

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Berger, Mr. Beasley, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Mr. Dammeyer and Mr. Griesdorn were absent. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Visitors included Carol Marsh, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & The Early Bird, and Mike Bowers, Director of Darke County Economic Development.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include under public discussion/requests/decisions, item 4. D. Mr. Ken DeMange present to discuss FareFest plans for 2021. Additions to new business was item 6. D. Consideration of Resolution No. 21-25, a resolution declaring it necessary to improve Maple Street from East Main Street to East Ward Street in the Village of Versailles, Ohio by reconstructing the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches, and declaring an emergency and item 6. E. Discussion of Village goals for 2021-2026. He also requested an addition under Executive Session, item 7. C. To consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

Mr. Paulus 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 April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of May 12, 2021

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

Under public discussions, Mr. Harry Phillips from American Municipal Power (AMP) presented the 2021 Lyle B. Wright AMP Scholarship to Lauren Menke. This year, 23 students were nominated for the scholarship. Lauren's outstanding scholastic record, personal achievements and test scores earned her the award of \$3,000.

Next, Mayor Subler signed the Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation, proclaiming the week of May 16-22, 2021 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Village of Versailles. Congratulations to Versailles EMS and surrounding EMS providers.

Council 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 Bolin 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. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steve Cordonnier, Mr. Ken DeMange, and Mrs. Holly Keiser, members of the Versailles Alumni Association were present to discuss plans for the 2021 FareFest event. Mr. Cordonnier stated that plans are to move forward with the August event. He explained that they have been in contact with the Darke County Health Department and had received a request to add more space for social distancing. A map of the downtown was provided to Council members showing the requested street closures. To meet the guidelines of the Health Department, barricades would be erected on W. Main Street at S. West Street, S. Center Street at Wood Street, E. Main Street at Second Street, and N. Center Street, prior to the municipal parking lot. The street closure would be 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., on the day of the event, August 21, 2021. He stated that board members of the Alumni Association request usage of the Community Room as a command station and that the room would not be open to the public. If approved, members of the Alumni Association would notify effected businesses of the road closures. Mr. Beasley made a motion to allow the Versailles Alumni Association to hold FareFest on August 21, 2021 with the street closures presented, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With no old business scheduled, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-24, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose. The legislation, required for the sale of Fire Department's 1993 Ford F-350 XL pickup truck, will have the second reading at the next meeting.

Next, Council members considered a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Justin Daniel to a Patrol Officer position with a six-month probationary period. Mayor Subler stated Mr. Daniel had interviewed and met all of the requirements to fill the full-time position of Officer Hodges. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Justin Daniel to a Patrol Officer position with a six-month probationary period, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council members then considered a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Doug Christian, effective May 31, 2021. Mayor Subler said that Doug has worked for the Village Street Department and recently completed 25 years of dedicated service. All are wishing him a long, happy retirement! Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Doug Christian, effective May 31st, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

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The last item of new business was discussion of Village goals for 2021-2026. Members of Council were requested by Mike Bowers, Director of Darke County Economic Development to list items of importance in a one year, three year, and five-year plan. He stated that he has asked each Village and the City of Greenville to establish a plan/vision for the next five years. He explained that the goal is to take plans provided by each entity and incorporate them to establish a county plan. He went on to say that he has requested a 3 ½ year membership with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for each entity within the county. The MVRPC will be used as a resource to identify and develop a strategic plan for the county and strategize for a transportation plan. After much discussion, it was decided that Council members will re-visit the Village plans to prioritize the goals listed.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Berger made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes, to consider the employment of a public employee, and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the preparation of legislation for the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purpose, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion for the Village Administrator to offer a Street Laborer I position with a six-month probationary position to Mr. Matthew Shappie, seconded by Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Busse distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: We are continuing to coordinate utility installation with Brackett Builders, CenturyLink, Spectrum Cable and NK Telco for Hotel Versailles. We have installed the new 6" water tap for the building and relocated the valve for the fire hydrant. Tom's Construction has completed the sanitary sewer installation and the water main on Virginia Street. They are currently working on water service lines and storm sewer. They anticipate all underground work to be completed by the end of the month. I have filed the grant application with the Darke County Park District to obtain funds to install a sun shade at the pool. Waymire Utility Barns has constructed a new storage shed at Ward Park for the softball equipment. We have completed our work on the electric service at Kamps Pallets. We are working to schedule an outage with them to complete the switchover. We will then begin the work of removing the old pole and pole mounted transformers. We will be changing out the street lights to LED fixtures (4) on Vertie Lane this week. We are ready for the planned outage on Sunday morning, May 16th. This outage is to replace gas filled VAC bottles (arc arresters) on the AES owned and operated switch at the Water Street Substation. During the outage they will be making adjustments to the automatic switch at that location. This is the first phase in upgrading the reliability of our AES 69kV feed. We will also be removing the feed to the old 4kV transformer while the substation is dead. The next phase will include replacing insulators on AES poles between Covington and Versailles and on a feed between the Russia substation and the feed to the north. In 2022-2023 AES is planning an upgrade at the Russia substation to include a 4-position breaker ring that will allow for an automatic failover from the Covington feed to the Amsterdam Road feed. Future upgrades at the Versailles substations are currently under review and discussion. Eagon has recommended that we redrill Well #8. The anticipated cost is approximately \$30,000. We have removed the pump from Well #2 and are awaiting the cleaning contractor to video and clean it. This well has not been cleaned since 2011. We have completed the drilling and testing on the Schmitmeyer property. It does not appear that this will be a viable well location for the Village. The pool is filled and the filters are running. We have taken a delivery of chlorine. Pool cleaning is ongoing. We have a pool inspection on Monday 5/17/2021. We currently have 7 lifeguards. We are anticipating additional lifeguards as they complete their training. We ordered a new commercial refrigerator for the concession stand but it came in damaged. We are currently working on obtaining a replacement unit. Previously approved pool operation dates are opening day Saturday, May 29th with last day Saturday, August 28th. Ethan Kremer began working on Monday, May 10th. Ethan was a previous seasonal employee. Jason Simons will also be working for the Village this summer as a seasonal employee. His start date is yet to be determined. We have been in discussions with Spencer Landscaping about providing additional personnel to get caught up on their string trimming at Greenlawn Cemetery. They fell behind due to weather conditions and are aware of our concerns about getting the cemetery landscaping back up to Village standards. Our staff is working to get caught up on mowing. We hope to have all areas under control by the end of the week.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she continues to follow the many emails and correspondence being sent for the American Rescue Plan Act.

Chief Josh Bolin's April Monthly Activity Report was distributed to Council members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission –met May5th to review designs of Edgewood Estates Phase #1 and to discuss downtown parking issues
- Board of Zoning Appeals – meet May 10th to review a variance application filed by Ms. Kristina Treon to construct a front porch addition and an attached garage
- Cemetery Board – meeting May 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- Tree Commission – met April 30th for the annual Arbor Day tree planting

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer