

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include item 4. Public discussion/requests/decisions, item C. discussion of whether to request a hearing on the issuance of a liquor permit for Casey's General Store 3607.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from the December 21, 2020 Public Hearing and the December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of January 13, 2021
- Acceptance of a donation to the Versailles EMS through the "Healing Communities Initiative" of 2 Microsoft Surface Pro 7 tablets, keyboard covers, and protective cases.

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

The first item scheduled under public discussion/requests/decisions, was the election of a Council President Pro-Tempore. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to elect Mr. Paulus as Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Mr. Beasley. With no other nominations, Vote: all yeas. Motion carried to elect Mr. Paulus.

Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the Rules of Council for 2021 which had no changes. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council considered the notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the issuance of a liquor permit for Casey's General Store within the Village. It was reported that Chief Humphreys had no objections with the request. Mr. Paulus made a motion to not request a hearing with the Division of Liquor Control, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to old business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 20-77, an ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

For first item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-01, a resolution approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Renaissance Corporation and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 21-01 by title only, a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 21-01 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 21-01 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The next item of new business was consideration of Resolution No. 21-02, a resolution approving a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, the Versailles Exempted Village Schools Board of Education, and Renaissance Corporation and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, a first reading of Resolution No. 21-02. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 21-02 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 21-02 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 21-02 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet then read, by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 21-03, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator of the Village of Versailles, Ohio to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 21-03 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 21-03 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 21-03 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-04, an ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Police Chief of the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-04 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 21-04 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 21-04 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was Ordinance No. 21-05, an ordinance approving an agreement between the Village of Versailles and the Community Improvement Corporation, Inc. of Versailles, Darke County, Ohio, in regard to real estate no longer needed for any municipal purposes and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-05. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-05 by title only, a second and third time and declared an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 21-05 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 21-05 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, members reviewed the bid tabulations provided by Access Engineering Solutions for the Virginia Street Reconstruction project. The Engineer's Estimate for the project was \$1,125,000. Eight bids were received for the project:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
M & T Excavating	\$1,007,883.91
Tom's Construction	\$1,042,455.00
Sturm Construction Inc.	\$1,061,763.00
VTF Excavation	\$1,077,359.00
Brenneman Excavating	\$1,077,668.72
Double Jay Construction	\$1,088,378.00
Brumbaugh Construction	\$1,233,154.00
Milcon	\$1,275,827.00

Village Administrator Busse discussed with Council members the recommendation letter from the Village's project engineer, Brice Schmitmeyer, PE with Access Engineering Solutions, advising not to award the project to the low-bidder, M & T Excavating. The recommendation is to award the project to the second lowest-bidder, Tom's Construction, due to past project performance issues with M & T Excavating on projects in another community and Versailles. A memorandum was also provided by Assistant Village Administrator Kyle Francis detailing past performance issues experienced with M & T Excavating on the Village's 2018 S. Center St. Waterline Replacement Project along with reference statements from two other municipalities where M & T Excavating has performed work since. Village Administrator Busse stated Tom's Construction's past work experience with such projects was better suited to complete the Virginia Street Reconstruction Project in a timely and favorable manner for the Village and residents in the project area. Representatives from M & T Excavating were present and expressed their dissatisfaction for not being recommended for the project. Mr. Paulus made a motion to award the Virginia Street Reconstruction project to Tom's Construction for \$1,042,455.00, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paulus to approve the Village Administrator to purchase a 50' areal unit truck body from Utility Truck Equipment, Inc. for \$130,928. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beasley to approve the Village Administrator to contract with GIS Landmark LLC for Electrical System GPS mapping services for \$40,057. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn to approve the Village Administrator to purchase 196 residential water meters from E.J. Prescott for \$30,000. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve regular, full-time employment status of Mr. Doug Jackson as Water and Wastewater Plant Manager, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mr. Berger made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Jeff Clark as an Electric Lineman II effective January 9, 2021, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Superintendent Moran from Versailles Schools was present and gave a brief overview of COVID and the effects in the school. He stated that masks are being worn and that students, teachers, and staff are doing a great job of keeping things going. Staff will be eligible to receive the vaccine as early as February 1<sup>st</sup> if they choose to do so.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler announced that pursuant to an agreement between the Village Council and the Versailles Bicentennial Book Committee, the following should be noted:

A Certificate of Deposit from monies received on March 7, 1977 in the original amount of \$100.00 (plus accrued interest earned of \$367.60) from the members of the Versailles Bicentennial Book Committee to be

given as a legacy from the citizens of the past to the citizens of Versailles in 2077 to be used at that time for charitable purposes or projects for the benefit of the community is being held within the Village Treasury.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The electric poles on Klipstine Rd have been relocated. Shinn Brothers will finish the sanitary sewer today and begin work on the storm sewer improvements. They are expected to be finished with their installations by the end of next week. Testing and final inspections will be completed in February. The Electric Department have begun taking down Christmas lights around The Inn construction project area. As time allows, they will also begin to take down Christmas lights on West Street. A pole was replaced at 10930 Reed Road. The top of the old pole was split. The power circuit was repaired on Murphy Road. This was damaged during a previous wind storm. The traffic signal was repaired at Main and West Streets. We are purchasing a spare signal for stock due to the extremely long lead times in obtaining a replacement. Miller Pipeline has submitted plans for 4 more gas line improvement projects in the village for 2021. Miller Pipeline is currently working behind the Inn project area. They are upgrading the gas service in preparation for the new construction. I am proposing that we begin monthly billing for water and sewer services effective with the February 2021 utility bills which are due March 10, 2021. This recommended change to monthly billing will also include the elimination of the 300 cubic foot per quarter credit. No additional rate increase is proposed at this time. This will allow for our customers to have a more even monthly bill rate instead of the quarterly utility bills being much larger. I am recommending that Council have the 2nd reading of Ordinance 20-77 adjusting the rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio. I am also recommending that Council pass this legislation by emergency at the third reading on January 27th to allow the ordinance to take effect immediately upon passage. The fire hydrant has been replaced at the corner of Main and West Streets. We responded to a small gas spill on Moore Parkway New Year's Eve. The gas was vacuumed out of the sewer and held for proper disposal at our sewer plant. The property owner will be billed for the emergency response and cleanup.

Chief Humphreys December Monthly Activity Report and 2020 Annual Report were distributed to Council Members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission – met January 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Versailles-Southeastern Rd annexations and Reed Ave extension.
- Cemetery Board – meeting January 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ordning, Fiscal Officer