

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.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the January 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of January 27 2021

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

Mayor Subler administered the Oath of Office to the incoming Chief of Police, Joshua Bolin. Chief Bolin has been an officer of the law for over 17 years, working for the Darke County Sheriff's Office and for the Village of Versailles. He takes on his duties as Chief effective January 30th. Members of his family, Chief Mark Humphreys, and Officer Jason Perry were present for his swearing in.

Next, Mayor Subler recognized outgoing Chief Mark Humphreys for his 16 1/2 years of dedicated service to the Village of Versailles. He stated that Council members had discussion about his retirement and the thoughts to gift his service weapon and badge upon retirement. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the retirement gift of his service weapon and badge, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have 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 be read by title only, a third time, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 20-77. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-77 as read, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the first item of new business, Ordinance No. 21-06, an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting the 2021 edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – Administrative Code, as revised through September 14, 2020, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter; and declaring an emergency was considered and read by title only a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-06 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-06 was read a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-06, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was consideration of Ordinance No. 21-07, an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting the 2021 edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – Traffic Code, as revised through September 14, 2020, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter; and declaring an emergency was considered and read by title only a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-07 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-07 was read a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-07, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council then considered Ordinance No. 21-08, an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting the 2021 edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – General Offenses Code, as revised through September 14, 2020, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter; and declaring an emergency was considered and read by title only a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-08 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-08 was read a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-08, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-09, an ordinance extending Coronavirus paid leave for employees who have not previously utilized the same and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-09 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 21-09 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 21-09 as read, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was Ordinance No. 21-10, an ordinance establishing the compensation for the Emergency Medical Services personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-10. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-10 by title only, a second and third time and declared an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 21-10 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 21-10 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-11, a resolution declaring it necessary to improve Virginia Street from South Center Street to Franklin Street in the Village of Versailles, Ohio by reconstructing the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 21-11 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Resolution No. 21-11 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 21-11 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to execute an encroachment license agreement between the Village of Versailles and Don and Michelle Waymire, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Terry Haines for Virginia Street Reconstruction Project inspections, not to exceed \$13,000, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Beasley made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to purchase 1200 feet of 750 aluminum power cable from Wesco Distribution for the Midmark – Jackson Street electric underground relocation project for a quoted purchase price of \$10,806 plus shipping. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to purchase a transformer for the Versailles Inn project from Solomon Solutions for a quoted purchase price of \$17,995, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Lastly was discussion concerning raising the threshold amount requiring the Village Administrator to obtain Council's approval to make purchases. Village Administrator Busse requested that he be authorized to approve up to \$25,000 in purchases and to allow for purchases approved through the Capital Improvement Plan of up to \$50,000. He explained that items that need to be purchased on a timely manner often exceed \$10,000. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the new authorized dollar amounts, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Jan Gigandet. Jan cleaned the Village Offices for 13 years, retiring in April of 2017. She was a very dedicated employee, loved by all. Her husband, Ralph, also worked for the Village many years. Sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Shinn Brothers have completed the sanitary and storm sewers on Klipstine Road. We plan to begin installation of the water main and water service lines next week. I have received confirmation that the State has received our documentation of the CRA Agreement for the Versailles Inn. I have given approval for the Hotel Versailles project construction to begin. We will have a pre-construction meeting with Tom's Construction on Thursday afternoon for the Virginia Street reconstruction project. We plan to discuss a proposed construction schedule at that time. It is our understanding that they wish to begin work as soon as possible. We had closing on Monday 1/25/2021 for the sale of the old fire house. Brackett Builders are now using the building for their construction offices. We are working on the new decorative poles at Ward Park. They will be completed as weather allows. Village R.O.W. tree trimming will start the week of January 25th. The 2021 Village personnel will be marking trees in street right-of-way with yellow ribbons that are in need of trimming work. This annual project is at no cost to residents or property owners as the Village contracts with a tree trimming contractor to perform all of trimming work located in street right-of-way. Trees are typically uplifted and shaped to ensure proper growth and adequate clearance for pedestrians and motor vehicles. The yellow ribbons around trees in the area are to assist property owners and the tree trimming contractor in identifying which trees are planned to be trimmed. The areas slated for tree trimming this year is areas north of the CSX railroad tracks along with a few other areas scattered through the Village. Letters to all property owners who will have trees near or along their properties trimmed will have letters sent to them advising them of the impending work once a contractor is selected. Miller Pipeline is continuing their gas upgrade work. They intend to have the project completed by early summer.

Fiscal Officer Ording provided Council members with the December Fund Report and Monthly Revenue Summary for December. She reported that revenues for 2020 are \$16,185,345 with expenditures of \$14,383,316. Income tax revenue was \$2,517,385. As for the General Fund, the revenues of \$2,428,977 exceed expenses by \$363,868. She explained that 2021 deficits in the General Fund will be expected from the loss of interest income on Village investments.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – meeting February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission – meeting February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- Cemetery Board – meeting February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board – met January 20th with representatives from the girls softball and boys baseball organizations. Plans for the 2021 season were presented to board members.

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 8:27 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer