

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:04 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 Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, Police Chief Bolin, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Visitors included Carol Marsh, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & The Early Bird.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the June 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of June 23, 2021
- Approval of a Public Hearing scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 6:55 p.m. for the proposed 2022 Tax Budget.

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

Scheduled under old business was discussion of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Village of Versailles and the Board of Education of the Versailles Exempted Village Schools for providing a school resource officer to the district. Chief Bolin reported that he received word from School Superintendent Aaron Moran that the School Board had reviewed the MOU and had no issues with the agreement. Chief Bolin stated that upon Village Council approval of the MOU, the School Board will then meet to approve the MOU for the position and then begin the interview process. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Village of Versailles and the Board of Education for providing a school resource officer to the district, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to new business, consideration of a motion accept the resignation of Mr. Matt Shappie, effective June 30, 2021. Village Administrator Busse stated that Mr. Shappie was hired June 1<sup>st</sup> for a Street Laborer position. Mr. Shappie has decided to leave the position and go back to his former employer. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Shappie, effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was scheduled an Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee. Village Administrator Busse stated that the Executive Session was not needed at this time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to dispense the Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler reported that he and Village Administrator Busse attended the beam raising ceremony for Hotel Versailles. He said several county leaders and Midmark executives were present to celebrate the progress being made to the new facility. Guest speakers explained the importance of the new hotel for the Village of Versailles and the surrounding area. At the end of the ceremony, attendees signed one of the final beams that will be placed into the structure.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Village Administrator's report to members and reported on the following items: Four homes along Klipstine Rd have been connected to Village sanitary and water. Several more are scheduled with contractors to be connected. Tom's Construction has completed the installation of curb and gutter on Virginia Street and is currently working on sidewalks and approaches. Our Electric Department is currently working on the installation of street light bases. Asphalt paving is scheduled to begin next week. The Electric Department will be relocating poles along Maple Street to allow for the street project curbs and sidewalks. We experienced a circuit failure along the railroad tracks west of North West Street. This failure was due to trees coming in contact with the overhead power lines. This area was trimmed a few years back. We will be scheduling some trimming in this area later this year. We received out siting approval for Well #11 which will replace Well #8 as we previously discussed. Quinter Well Drilling has ordered the screen for the new well and will be scheduling the drilling work. PAB Construction will begin work next week on the Maple Street project. The Street Department is in the process of relocating a fire hydrant to allow for the new curb and gutter. We received the notification of a Community Parks Improvement Program grant award from the Darke County Park District in the amount of \$7,261.55. This money is to be used to purchase a 14' X 24' sunshade to be installed at the pool. We are currently obtaining updated pricing. Private swim lessons are currently in progress. Group swim lessons will be offered July 19 through July 22 daily from 10:30 to 11:15 AM and July 26 through July 29 daily from 6:15 – 7:00 PM. The cost is \$40.00 per non pass holder and \$25.00 for those with a pool pass. A Village pool party has been scheduled for July 25 from 5 – 8 PM. Admission is \$1.00 for pool passes, \$2.00 without a pool pass, and adults are free. Tuesday 6/22/2021 we conducted training on for our Water and Electric Employees for the updated utility reader handheld units. We are now using them to read water and electric meters. This week we are setting up barricades for WOBA at Heritage Park and picking them

back up after the event. We are also providing additional trash and recycling containers for the event and a water meter to service their showers. Heritage Park will be billed for the water and the trash services. Dirt restoration work will begin on Klipstine Road this week. We are obtaining quotes for the concrete driveway restoration work on Klipstine Road. We are also obtaining quotes for an approach and catch basin work on Progress Way. The spring mounted play toy has been repaired at Indian Creek. The cornhole boards have been installed on the shuffleboard court. A zoom meeting was held with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for the initial look at traffic counts (cars and trucks) within the Village and surrounding area.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that information continues to be received concerning the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. To date, Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) of local government which have a population under 50,000 have yet to receive the funds which are to be distributed by the State of Ohio. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Ohio House Finance Committee amended SB 111. The state of Ohio has determined that townships qualify as an NEU and are now eligible to receive funding through the ARPA program where previously only cities and villages met the federal standards to be eligible. With townships now included in the ARPA/NEU distributions, there is a reduction in the amount of federal aid previously dedicated to Ohio's smaller municipalities. She stated that while there is no issue with the determination of townships now qualifying for funding, but with the reduction of funds to the municipalities. It was reported that the state is receiving \$5.6 billion in ARPA funding. Fiscal Officer Ording stated that SB 111 now heads to the House floor for a vote by the full Ohio House. If the amended bill goes through, the Village of Versailles is expected to receive approximately \$268,162.71 which is down from the initial estimate of \$500,000.

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

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee – met prior to the Council meeting. Chairperson, Mr. Paulus reported that items discussed included the review of the 2022 Tax Budget with the motion to set a Public Hearing July 14, 2021 at 6:55 p.m. Also discussed was EMS and Fire revenue sources. Information then was provided to Council members for the amendment of the Electric Department Step & Grade Wage Scale. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to prepare legislation to amend the Electric Department Step & Grade Wage Scale, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Lastly, Mr. Paulus stated the Finance & Audit Committee is recommending to Council to accept the frequency of Village HSA contributions for new hire employees that are insured through the Village health insurance. The proposal is for monthly contributions based on their enrollment plan. If the hire date is the 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, the employee will receive a full month's Village contribution. If the hire date is the 16<sup>th</sup> – the end of the month, the Village will begin monthly contributions starting the next month. Beginning January 1, 2022, employees will receive monthly contributions based on their enrollment plan. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the proposed frequency of Village HSA contributions as stated, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission – meeting July 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to review the final plat and rezoning plat for the Edgewood Estates Phase #1
- Board of Zoning Appeals – meeting July 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to review and consider a variance application filed by Thomas and Christal Huber, 265 Reed Avenue for the reduction in the required front yard setback to remove and reconstruct a wood deck.
- Cemetery Board – meeting July 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board – meeting July 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Ward Park
- Tree Commission – meeting July 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. at Ward Park

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer