

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, Mr. Dammeyer, Mrs. Gigandet, and Mr. Beasley. Also present were Village Administrator Hale, Police Chief Humphreys, and Village Attorney Guillozet. Fiscal Officer Ording was absent.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the March 22, 2017 Public Hearings and the March 22, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Payment of the List of Bills Submitted for April 12, 2017
- Approval of Annual Report and recommendation submitted by the Tax Incentive Review Council concerning a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with: Midmark Corporation, Wayne Hospital, Mash Investments, LLC, E.D. Development, LLC, Versailles Savings & Loan, PFP Foam, LLC., Books by the Bushel, BNSF/JMJ Investments, and King's Command.

Mrs. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Dammeyer abstaining from vote for the approval of the minutes.

The first item under public discussions/requests/decisions, Mayor Subler read and signed an Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in the Village of Versailles. In recognition of Arbor Day, a tree planting ceremony will be held at the EMS facility on April 28th at 1:30 p.m.

Next under public discussions, 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. Mrs. Custenborder made a motion to waive the hearing and allow the liquor permits to renew. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas

The final item of public discussion was a presentation from Mr. Trey Shepherd of Sawvel and Associates. Mr. Shepherd provided an overview of the Village's status within the current five year electric utility rate plan. The Village is in the third year of the plan and the suggested increase in electric rates in 2017 is less than the original forecasted increase for year three of the plan. The Village has recently upgraded many parts of the electrical system and is positioned for long term dependability and financial stability.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 17-07; a Resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose by title only a third time, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 17-07 a third time, by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 17-07 as read; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The first item of new business was consideration of Resolution No. 17-11; a Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to file a grant application with the Darke County Park District for the purpose of acquiring grant funds through the Community Parks Improvement Grant Program, and declaring an emergency. Village Administrator Hale stated that the Park Board recommended that the use of the potential grant money be used for a new roof for a shelter house located at Ward Park. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 17-11; by title only a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 17-11; read by title only a second and third time and declared an emergency; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote all yeas. Attorney Guillozet then read Resolution No. 17-11; by title only a second and third time. Mr. Dammeyer then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 17-11; as read; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The next item of new business was consideration of Ordinance No. 17-12; an Ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms and conditions for electric service provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio. Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 17-12 by title only. The second reading will be at the next Village Council meeting.

The last item was consideration of a motion to have legislation prepared for Village compliance with ORC 759.15 relating to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Members reviewed the ORC code and decided to take no action. The current Perpetual Care Fund will be renamed as the Cemetery Care Fund.

Being no further business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss full time employment and compensation for an officer within the police department at 8:28 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Upon returning to the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m., Mr. Paulus made a motion to

authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to negotiate the hiring and compensation for the officer; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report. Items highlighted in his report are as follows: Kelly Coffey of The Retail Coach is scheduled to make a presentation to local business members on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Work with Mike Bowers regarding the creating of a Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD) which is a method of creating funding for improving buildings in the downtown area. At this point, Mike is checking to see if the City of Greenville is interested in utilizing a consultant to help create a DRD for them and, if so, we're hoping the Village of Versailles can piggy back on the agreement and save some money regarding setting up the district. It was recently discovered that the street known as Hy-Acres, where Matt Poepelman recently purchased a home, was never accepted by the Village and was actually private property owned by Ed Weaver. Matt Poepelman recently purchased the area from Mr. Weaver to create a permanent driveway access for his property. Update: It was requested by the Darke County Auditor's office that both Matt Poepelman and Dallas Schulze be assigned new addresses with S. Olive Street being designated as the address. I attended an economic development forum on March 23rd. At the forum I met Jerry Brunswick, a representative from the Dayton/Montgomery County Port Authority. I have since met with Jerry and I believe the Port Authority may be able to help with an incentive for creating a housing development within the Village. Efficiency Smart has provided a gift basket that will be given away through a drawing with entry cards being available in the lobby of the Administrative Office building. The basket contains many items to reduce energy in the home such as LED bulbs, weather stripping, low flow shower head, power strip, and an LED night light. Kyle Francis and I met with Preston Meyer, General Manager of NKTelco, which is a cable company out of New Knoxville. Currently NKTelco provides cable for New Bremen, Minster, Sidney, and other municipalities. We discussed the possibility of the company expanding into the Versailles area to install and provide fiber for an alternative to current cable/internet providers. At this time, they would be interested in placing antennas on our water towers to provide limited service, but because they recently invested in city wide fiber in Sidney, they are not in a position to expand to Versailles. A committee has been formed to coordinate the Movie Night in Ward Park. The date has been set for Friday evening, July 21st. Mike and Paula Darnell (Books by the Bushel) and Meme Marlow (Worch Library) are on the committee with me. Books by the Bushel is a co-sponsor and plans to supply a book to all children attending the event. The Versailles Rotary will sponsor the evening event. In the near future, the electric department will need to kill power on circuit #1, which feeds the Bucktown area, to switch over to our recently updated 12kV system. We have created a plan and will notify residents and businesses through door hangers, newspaper articles, social media, and phone calls the day prior. Our plan is to complete the switchover, which will kill some residential power up to six hours, on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m., with Wednesday, May 10th being a rain date. The determination to start on a weekday at 7:30 a.m. was made due to the assumption that, with work and school, fewer people will be at home, it will be safer and quicker for employees to work in the daytime, and there will be no late evening distraction of trucks with flashing lights and loud engines working in a residential area. There is no good time to kill power for six hours but we determined this to be the least intrusive to customers. The outage will be reenergized in phases with the majority of customers back on within 3-4 hours. The Electric department continues to work on Circuits #2 & #3 conversion from 4kV to 12kV. The area from Ward St. to W. Main St., Grand Ave. to Center St. is currently completed with regards to replacement poles set, cross-arm upgrades, insulators, etc. Areas being worked on now are alleys from Franklin St. to Center St., in the Ward St. & Euclid St. areas. Personnel have been working in the Greenlawn Cemetery straightening head stone markers from movement during the winter months.

Committee & Board Reports are as follows:

- Board of Zoning – met April 3rd. The board approved a variance for Chris Leach on Hickory Drive
- Cemetery Board – next meeting April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Board – met April 6th. The board recommended a new roof for the Ward Park shelter house for the money, if received, from the Darke County Park District
- Tree Commission – met April 12th. The commission selected 15 tree lottery winners. There were 21 applicants.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

Kim Custenborder, Council Member