

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

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

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include item "B. Consideration of a recommendation to create legislation establishing a pay grade level for a Street Superintendent/Foreman without a water or sewer license."

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended to include item B under new business
- Approval of Minutes from the January 9, 2019 Regular Meeting and January 16, 2019 Special Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of January 23, 2019
- Approval of a recommendation from Fire Chief Brian Pearson to allow Logan Schultz to be added as a member of the roster of the Versailles Fire Department
- Approval of a recommendation from Fire Chief Brian Pearson to allow Jace Humphreys to be added as a member of the roster of the Versailles Fire Department

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

Wayne Township Trustee Mike Lawrence was present to discuss the addition of the Rosecomb Subdivision. Village Administrator Hale reported that recently, he had a conversation with Wayne Township Trustee Dennis Mestemaker regarding the Townships concern of additional traffic on Klipstine Road due to the new subdivision. Mr. Mestemaker expressed that the Township would like the Village to accept full responsibility for the maintenance of Klipstine Road due to the increased traffic. In understanding the Township's concern, Village Administrator Hale explained that the Village's plan is to request the contractor direct construction traffic to Versailles Southeastern Road, and then through the Village, down Klipstine Road. This would alleviate a significant amount of traffic on Klipstine Road with the exception of an approximate 700 foot section between the corporate limit and the north edge of the new subdivision. In the interest of working together, a proposed 50% maintenance agreement of shared responsibility for the 700 feet section was discussed. Mr. Lawrence said that the Township will have their regular meeting on February 6th in which they will discuss the maintenance agreement. Also to be discussed is the annexation agreement between the Township and the Village.

Next, Council members considered a notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control disclosing the ownership change for the liquor permit held by McBos Inc. Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271 (B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the change and to request a hearing. Mr. Paulus made a motion to waive the hearing and allow the liquor permit ownership change. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under new business, Council members discussed a request received from BNSF Logistics to extend the special contract for electric service agreement. Village Administrator Hale explained that the current electric service agreement, set to expire in March of 2019, has been in place for 5 years and has had one three-year extension provided. The company also has a CRA agreement in place. After discussion it was agreed that a five-year agreement was fair and reasonable and considering no other business had been granted an agreement longer than 5 years, Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: I have received word that Electric Lineman, Joe Bruns, will be retiring on March 31st. He has four weeks of vacation and will begin vacation at the beginning of March so we will really lose Joe's service at the end of February. We have already filled the opening that would have become available when Joe leaves. I have received word that Street Department worker, Terry Haines, will retire as of April 2nd. We will post the position opening in late February. We have the replacement parts for the downtown clock. We will complete the replacement of the new controller as soon as possible. I have been contacted by Eric Stachler representing the Bicentennial Committee informing me they may have a desire to have murals painted on three buildings within the Village, however; they are unsure of the cost and may have to scale back or completely discard the idea of the murals. The buildings they are interested in are the Endless Pint, Sweet Shop, and the United Telephone Building across the alley from the Kaup Pharmacy parking lot. I am working on having the ½% Income Tax Levy signs updated so that we can place them at the entrances of the Village as we did prior to the last election when the levy was on the ballot. I believe VPP will be updating the signs. As you all know the ½% Income Tax is vital to maintaining streets and infrastructure within the Village. Without the ½% Income Tax money Versailles would not be the same. Hopefully we will again receive full support of the citizens. The green light on the traffic signal at Main and Center Streets is out and we have a new replacement on order. The annual Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) update letters have been sent to all of the businesses that currently have a CRA agreement. Each year a business with a CRA agreement must verify they

are meeting the agreed-upon requirements. These updates are reviewed by the Village, the County, and the State. Police Chief Humphreys and I met to discuss the department's Standard Operating Policies manual. There are a few areas Chief Humphreys would like to see reviewed by the company that recently completed our employee Personnel and Policy Manual. I have requested a quote to review those sections. I met with all three County Commissioners regarding the proposed annexation of the 49 acres where the new Rosecomb Subdivision will be established. The commissioners do not have any problem with the annexation. The Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual banquet on Monday, January 28th at the Stillwater Valley Golf Course. Matt Harvey and I met regarding the specifications on the purchase of a new ambulance. Matt has worked very hard on getting information on which ambulance we should purchase and interest rates. The ambulance is budgeted for this year and I believe it will be financed through Second National Bank. I have posted a notice reminding citizens and business owners of their responsibility to clear all sidewalks on their property of snow within 12 hours after the snowfall ends. During a drive through the village after the last two heavy snow falls, I noticed many sidewalks that had not been shoveled well after the 12 hours limit has passed. After discussions with Kyle Francis and mentioning the idea to employees, I will be requesting a meeting of the Personnel and Policy Committee to discuss moving to paying a reimbursement for all cell phones as opposed to providing a Village owned phone. We can save the Village money and reduce liability while allowing employees to carry only one cell phone. All employees have been formally notified that Brian Gehret will no longer be in the Street Foreman position. Brian has accepted a move to the Water/Wastewater plant as an operator. This position will officially become open with Frank Treon's retirement next year. Frank will be working with the Street Department and helping train Brian. This has worked out well for the Village. We are evaluating our options regarding filling the Street Foreman position.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that the Ohio DNR grant of \$47,476.50 was received for the pool liner project. The legislation to place on the ballot for the 1/2% Income Tax levy renewal has been delivered to the Darke County Board of Elections. The December Fund Report for Council and Monthly Revenue Summary was distributed. Chief Humphreys 2018 Annual Report was distributed also.

Mayor Subler requested Fiscal Officer Ording to report the Village expenses related to the referendum filed with the Darke County Board of Elections, the associated extensive public records request, and the pending legal suit. Fiscal Officer Ording stated that actual bills paid totaled \$22,218.86 with time value spent on referendum related matters at \$3,347.10 as of January 23, 2019.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Cemetery Board – next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2019 at Greenlawn Cemetery.
- Facilities – met January 23rd for discussion and overview of Village property.

A reminder that the Versailles Area Chamber annual dinner banquet will be held on Monday, January 28th.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer