

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

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

Mayor Subler noted the need to add two items to the agenda under new business. Item D., consideration of a recommendation from the Cemetery Board concerning an increase to cemetery rates beginning March 1, 2017 and Item E., consideration of a recommendation from the Village Administrator to approve the annual premium renewal related to the Village's property & general liability insurance. Mr. Paulus also noted that the Minutes submitted from the February 8th meeting needed to include processing in the motion to prohibit medical marijuana within the Village.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the amendments as noted and approve the consent agenda items which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Payment of the List of Bills Submitted for February 22, 2017

Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Berger abstaining from approval of minutes.

With nothing scheduled under public discussions and old business, Village Attorney Guillozet read for the first time, by title only, Ordinance No. 17-06; an Ordinance prohibiting retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of medical marijuana within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Next was consideration of a recommendation from the Tree Commission to enter into contract to perform the 2017 Street Right-of-Way Tree Trimming Project. Village Administrator Hale stated that the Tree Commission met prior to the meeting. Administrator Hale explained that Village personnel have marked trees within the Village needing maintenance. The recommendation is for Foster Tree Landscaping of Greenville to perform the 2017 Street Right-of-Way Tree Trimming. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the Tree Commission recommendation to approve Foster Tree Landscaping of Greenville for the 2017 Right-of-Way Tree Trimming, seconded by Mrs. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was the consideration of a recommendation from the Cemetery Board concerning entering into a contract for grounds keeping maintenance services for Greenlawn Cemetery for 2017. Mr. Berger stated members of the Cemetery Board reviewed quotes for service and recommended Spencer Landscaping of Greenville. Mrs. Custenborder made a motion to enter into a contract with Spencer Landscaping for the cemetery lawn maintenance for 2017, seconded by Mr. Paulus. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Berger, on behalf of the Cemetery Board, reported that the Board has determined a rate increase will be necessary starting March 1, 2017. The new rates shall be as follows: Foundation: \$30.00/cu. Ft.; opening and closing of graves on weekdays: \$550; opening and closing of graves on weekends or holidays: \$650; grave spaces and walkways: \$550; military markers: \$100; opening and closing surface burial (previously set): \$500; opening and closing a crypt: \$500; opening and closing grave for infant: \$150; cremation burial on weekdays: \$400; cremation burials on weekends or holidays: \$500. Also, effective March 1, 2017, there is a minimum of \$200 for foundations. He noted that the military marker fee and the opening and closing grave for infant remained the same. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept the new cemetery rates as determined by the Cemetery Board; seconded by Mrs. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item for consideration was a recommendation from the Village Administrator to approve the annual premium renewal related to the Village's property & general liability insurance. Village Administrator Hale stated that Dale Dixon from Wichert Insurance presented to Fiscal Officer Ording the proposal for coverage effective March 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018. Fiscal Officer Ording provided members a copy of the proposal. Mrs. Gigandet made a motion to approve the annual premium renewal for the Village's property and general liability insurance, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report. Items highlighted in his report are as follows: The Retail Coach has submitted reports analyzing the community demographics, psychographics, and GAP analysis showing market opportunities for both our primary and secondary markets. A meeting with local businesses will be set for early April. Jon Heffner has informed me he has sold eight lots and now plans to start four homes this spring. I have been contacted by Rob Cooper, 639 East Main St., who mentioned he is having a bird problem due to birds congregating on an antenna at the old Phelan Insurance building. Rob stated he has been diagnosed with Cryptococcus, which his doctor explained is a disease likely coming from bird waste. I explained that

because the antenna is on private property. Mr. Cooper needs to contact the property owner regarding the problem. On February 8th, just as our last Council meeting was coming to an end, Village employee Doug Christian hit an electric power line with a Village salt truck on Brandon Street. The incident caused power outage to approximately eight homes due to the wires being ripped from the homes. There were also broken utility poles that needed to be replaced. The fire department was quickly on scene as was the electric department who worked through the night to restore power. Some homes received damage needing to be repaired by a contractor and we have contacted all homeowners and explained we will pay for the damage. I received a visit from Bob Luttmer, 740 East Main St., who has concerns regarding the possibility of Casey's General Store locating at the corner of East Main and Maple Street. I also received a call from Jennifer Stewart, 694 East Main St. with the same concerns. I explained to both that I have not been contacted by a representative from the company and I am unsure of their plans at this time, however, the corner property and old salvage yard property to the south are currently zoned industrial and a convenience store would be permitted in that area. If they were to purchase a residential property and request a rezoning of the property then it would come before the Board of Zoning Appeals. Regarding the trees, marked with ribbons in the E. Main St. area, I mentioned we have changed the manner in which we are requesting quotes. In the past we have asked for a quote for a specific section of the Village and the quotes were typically in the \$20,000 range. This year I requested we mark only the specific trees needing trimmed and our low quote has come in at \$7000. These quotes will be reviewed at tonight's Tree Commission meeting, just prior to the Council meeting. Reliable Business Services has begun work on the replacement of our email exchange server project. Last Friday and throughout the weekend they worked to copy all of the data on our current server in preparation to transfer to the new server and will be making the official replacement in a couple weeks. I have signed contracts for both the Baker Road farm ground and the Subler Drive farm ground. Both contracts were signed by the high bidders. As we have discussed, we have budgeted to install a liner in the swimming pool this fall. The estimated cost is around \$80,000. While it was brought to my attention that some community members might put together a fund drive to help get donations to pay for the liner, I have expressed that it is inappropriate for an employee of the Village to spearhead any type of fundraiser for a Village project. If someone in the community wants to start a fund raiser the Village would certainly be receptive to the idea, but we cannot initiate the project. I have submitted all 2016 CRA agreement annual reports to the state. A Tax Incentive Review meeting has been set for March 10, 2017 at the Darke County Commissioners Office. In regards to the 2016 CRA updates, it should be noted King's Command has added 93 jobs during 2016. The growth at King's Command has increased water usage, necessary sewage treatment, and electrical usage. We will be installing larger water line taps to help the facility maintain water pressure. This growth is well within our capacity limits and we are at no risk of outgrowing our system in the near future. We have been in constant discussions with King's Command representatives and they have been excellent to work with. We have met with the representative of RCAP, the entity providing our water/sewer rate study, and while the study is still being completed and summarized, the initial report is as we expected, our water and sewer rates are extremely low based on comparisons to other municipalities statewide. As soon as the study is completed I will present the information to the Finance and Audit Committee for review. I have again contracted with a company out of Piqua called Bug-a-Boo to complete four separate sprayings for mosquitoes this summer. Employees of the village have been busy collecting GIS data for our infrastructure. We have completed marking all water stop valves in Bucktown, Indian Creek, and other areas north of the railroad tracks. This information will be invaluable in the future to help find lines needing repair. With Weavers putting in the new truck wash, Village employees were wondering if we could take our salt trucks and equipment through the truck wash when the weather is not conducive for us to wash them ourselves. After discussing with Weaver Brothers representatives they have approved us using the truck wash. We appreciate our relationship with area businesses. A future item that I will be adding to the Council agenda is a concern regarding the policy of our yard waste and brush pile. I am unaware of any current established policy with the exception that all users must be within the Village electrical system area to use the waste pile, and I do not believe that is in writing. I'm not sure how that would relate to a commercial business. As you all know our maintenance costs, such as grinding, hauling, and moving material have increased significantly over the last few years. We will need to establish some type of policy for the future. The most recent monthly report from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) shows West Central Ohio as being down 4.70 inches of rain over the last 12 months. According to the Palmer Drought Severity Index, and index used by the ODNR, we are at a "Severe Drought" status. According to the report, November 2016 was the 11th driest month for the state in the past 134 years. So far this winter we have used 118 tons of salt. In comparison last year we used 105 tons total and the year prior 240 tons. I was recently contacted by Bill and Leslie Coomer, owners of the Best Bite Grill, and they are very interested in putting a Parklet in front of their restaurant for the summer. I'm coordinating with Tom Guillozet the details and will bring the issue to Council at a future meeting. You may remember I presented to Council with the Parklet concept back in the fall. A Parklet is an area that creates outside dining or a sitting area by creating a deck type of setting and utilizes a parking space.

Committee & Board Reports are as follows:

- Cemetery Board – met February 21st
- Tree Commission – met prior to meeting

Under announcements, Mr. Paulus stated that he would not be in attendance at the March 8th meeting.

Mayor Subler recognized Mr. Matt Rismiller and his son Colin who are with the Boy Scouts. They were in attendance to learn more about local government.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer