

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. 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 an Executive Session for a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of court action.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended to include the addition of an Executive Session as stated
- Approval of Minutes from the March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of March 27, 2019

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

Under public hearings members considered a notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages within the community are scheduled to expire on June 1st, and that each permit holder must file a renewal application. Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271 (B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to the renewal of a permit and to request a hearing. Police Chief Humphreys had no objection to the liquor permit renewals. Mr. Paulus made a motion to waive the hearing and allow the liquor permits to renew. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-11, an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of funds for various activities and events conducted for and on behalf of the Village by title only a third time; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 19-11 a third time, by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-11 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the first item of new business, Village Administrator Hale stated that legislation was created for the recommendation of the Tree Commission to amend the Village's Shade Tree Ordinance. He requested that Council pass the legislation as an emergency measure since the Tree Commission will meet in April to select the tree lottery recipients. The selection of recipients needs to be done by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Beasley made a motion to have Ordinance No. 19-14, an ordinance adopting a new Shade Tree Ordinance for the Village of Versailles, Ohio declared an emergency measure and be read by title only for a first time, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Ordinance No. 19-14 a first time. Mr. Beasley made a motion to have Ordinance No. 19-14, declared an emergency measure and read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Ordinance No. 19-14 a second and third time. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-14 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Council considered Resolution No. 19-15, a resolution declaring the necessity of the purchase of a new Emergency Medical Services vehicle and declaring an emergency. Village Administrator Hale explained that the ambulance was approved in the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan. The new ambulance will replace the 2004 unit. The old ambulance will be sold through GovDeals early next year, once the new unit is fully equipped and ready to be placed into service. Fiscal Officer Ording stated that \$210,000 was appropriated for a new vehicle in the EMS Fund. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, Resolution No. 19-15, a first time. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 19-15, declared an emergency measure and read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Resolution No. 19-15, a second and third time. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept Resolution No. 19-15 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was consideration of Ordinance No. 19-16, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$209,550.19 of bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring a new EMS vehicle, and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer Ording said that bond payments will be made through the EMS Fund. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, Ordinance No. 19-16, a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 19-16, declared an emergency measure and read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Ordinance No. 19-16 a second and third time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-16 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Berger made a motion to enter into Executive Session for conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of court action, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Members returned from executive session at 7:38 p.m. Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Subler stated that no decisions were made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Hale stated that the Bicentennial Committee presented him with a request for the Village to pay the cost of 2 bands and rides for the September 14, 2019 celebration. The total cost for the three would be \$9,000. Mayor Subler reported that the Village has appropriated money over the past 4 years for the Village's Bicentennial celebration. He explained that the funds would be used only for events that would benefit all citizens. Fiscal Officer Ording asked that the Bicentennial Committee invoice the Village for the expenses. Council members approved the expenses presented. Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: There is an upcoming Farm Bill Summit in Versailles on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the high school. I have been told by Darke County Commissioner, Matt Aultman, the expected attendance is 600 to 700 people. The sludge dewatering building is nearing completion. All inspections have been completed. We still have some plumbing to complete but we hope to be operational within the next 30 days. The swimming pool is being prepped for opening in May. We do believe the cover helped significantly with keeping the pool clean and will be even better next year when we place the cover on it immediately upon closing the pool. On Tuesday, March 19th, Joey Boston, a representative from Efficiency Smart, accompanied me to the Versailles School Board meeting where we presented the school district with the Ambassador of Energy Efficiency Award. During 2018, the Versailles School District worked with Efficiency Smart to complete a lighting upgrade of nearly 2,000 LED lights. As a result of the project, the school district is expected to save 203,100 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of energy annually which equates to approximately \$18,300 annual savings. Because we have moved to a new cell phone policy where we reimburse employees for using their personal phone, we currently have a batch of old cell phones for sale on GovDeals. On March 26th a Village Administrator's meeting was held out at the Versailles Safety Building. 15 local Village Administrators were in attendance. The meeting provides an opportunity to compare operations within each of our municipalities. Regarding the structure at 21 E. Wood St, I met at the property with a company that determines asbestos problems and the siding is asbestos and will need to be removed prior to demolition. I'm waiting to hear if there are any additional asbestos issues. I have assigned addresses to all of the Rosecomb Subdivision lots. I have provided a plat with all of the assigned addresses to the Darke County Engineer's office for review. I met with Ted Gehret of Gehret Nursery regarding the 2019 maintenance of Greenlawn Cemetery. Ted has his help lined up and will be utilizing one of his employees, Jim Mills, to oversee the cemetery maintenance operation. It was stressed to Ted the importance of keeping the cemetery well-maintained. Over the past weekend we had a water service line leak at 93 Hickory Drive. The leak was fixed with few issues. When turning on the hydrant at the rear of Tom Blakeley's property the water pressure did create a mess in Tom's backyard. Employees will be repairing and reseeding this area over the next weeks. Representatives of the American Public Power Association (APPA) have contacted me regarding our interest in participating in an Association health plan. It is still in the early stages but there will be an attempt to create a consortium out of APPA member municipalities. I will report back as more information becomes available. We are still working to find LED retrofit kits for the decorative green light poles in the streetscape areas of the Village. We have the ability to dial back the wattage on the test lights, but so far, we're at 40% and it still provides a very white and bright light that is not conducive for the downtown area. We will continue to work on the issue. I have a quote not to exceed \$600 from Dabe Pressure Cleaning to have the tennis courts at both Ward Park and Indian Creek Park along with the basketball court at Indian Creek Park power washed in hopes of removing the black mold. I have requested Dabe go ahead and complete the power washing. I also have received an initial quote to have the Ward Park tennis courts resurfaced next year. The quote came in at \$14,500 with some additional options available, such as an additional leveling of low spots, for additional cost of \$4000. I have requested a quote from another company as well and will provide that information when it becomes available. The main fountain uptown will need re-coating work this spring prior to use as the existing liner is starting to peel badly in the bottom. The current black coating is actually truck bed liner coating. We will check with Wayne Builder's Supply to see if there is a better coating product for this application. In addition, masonry repairs are needed to the precast concrete fountain ring in several areas. Sanitary sewer main installation began last week in the Rosecomb Subdivision by Shinn Bros., Inc. who is the contractor for the subdivision construction for Rapid Development. Kyle Francis has contacted Earhart Petroleum regarding the Fire/EMS propane tanks to see about having the remaining propane pumped out of the tanks. There are two 1000-gallon tanks still buried at the facility. The Fire/EMS facility was switched to natural gas years ago. Once the tanks are emptied, we will most likely remove the tanks and sell them. An existing 6" clay storm tile has broken down between the former High School parking lot and Hickory Drive resulting in ponding of water along the east side of S. Center Street. Repair work by street department personnel will begin in the next few weeks so this work will be completed prior to ODOT's repaving project along S. Center Street. The Village Bicentennial banners have been installed. The Ward Park and Indian Creek restrooms have been opened for the season. We received requests from pickle ball players to open the restrooms as soon as possible. Chris Berg has received permission from the owner of the property behind Creekside to use the property for a classic car show. I told Chris the Village would need to be listed as an additional insured if they use any of the Village owned property for the event.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she would present to Council members the bank reconciliations every six months for their approval.

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 \$34,084.02 with time value spent on referendum, legal suit related matters at \$3,733.60 as of March 27, 2019.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – meeting April 10, 2019 at 6:30 to discuss EMT compensation
- Planning Commission - meeting April 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

- Cemetery Board – meeting April 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- Tree Commission – meeting April 9, 2019 as 12:00 p.m. for the tree lottery
- Town Hall Property Trustee Board – Village Administrator Hale said he is waiting on another quote for repairs to the brick and mortar

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer