the adjacent lot as part of the same process. The recommendation to Council is for discussions to be held with Hotel officials to see if their snow contractor would handle the ice treatment and snow removal in the adjacent parking lot. Council agreed that the Hotel should have their snow removal contractor include the lot north of the Hotel as a part of their process. The Hotel would then have better control as to when snow removal is serviced and this would also eliminate any possible liability issues for the Village.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider purchase of property for public use; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The Executive Session began at 7:37 p.m. and ended at 7:58 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mayor Subler stated that no decisions had been made.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Two Kettler property test wells have been completed. We will be completing 2-hour pump tests of these

wells next week. Access Engineering is working on a PTI application for Well #11. This well will replace Well #8 in our current well field. The Electric Department is in the process of taking down Christmas lights on West Street. We are recommending that Council allow us to turn off the downtown Christmas lights on February 1st and begin taking them down. It takes the Electric Department approximately two weeks to take them down, place them on reels, and put them in storage for safe keeping. February is typically a windy month with some icing. Because of this, February weather tends to severely shorten the life of our Christmas lights. The Electric Department is continuing work on Chateau Subdivision Phase 3 electric. The Electric Department is in the process of installing the electric to newly constructed homes at 922 Rosecomb and 497 Gallus Street. The Electric Department has removed the holiday banners and installed the winter banners on the streetlight poles. The Street Department is in the process of moving all of the inventory from the white storage building next to the Village Office to the new building. Once the old building is empty, we are recommending we tear it down due to its poor condition and it being in the 100-year floodplain. The Street Department is finishing up the debris removal from the Maple Street Project. The Street Department will be installing the new organization signs at the edges of the Village. We still have three open spots. Kyle Francis will be contacting VAPPA, the Boy Scouts, and the Girl Scouts to see if they want to have signs at these locations. We are working with Creative Design in Minster to obtain new reflective street signs for the decorative poles. These new signs will be installed as the decorative poles are repainted. The Street Department is in the process of cleaning up the stump grindings from the trees that were removed along Grand Avenue and Woodland Drive. The Street Department will be placing the revised speed limit signs on Hickey Avenue, Klipstine Road, and Baker Road next week. We are working with Darke County Economic Development to submit a request for earmark funding for updates to the pool filtration system. Assistant Village Administrator Francis has obtained a budget quote from Smith's Autobody to repaint the downtown planters and trash containers. We have not yet obtained a quote to paint the benches. The estimated budget cost is \$17,500. This is not a budgeted item for this year. Council directed us to proceed with the project so that work can be done prior to the spring planting of flowers. Work will be done to obtain additional quotes.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that the U.S. Department of Treasury recently announced the final rule for the use of the use of funds distributed as a part of the American Rescue Plan. The final rule allows more flexibility and greater simplicity. The final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of \$10 million. Recipients that select the standard allowance may use the amount for government services with streamlined reporting requirements. The funds must be encumbered by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. The Village received the first half of ARPA funds in August of \$134,081.36. The Village expects the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of ARPA funds to be received in August, 2022. She also reported that a payment of \$211,409.35 was received from Miller Pipeline for street opening fees of 2021.

Fiscal Officer Ording was notified by EMS Administrator Harvey that the EMS Facility is not available for future Council meetings on the nights of February 23, 2022 and March 9, 2022 due to EMS refresher classes. It was suggested to have a meeting at the Jackson Street Municipal Building on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussion was to reschedule the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to February 24<sup>th</sup>. Fiscal Ording will verify that the EMS Facility is available for the 24<sup>th</sup>. The future meeting time/sights will be further discussed at the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee – met January 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss water and sewer rate adjustments
- Planning Commission – met January 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the zoning map amendment for recently annexed properties and the possible zoning amendment from R-1 to B-1 for a property owner by Sommer Real Estate, LLC.
- Cemetery Board – meeting January 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board – meeting February 1, 2022 at 6:30

With no further business to conduct Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas.

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer