

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mr. Gigandet, Mrs. Dieringer, and Ms. Shaffer. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird was also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by Mayor Dammeyer.

Mayor Dammeyer requested that the agenda be amended to add under new business, item 8. D. Consideration of Ordinance No. 24-07, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-81, the 2024 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for February 28, 2024

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

For the first item of old business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 24-02, an ordinance levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Homer, Wood, & Harrison Roadway & Waterline Improvements project within the Village of Versailles.

He also read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 24-03, an ordinance levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Klipstine Road Reconstruction project within the Village of Versailles.

Moving on to new business, Ordinance No. 24-06, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-81, the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, and declaring an emergency, was read by title only for the first reading. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Paulus made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-06, Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next under consideration was a recommendation from Finance Committee to approve the annual premium renewal related to the Village's property, general liability, and cyber insurance. The recommendation is to renew the policy with Wichert Insurance, however, amending the proposal by increasing the coverage from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for Emergency Services Portable Equipment (VESP). The additional coverage would increase the premium by \$342. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the annual premium renewal including the increase of \$342, for the Village's property and general liability insurance, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council members then considered a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to apply for a Demolition Grant through the Darke County Grants Office for the former Water Treatment Facility. Mr. Francis reported that the demolition of the old facility was approved on the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at a cost of

\$90,000. Any grant money would help to reduce this cost. The application is due March 1st. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to apply for the grant through Darke County, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-07, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-81, the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-07, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried

With all new business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee(s), seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:37 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mayor Dammeyer stated that no decisions had been made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Dammeyer reported that Ohio State Representative Angie King had informed him of a possible grant opportunity for the Village. Village Administrator Francis said that he had the grant terms reviewed and stated that unfortunately, the Village would not qualify.

Mr. Francis distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Electric personnel connected power on February 19th to the new Reed Rd. wellfield site. This large-scale electric system improvement project saw the rebuild of approximately 2 miles of existing single-phase lines to three-phase, and approximately 0.8 miles of new overhead and underground three-phase primary electric facilities being installed. Both new wells at the Reed Rd. wellfield were started up for the first time on Feb. 21st with no issues. The well discharge piping is now set to be pressure and bacteria tested before it can be placed in service. A technician is coming this week to calibrate both new flow meters at the wellfield pending testing being complete. Brumbaugh Construction and their subcontractor have the raw water main jack and bore installation complete under the CSX railroad and Indian Creek for the new 8" raw water main. A second jack and bore is underway for the new 12" water distribution main under the railroad and Indian creek as well. Brumbaugh has also started installing 8" raw water main north of Greenlawn Ave. heading north. As of 2/27, they are installing pipe in Jackson St. near Warren St. Shinn Bros. on the out-of-town portion of the project has dropped a second installation crew onto the project and has made some serious headway on pipe installations. As of 2/27 they are over past halfway for pipe installations on their contract. One crew is currently located near Murphy Rd. along Reed and the second crew is currently working with their directional boring contractor to make the three remaining bores including the large one under Swamp Creek at Day Rd. The 2024 Street Paving and N. East St. Reconstruction Project is currently out for bid with the bid opening set for March 7th. Well #10 in the existing wellfield at the water plant was rehabbed by Jackson Well Service on February 17th and 18th. This work was done on the weekend when water usage is typically lower. Well #10 is the only limestone well in the existing wellfield and had never been rehabbed since being installed in 2009. The work also included the replacement of the existing pump with a higher output model. Water production increased on the well approximately 20 GPM based on early observations with the well producing approximately 35 GPM prior to rehab. We will need to look at another well rehab in 2024, likely on Well #4, once the aquifer recovers further. Two wells were slated in the 2024 CIP. The Village took delivery on Feb. 12th of a tanker trailer to be used to haul raw well water from the new Reed Rd. wellfield to the water plant. This will speed up the rate at which we can supply bulk water to the water plant until the new raw water main construction is complete. We cannot haul raw well water from the new wellfield until the testing is complete on the wellfield discharge piping that is currently underway. Village Street Dept. personnel have installed the new water service and electric conduits at the pool complex for the new filtration building. The project contractor will make the final connections for the water in addition to completing the electrical wiring work. Pool filtration equipment began to arrive at the site the week of 2/19. Circuit #2 which serves the center portion of the Village in addition to Bucktown experienced a momentary outage on Feb. 20th due to a squirrel near Paramount Group on N. West

St. Later that same day, an outage had to be taken on Circuit #2 at 4:30PM lasting approximately 3 minutes due to two cracked porcelain cut-outs near Franklin St./W. Ward St. The cut-outs were starting to arc and burn through the wood cross arm on the pole. If they were not tended to immediately upon them being found, a longer and more invasive outage would have taken place when they ultimately failed. A resident noticed the arcing on the pole and contacted Electric Foreman Riley about the situation. On the morning of February 24th, Brumbaugh Construction who is working on the Phase I Raw Water Main Project, was moving an excavator near the old water plant and came into contact with the neutral wire on a three-phase lateral that supplies electric to five of the Village's water production wells. The contact shook the pole line causing the overhead primary conductors to touch causing a momentary outage on Circuit #9 which powers the southwest and south portions of the Village and out into Wayne Township. This took place shortly before 9AM that morning. Village linemen were dispatched to the site and made the necessary repairs. No one was injured as part of the accident. I attended the Darke County CIC meeting on February 21st. It was announced at that meeting that Classic Carriers is being recognized as their Darke County Business of the Year. I attended the MVRPC RTPO meeting in Sidney on February 21st. MVRPC continues to move forward with placing Shelby, Darke, and Preble Counties into the RTPO which will help potential project funding and coordination with MVRPC and other agencies. I attended a presentation at the Darke County Commissioners Office with representatives from the Ohio Department of Development to discuss brownfield grants for property assessments and remediation opportunities. Further discussion with Commissioner Aultman was had and they are recommended we apply as part of their demolition program through the county for the former Water Treatment Plant Building. Fire Chief Pearson, Police Chief Bolin, Utilities Superintendent Mumaw, and myself met on the evening of 2/26 to further discuss and plan for the solar event. There is great concern about the influx of visitors to the area in relation to the event that weekend and the day of April 8th and the implications that it may have on traffic in addition to critical infrastructure for the Village. I attended a meeting with the Darke County Visitor's Bureau on 2/23/2024 to discuss the Village's continued partnership with them to promote tourism in the Village. Pending council approval at the 2/28/2024 meeting, I have completed a demolition grant application with the Darke County Commissioners Office for the demolition of the former Village Water Treatment Plant at 200 Grand Ave. This building is in bad shape and is no longer needed for any municipal purpose. Utilities Superintendent Mumaw has worked with area painting contractors to obtain pricing for the exterior recoating of our lime and soda ash silos at the water treatment plant. I have included with my report a copy of his provided memo which recommends moving forward with Brian Bros. out of Piqua at a cost of \$12,650.00. This project was part of the 2024 CIP with a \$40,000 budget. A water service leak was discovered at 1018 Baker Rd. by Street Dept. personnel on 2/23/2024. The existing ¾" copper line was found to have several pin holes in it on the customer side of the service line which was bedded in limestone #57 gravel. Copper water service lines bedded in limestone have a history in the Village of failing prematurely. The Village no longer permits new copper water service line installations and only natural gravel is permitted for bedding. A temporary line was connected to the duplex apartment for customers and the property owner was notified that the line must be replaced immediately. The entire row of duplex apartments in the area of Baker Rd. were all built around the same time in similar fashion. We have brought in a leak detection company to come in and check for other leaks in that area. I contacted The Verdin Company in Cincinnati to request a service technician to come and evaluate the Village's downtown clock on E. Main St. The clock was not keeping time correctly and we could not get it adjusted ourselves. A technician was onsite today and made adjusts to get the clock back in working order. We will keep an eye on it going forward as there could potentially be an issue with the nylon gears in the clock that move the arms according to the technician. We have received two quotes as part of the 2024 Electric Line Tree Trimming Program. Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance provided a price of \$18,000.00 and Flory Landscaping provided a price of \$17,610.00. I am recommending to move forward with Flory Landscaping on this project. This project was part of the Village's 2024 CIP with a budget of \$30,000.00. Roger Frey has accepted the seasonal Landscape Maintenance position that waters and tends to the numerous Village flower pots and landscaping areas throughout the Village. We currently have job postings out for Seasonal Utility/Street Positions, Lifeguards, and an Assistant Pool Manager. The Planning Commission will not be meeting in the month of March as there is currently no business to tend to. The Park Board met on 2/26/2024 to go over the 2024 Youth Softball and Baseball organization plans for activities and improvement projects at the diamonds. Additionally, discussion was had regarding Village planned maintenance tasks for the 2024 park season as well

as to inform the park board where the 2024 Arbor Day Tree will be planted at Ward Park.

Fiscal Officer Ording provided the January Fund Report for Council to members. She also reported the Annual Financial Report is completed and will be submitted to the State Auditor's Office.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – met prior to the meeting
- Cemetery Board – meeting March 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board – met February 26th.

With no further business to conduct, Ms. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Dammeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer