

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add New Business Item D: Consideration of Resolution No. 19-13, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with the Houston Joint Ambulance District, Shelby County Ohio to provide Emergency Medical Services and declaring an emergency.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended to include New Business Item D. as stated
- Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of March 13, 2019

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

Under Old Business, Village Attorney Guillozet read for the second reading by title only Ordinance No. 19-11, an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of funds for various activities and events conducted for and on behalf of the Village.

The first item of new business, Council considered Ordinance No. 19-12, an ordinance approving a contract for employment between the Village of Versailles, Ohio and Kyle R. Francis, as Village Utilities Superintendent for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, Ordinance No. 19-12, a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 19-12, declared an emergency measure and read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Ordinance No. 19-12 a second and third time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-12 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was a recommendation from the Tree Commission to revise the Village Shade Tree Ordinance. Village Administrator Hale had provided the proposed amendments to Council prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beasley to accept the recommendation from the Tree Commission and that legislation be created. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, was a recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee to approve the December 2018 financial report. Finance Chairman Paulus said that the committee reviewed the reports prepared by Fiscal Officer Ording at their February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Fiscal Officer Ording gave a brief overview of the year end reports. It was noted that in 2018, the General Fund receipts were \$2,226,648 while the expenses were \$2,184,561. The ending cash balance before encumbrances was \$2,240,576. Council members discussed the importance of the General Fund and ways to protect the fund balance. Village Administrator Hale said that it has been reported that the distribution of Local Government monies are to increase for municipalities. Fiscal Officer Ording said that interest rates have gone up some which also helps. Other items noted was the need to continue reserving money in the various enterprise funds for future capital expenditures. Mr. Berger made a motion to approve the December 2018 financial reports, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was consideration of Resolution No. 19-13, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with the Houston Joint Ambulance District, Shelby County, Ohio to provide Emergency Medical Services and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, Resolution No. 19-13, a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 19-13, declared an emergency measure and read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Resolution No. 19-13 a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 19-13 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Members returned from executive session at 7:44 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Paulus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berger to approve the appointment of Mr. Bryant Apple to a Street Laborer position for a six-month probationary period. 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: The Fram Group, in Greenville, has been acquired by the TRICO Group. The

latest report is it will not have an effect on the local workforce. At our recent Hometown Christmas Committee meeting it was decided that if Council would be willing to continue with the \$400 donation previously used for a large live Christmas tree, we would like to discontinue with a large tree and instead use the money to purchase additional lighted decorations for the fountain area. Diane Prenger has donated a very nice 9-foot artificial tree that we believe we can decorate to look much better than the large tree. We will place the artificial tree under the gazebo for protection but do our best to make it a decorative accent piece. The large Christmas tree was very difficult to decorate in a manner that we felt looked appropriate for the downtown fountain area. The poll question on Facebook regarding citizens interest in a dog park were overwhelmingly positive. The Park Board will be discussing the issue. I have been contacted by Jon Heffner who has stated he plans to begin paving in the Phase II section of the Chateau Subdivision in April. Last week I attended the Ohio City County Managers Association conference in Columbus. Specific items I want to pass on to Council is it is believed the legislature will reinstitute at least a portion of the local government funds over the years that have been taken from local municipalities. Additionally, it is very unlikely Governor DeWine will get his requested \$.18 cents per gallon gas tax. The latest house bill would provide a 10 cent per gallon tax with 7 cents of that tax happening in 2019 and 3 cents happening in 2020. Unfortunately, we have a few areas in the new Woodland Drive project area where sidewalks are cracking. I believe we have four sections at this point. We will be working with the contractor to have these areas replaced. The Village has been notified that the Darke County Parks will not be awarding any community park improvement grants in 2019. Apparently, the Park District is providing funding to schools for educational programs and adding additional programming at their park's facilities. It is unknown if they will provide grants in 2020. We are still working to find LED retrofit kits for the decorative green light poles in the streetscape areas of the Village. We are looking for a lower lumens light with less blue white color. The downtown clock is now working correctly. I am currently getting quotes to have the tennis courts power washed in hopes of removing the black mold that is unsightly and becomes slippery after rain. I am also getting quotes for possibly resurfacing the Ward Park tennis court in 2020. The plan is to paint two additional pickle ball courts at Ward Park this spring. I have received the final quotes for repairs to the Town Hall building. I will schedule a Property Board meeting soon to discuss the quotes. A minor subdivision request by Denlinger Enterprises was approved by the Planning Commission on March 4th. The minor subdivision is to allow for additional condominiums to be built in the Chateau Subdivision. Terry Haines has retired from the Village. He is utilizing some vacation time to get him to the end of the month, but he will no longer be reporting for work with the Village. The Village Electric Dept. has once again been recognized for outstanding electric system reliability by the American Public Power Association (APPA). We received notice of this award this past Friday. The broken power pole on Kley Rd. in front of Farm Credit Services from the February 24th wind storm has been replaced. Farm Credit Services was very understanding and cooperative with the work in front of their facility and a necessary power outage to allow for the repair. The Village will be hosting an American Municipal Power (AMP) Trench Rescue Training Seminar May 3rd at the Fire/EMS Facility. The seminar is at no cost to the Village or any attendees as AMP will cover the cost of the meal and training. Brian Pearson and Matt Harvey are reaching out to local emergency agencies to see if they wish to attend. Breakfast and lunch are being provided by AMP. Street personnel have been replacing faded street signs and replacing bad posts in various locations around the Village. New corporation limit signs on all non-state route entrances have been installed. The existing corporation limit signs were very faded and had been up for some time. The Village Bicentennial Banners have been delivered to the Village. These will be changed out as time allows, hopefully next week.

Village Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she met with Eileen Stanic from Meeder Investment Management. The company provides investment advisory and consulting services for public entities. Ms. Stanic provided an analysis of the Villages cash flow and a portfolio recommendation. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that the recommended investment portfolio includes securities that require the Fiscal Officer to attain investment training. The Village's Investment Policy would also have to be amended. After much discussion, Council advised Fiscal Officer Ording to inquire with area Village Fiscal Officers to see what investment products are being used. Chief Humphreys February Monthly Activity Report was distributed.

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 \$33,852.14 with time value spent on referendum, legal suit related matters at \$3,574.20 as of March 13, 2019.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission - meeting April 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- Cemetery Board – meeting March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Board – met March 13<sup>th</sup>. Among items discussed were Indian Creek and Ward Park ball diamond plans for the 2019 season. Also members discussed ideas for a potential dog park.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.