

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. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Also present was Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the April 22, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for May 13, 2020

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

Under public discussions, Mayor Subler signed an Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation, proclaiming May 17 to May 23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services week in the Village of Versailles. He expressed his appreciation and thanks to all of the paramedics, EMT's, firefighters, and police officers that work for the Village. Their hard work and courageous services, especially during these unprecedented times, is very much valued and appreciated.

With no old business, the first item of new business was consideration of Ordinance No. 20-25, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19-70 the 2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that the appropriation amendment is needed to allow for monthly payments for the line of credit established through AMP for the 4kV – 12kV improvements. Ordinance No. 20-25 was read by title only, a first time by Village Attorney Guillozet. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 20-25 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 20-25 was read a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-25 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was consideration of a recommendation from the Park Board to submit a Darke County Parks grant application for concrete under the batting cage in Ward Park. Village Administrator Hale explained that the grant would be used in moving the batting cage over to diamond #2. Moving the batting cage would allow for seating along the right-field line and allow spectators to walk from Woodland Drive. Mr. Berger made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Park Board to create legislation to submit an application to the Darke County Parks for a grant to be used in moving the batting cage at Ward Park, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Council members discussed the opening of the swimming pool for the 2020 season. Swimming pools remain on the list of businesses still closed by the State due to COVID-19. As of now, there are no orders as to when or even if public pools can open. Village Administrator Hale explained at this point, the pool will not be filled as to avoid unnecessary expenses in the event the pool can't open. He went on to say that applications have been received for lifeguard positions. Several applicants need to get certified. There is no place open for them to get certified. He also pointed out that it takes the Village about 2 weeks to prepare the pool for opening and then inspection is needed by the health department. The question remains if the Governor was to change the current status, what will be the restrictions and requirements from the health department. Hopefully there will be some news from the State as the current Stay-Safe Ohio restrictions are in place until May 29<sup>th</sup>. With a lot unknown, Council members recommended to wait until the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the status of opening the pool for the 2020 season.

Council then considered a request from Midmark to waive section 905.7(a) of Ordinance No. 17-20 for Midmark to install a water well to provide water for retention ponds associated with the new research and development center. Village Administrator Hale explained that Midmark requested permission to drill a well on their campus within the Village Corporation. The well would help to maintain water levels in two new retention ponds and be used for irrigation. Since the Village would incur no cost, Village Administrator recommended no fees be charged. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to waive section 905.7(a) of Ordinance No. 17-20 for Midmark to install a water well, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler stated the plan is to keep the May 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting held via teleconference. The current orders remain in effect restricting groups to 10 people or less.

Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: For the Town Hall Board, we have one of the window trim pieces completed by Worch Lumber. I will have the trim piece painted and installed and then we can determine if we want to have all of the trim pieces replaced. The Administration Office continues operations with no walk-in traffic. The drive-thru window is open and we believe we can conduct 99% of usual business via the drive-thru. Employees are practicing social distancing and best practice cleaning/disinfecting and self-monitoring. We will be holding our Spring Clean Up Day on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. This will take the place of the postponed clean-up day from earlier this spring. I have been in touch with the

company scheduled to resurface the tennis courts this summer as part of our Ohio Department of Natural Resources Nature Works Grant. The plan is for them to begin the work in late June or early July. The Village Electric Department was again recognized with the RP3 designation. The RP3 designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Criteria include sound business practices and a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. Employees continue to work on replacing the faded state championship signs. Holly Keiser will be receiving the old signs to use for athletic group fundraising. A meeting with the Klipstine Road property owners was held via teleconference to discuss the road widening and utility installation. It was decided, because some property owners need access to Village utilities as soon as possible, we would move forward with installing utilities and plan on widening the road in 2022. Through April, EMS runs were up three year-to-date. According to AMP the Village of Versailles has seen a 3% drop in load directly related to the COVID 19 pandemic. I consider this to be insignificant in the big picture of our electric consumption. Village employees will be using some available fill dirt to create a mound along Progress Way at the new municipal building on Jackson Street. This mound will help block the view of cold storage items the Village will have stored behind the building. Janet Turner, president of the Versailles Garden Club, has advised me they may want to move a few of the stone cast planters to Heritage Park. I have made it clear the Village cannot pay for flowers placed in Heritage Park due to it being a private park and Village employees will not be available to water the flowers once they are placed in Heritage Park. The Versailles EMS is using the much talked about technology that the Battelle company is utilizing to sterilize facial masks. Masks are taken to the Piqua Highway Patrol Post for transfer to Battelle in Columbus. Street Dept. personnel will be conducting some dye testing at four properties on S. Center St./Hickory Dr. along with two on Reed Ave. to determine if any clear water drains are connected to the sanitary sewer. This is an effort to verify where drains outlet from these properties are connected. Letters were sent to those residents on May 7th. The fire department currently has their 1987 Mack/Pierce Fire Engine listed on GovDeals. The current bid as of this writing is \$4000.00 with the bid slated to end on 5/21/2020 at 2:00PM. Employees have met with SecurCom regarding the security camera layout for the WWTP/Compost Facility and the WTP. Two cameras will be installed at the WTP (front and back), three at the WWTP, and two near the compost facility with one on the facility itself and one directed to the driveway to monitor traffic. The cameras are part of the 2020 CIP. We are waiting on a paving schedule from Walls Bros. Asphalt for the 2020 Street Paving Project. We have informed them that they can start earlier than originally stated due to postponing Poultry Days. Electric personnel have finished a new primary power extension at Weaver Brothers A-1 Egg Farm for another cage-free laying house. This new electric extension will be for an additional cage free laying house and will be able to supply power for the new barn as well as one additional barn that is planned to be built in the future.

Village Administrator also reported that he had received a quote from Mike Dabe to power wash Ward Park and Indian Creek playground equipment, picnic tables, and concrete areas of the shelter houses. Council recommended that all areas be cleaned prior to opening of the park per orders given by the State. It was discussed that the park restrooms would remain closed until the restrictions for the playgrounds and pool are lifted. Lastly, Village Hale reported that he has been contacted again for interest in purchasing the old fire house. After discussion, Council asked that anyone who has interest to provide a business plan and a proposed building rendering.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she received from Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation, as a part to ease the financial pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic, a dividend of \$20,100.34. The check equals 100% of the Village's premium for the 2018 policy year.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission – met via teleconference May 4<sup>th</sup> to review a preliminary plat proposal for the Stone Ridge subdivision located at the corner of Baker Rd and SR 185.
- Cemetery Board – meeting scheduled May 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery.
- Park Board – met via teleconference April 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss an application for the batting cage grant at Ward Park and the pool opening date.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer