

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, and Mr. Gigandet. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, Village Attorney Tom Guillozet, Assistant Village Administrator Francis, and Electric Foreman Scott Riley.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add two items under new business. Item 6. B. Consideration of a motion to prepare legislation for rezoning of annexed properties to R-1 owned by Kyle & Andrea Goubeaux, Harold & Debra Pohl, Brian Pohl, Brian & Mechelle Heitkamp, Dane & Carol Strausbaugh, and to rezone property owned by Sommer Real Estate LLC from R-1 to B-1 and item 6. C. Consideration of a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Bridenbaugh, effective March 22, 2022. He also requested an Executive Session to consider compensation of public employees. Mr. Gigandet 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 February 24, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for March 9, 2022

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

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 22-03 be read by title only for the third and final reading, Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 22-03, an ordinance to amend Section 600.16 of the Drawings and Design Criteria Incorporated within the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Versailles. Mr. Paulus made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-03, Mr. Dammeyer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 22-04 be read by title only for the third and final reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 22-04, an ordinance levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Virginia Street Reconstruction Project within the Village of Versailles, Ohio. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-04, Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 22-05 be read by title only for the third and final reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 22-05, an ordinance levying special assessments for improvements of water and sewer utilities in connection with the Klipstine Road Water and Sewer Utilities Project within the Village of Versailles, Ohio. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-05, Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 22-06 be read by title only for the third and final reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 22-06, an ordinance levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutter, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Maple Street Reconstruction Project within the Village of Versailles, Ohio was read by title only, the third reading. Mr. Gigandet made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-06, Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 22-08 be read by title only for the third and final reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Resolution No. 22-08, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose. Mr. Beasley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-08, Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried

Moving on to new business, Council members considered a motion to approve regular, full-time employment status of Mr. Daniel Dirksen as Street Laborer I with the successful completion of the six-month probationary period. Village Administrator Busse and Assistant Village Administrator Francis both stated that Mr. Dirksen is doing a great job for the Village and recommended full-time status. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve full-time status of Mr. Daniel Dirksen as Street Laborer I, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to prepare legislation for rezoning of annexed properties to R-1 owned by Kyle & Andrea Goubeaux, Harold & Debra Pohl, Brian Pohl, Brian & Mechelle Heitkamp, Dane & Carol Strausbaugh, and to rezone property owned by Sommer Real Estate LLC from R-1 to B-1, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the final item of new business, Mr. Gigandet made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Jeremy Bridenbaugh, effective March 22, 2022, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider compensation of public employees, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:36 p.m. Upon coming out of Executive Session Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize proposed compensation to the Electric Department employees for their emergency response, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Village employees and first responders for their hard work and dedication in response to the disastrous events that occurred, being the train/semi accident and tornado. Versailles is very fortunate to have such a devoted workforce.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: NK Telco has begun some preliminary work in the village. I have forwarded the revised communication hut agreements to NK Telco for review and have not yet received a response. We continue to wait on favorable weather and ground conditions to drill Well #12 on the Dirksen property. Once this well is completed, we intend to complete a 24-hour pumping test of the well to better determine the well and aquifer capacity. The current plan is to continue moving forward with each of the two other wells on the Kettler property as time and the weather allows. The PTI for Well # 11 (Well # 8 replacement) has been submitted to the Ohio EPA. We anticipate an approval within the week. Well # 9 has been cleaned and is performing well. The pumping rate increased from 85 gallons per minute prior to the cleaning to 118 gallons per minute post cleaning. Kyle Francis is currently working submitting a PTI to the Ohio EPA for approval to reline Well # 6. This well is currently a 12 inch well. We are attempting to get approval to reline Well # 6 with a 10-inch liner, however the EPA may force us to reduce the liner to an 8-inch diameter liner and screen per EPA regulations. The anticipated cost to reline the well is approximately \$15,000. Bids were received for the AMI system on March 8, 2022. We are currently evaluating the bids and hope to have a recommendation to Council at the March 23rd meeting. The wet well has been set for the new Homer Street lift station. Durst Construction is working on backfilling around the wet well. They plan to set the pumps and begin working piping next week. On Sunday morning March 6, at approximately 4:15 AM our electrical system experienced damage from a weather-related event, which was later confirmed to be an EF0 tornado, resulting in customers on Burns, Reed Road north of Burns, part of Murphy Road, and part of Hagar Road being out of power. The storm, which included strong winds and a strong updraft, knocked down 1 pole on Reed Road and 5 poles on Burns Road. The power was restored to most of the customers at 8:26 a.m. Power could not be restored to the customers on Burns Road until 5 broken power poles, transformers, and transmission wire was replaced. Because this was such a large emergency outage (really two weeks of work for our crews) and all work on Burns Road was in the back yard areas, we called Piqua and Tipp City Electric Departments for mutual aid. They both responded with a line crew and a back yard machine. The power was restored to Burns Road at approximately 11:18 p.m. and all customers were back in service by 11:30 p.m. I want to be sure that Council and the citizens of Versailles are aware of the great job our line crews did to get all Versailles electric customers back in service. Our linemen along with linemen from Tipp City and Piqua worked long hours without any breaks to restore power to our customers. We have a great team in Versailles and I am proud to say I work with each and every one of them. The 2022 Street repaving project will be advertised on March 16th and March 23rd. The bid date for the project is March 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday March 2, a semi-truck hauling lumber became stuck on the railroad tracks at the Steffen Street crossing. Before the railroad could be notified, a westbound train struck the semi-trailer and pushed it approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile down the track before the train was able to come to a stop. While the trailer was being pushed down the track it caused damage to the signals at N. Steffen, N. Center and N. West Streets. The train blocked the tracks for several hours while the trailer was being removed from the front of the train. The lumber that was on the trailer was thrown from the trailer into the surrounding area. Kyle Francis and the Street Department responded and assisted the railroad in setting up barricades and detour signs. Mr. Francis contacted ODOT and coordinated a truck route detour. Crossings were gradually reopened as the tracks were cleared and signals were repaired with the S. West Street crossing being reopened on Tuesday March 8 at approximately 3:45 p.m. Kyle did a great job of keeping Village Council, the general public, and local businesses informed of the ongoing event. The Street Department did a great job of assisting in cleaning up the area, posting detour signs and placing barricades to keep everyone safe. The trash can and planter repainting is in process. We hope to start receiving some of the downtown planters and trash cans back this week. The spring flowers have been ordered. The estimated cost of the flowers is \$3,045.00 this cost is in line with previous years expenditures. Last year we purchased extra flowers for the planters but this year we have dropped back down to normal flower purchases. With spring just around the corner, we will begin taking applications for seasonal lifeguard positions. We are currently soliciting applications for the 2022 tree lottery. Applications will be taken

through April 1st. The Tree Commission will then schedule a meeting to draw for the tree lottery winners. Applications are available on the Village website.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that the \$3,500 donation from the Greater Versailles Area Foundation Fund was received for the refurbishing of the downtown planters and trash cans. The Village is very grateful for the continued support of the Foundation. She also reported that a reallocated ARPA funds payment of \$535.28 was received. The money is from unclaimed funds from the first distribution made in 2021. The Village is expected to receive \$134,081.35 sometime in 2022.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission – met March 7<sup>th</sup> to review the revised proposed condominium regulations for Edgewood at Versailles Phase II.
- Cemetery Board – meeting March 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Members expressed appreciation to Assistant Village Administrator Francis for his communication with the railroad crossing closures. Members stated that with his communication, they were able to answer questions of citizens.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer