Versailles Village Council Meeting Held at EMS Facility

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Gigandet. Mr. Steinbrunner was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Assistant Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird and Mr. Ron Marshall were also in attendance.

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

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2023 Public Hearing and the July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for July 26, 2023
- Acceptance of a \$100.00 donation from Eric Biggs State Farm Insurance for the Community Pool Party

Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Beasley abstaining from vote.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion that Ordinance No. 23-32, an ordinance to vacate an unimproved portion of Franklin Street and an unimproved alley adjacent thereto be read by title only, a third time, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 23-32 a third time by title only. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 23-32, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the first item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-38, an ordinance prohibiting certain truck traffic on Greenlawn Avenue between North Center Street and North West Street.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-39, an ordinance prohibiting certain truck traffic on Brandon north of Morgan Street.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 23-40, a resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the Reed Road Wellfield Transmission Line Phase I project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the resolution an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-40 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Resolution No. 23-40 as read, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Gigandet made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Shane Weaver to an Electric Lineman I position for a one-year probationary period, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the Village Administrator to enter into a citizen portal services agreement with PAYA to facilitate online utility payments; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the Village Administrator to purchase a new Three Phase Pad Mount 1500 kVA transformer from Sunbelt Solomon for \$49,995, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler recognized Mr. Ron Marshall who was in attendance. Mr. Marshall inquired about the traffic study that was being done for the potential alternative truck route for the Village. He informed Council members that he has been monitoring traffic along Baker Road and reported that there is a high volume of traffic which includes a substantial amount of it being semi-truck traffic. He stated he was providing the information to help support the necessity for alternative truck routes for the Village.

With all new business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent action; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:52 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mayor Subler stated that no decisions had been made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Tom's Construction has completed the storm sewer work on the project and is in the process of removing asphalt on Klipstine Road. They plan to be ready for curb and gutter

the week of August 7th. Klipstine road will be closed to all through traffic during most of the reconstruction process. The Electric Department continues to work on upgrading the primary electric along Reed Road. The Electric Department is working with Vaughn on the Midmark West side electric loop and the Greenlawn underground electric relocation projects. The Electric Department is working on installing conduits for the transformer pad at the wellfield. The Electric Department replaced a bad pole on Hickory Drive. Street milling has been completed. The 2023 street repaying will be completed by the end of the week. The Street Department is completing various asphalt patches around the Village. Versailles hosted a regional swim meet on July 15. They had some minor delays due to the weather but overall, the event went very well. The Community pool party is scheduled for July 30th from 5 to 8 PM. The entry fee is \$1 for pass holders, \$2 for non-pass holders. Adult admission is free. The well pumps have been set out on Reed Road. Scotts Electric is continuing to work on installing the electrical service for the control building. We anticipate the meter vaults arriving on Thursday and the Street Department will install them as time allows. We have submitted bid documents to Susan Laux representing Darke County and to Ohio EPA for their review. We are requesting approval from Council to advertise for bids for the Reed Road wellfield transmission line phase 1 project. The exact bid date will be determined as soon as we receive approval for the bid documents. Letters were sent out on Monday to property owners within 1.25 miles of the wellfield advising them of the Village's intent to have Eagon and Associates complete a survey of area wells. This survey will be paid for by the Village of Versailles and completed on a voluntary basis with the approval of the property owner. The data collected prior to startup of the new wellfield will serve as a baseline for evaluation of any concerns well owners may have during the wellfield operation. During the survey Eagon will examine each well, measure and document the well depth, pump depth, as well as static and pumping water levels. In addition, water-quality samples will be collected to document baseline water quality conditions. The property owners will be provided any information and/or results from the evaluation of their well. I am requesting that Village Council authorize the Village Administrator to negotiate a farm lease agreement with Karen Kettler for the 2024 growing season. This is the 18.6 acres located on the north east corner of Day and Reed Roads. Mr. Beasley made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to negotiate a farm lease agreement with Karen Kettler for the 2024 growing season, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Kyle Francis has provided a memo recommending working with Tom's Construction and Buehler Asphalt to complete the ongoing Subler Drive Phase II extension. If approved Tom's will be issued a PO for labor. Buehler Asphalt will be issued a change order increasing their bid quantities for the summer paving project to include the additional asphalt work. We received the final disbursement check in the amount of \$135,774.20 from Ohio Public Works Commission for our AMI water meter reading system. This is a zero percent loan for 10 years. The repayment will begin next year.

Fiscal Officer Ording provided Council members with the June Fund Report for Council and the Report of the Tax Department. She also informed Council members that the County Auditor contacted her with a few questions concerning the Tax Budget for 2024.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission meeting August 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and to review the punch list items for Stone Ridge Subdivision Phase #1.
- Board of Zoning Appeals –met July 17th to review a variance application filed by Monica Francis, 650 Park Blvd. to construct a front porch addition fifteen-feet six-inches from the front property line where Versailles zoning regulations require a 30-foot setback. The appeal was approved as submitted. Next meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to review a variance application filed by Michael Paulus, 829 S. Center Street to construct a garage addition 4.5 feet from the side (south) property line and to review an application filed by Samantha and Brandon Apple, 57 Virginia Street to construct a 4-foot-tall picket fence on the property line, in the front yard, where Versailles zoning regulations require a 2-foot setback, and limit the height of a front yard fence to 36 inches.
- Cemetery Board meeting July 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board meeting August 3, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office located at 177 N. Center Street.
- Town Hall Property Trustee Board Brandstetter Carrol is scheduled to be in Versailles on August 1st to begin the evaluation of the Village/Township Hall building.

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

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