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. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Also present was Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Attorney Matthew Pierron.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include item 6. D. under new business; Consideration of Ordinance No. 20-35, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19-70 The 2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended to include item 6. D. under new business
- Approval of Minutes from the July 8, 2020 Public Hearing and July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for July 22, 2020

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

Village Administrator Hale introduced Brittney Eshelman. She, along with many representatives from the local Girl Scouts organization were present to provide the Village with a donation. She explained that the Girl Scouts serve the community and look for projects deserving of their donations. They were recently introduced to Mr. Josh Kraft. Mr. Kraft, who was also present, explained that the girls were able to meet his daughter. They realized she would benefit from such a swing and felt others would too. Mrs. Eshelman said the girls were excited for the opportunity and they worked very hard to make a donation to the Village for the ADA swing. Village Administrator Hale stated that the Village has received a couple of donations to be put towards the swing. The Park Board will meet soon to further discuss purchase options and location of the swing(s). Village Council accepted with much appreciation, the \$1,000 donation from Girl Scout Troop 32116.

Attorney Matthew Pierron read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 20-31, an ordinance accepting the Right-of-Way dedications of a 0.281 acre tract owned by Versailles Poultry Days, Inc. and a 0.019 acre tract owned by George W. Klipstine and Kimberly J. Klipstine to the Village of Versailles.

Moving on to new business, the first item was consideration of Resolution No. 20-34, a resolution to participate in the county Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund and abide by the regulations attendant thereunder and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer stated that this was discussed at the last Council Meeting. She went on to say that this legislation is needed to proceed with the receipt of funds to be used to offset eligible expenses made by the Village during the pandemic. Resolution No. 20-34 was read by title only, a first time by Attorney Pierron. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 20-34 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 20-34 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Administrator recommended to Council the appointment of Mr. Doug Jackson to the position of interim Water/Wastewater Foreman. He said that Mr. Jackson would be appointed for a six-month interim period. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation to appoint Mr. Jackson as interim Water/Wastewater Foreman, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was consideration of a recommendation from the Planning Commission to a approve a zoning change for the Stone Ridge Subdivision to a Residential Planned Unit Development (R-PUD). Village Administrator Hale explained that the change would allow for specific modifications in the zoning regulations. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to set a Public Hearing September 9, 2020 at 6:50 p.m. for the presentation of the recommended zoning change for Stone Ridge Subdivision, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business for consideration was Ordinance No. 20-35, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19-70 the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that the appropriation amendments are needed for the Park Fund due to the additional expenses in installing posts and netting for the pickle ball courts. An amendment to the Water Supply Development Fund is also needed. Ordinance No. 20-35 was read by title only, a first time by Attorney Pierron. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 20-35 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 20-35 was read a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-35 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss and consider candidates to fill the soon-to-be vacant Village Administrator position, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Subler stated that no decisions were made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The Street Department has completed painting the fence around the Ward Park tennis courts. We are now ready to begin the resurfacing of the tennis courts. The project will hopefully begin late this week or next week. Councilmembers may have noticed the mound of dirt along Progress Way to create a divider and block the view of the parking area of our new municipal building on Jackson Street. This was done due to concerns of storage of supplies and equipment being out in the open. We have planted grass seed and are fighting the weeds but once we get a stand of grass, we should be okay. A meeting was held to discuss the Inn rebuild project on July 20th. The current schedule is for an auction to be held on July 25th for the contents of the Didier Hardware building with a second auction on August 15th to sell the architectural assets of the current Inn building with demolition of the Inn scheduled to begin approximately the second week of September. The Small Nation group provided a tour to area business leaders and Midmark team members and the success Bellfontaine has had regarding rejuvenating their downtown. We are hoping to bring many of the ideas provided by the tour to downtown Versailles. I have ordered an appraisal of the old firehouse building to provide a fair market value. I will report to Council as soon as we have the appraisal in house. Eric Paulus has requested we find a new member for the Planning Commission seat he holds. Jeff R. Subler has agreed to accept the seat. Melanie Huffman has completed the repainting of the Village entrance sign on Greenlawn Avenue. The results are outstanding and I have asked Melanie to also paint the sign on Marker Road. As I mentioned previously, I originally had the signs scheduled for replacement in 2021 but I believe the repainting will get us through the next few years. I have signed contracts from the four purchasers of the WJ Bohman land and have Access Engineering working on the survey. On August 12th a group of individuals led by Andrea Raterman will be addressing Council regarding ideas to improve the swimming pool. They are interested in creating a 501c3 organization such as Friends of the Pool to help fund projects. Best Equipment has informed us the new automated refuse truck is now scheduled to be delivered around August 8th. Our original date was early July, but the truck is made in Canada and that has caused problems due to the Covid-19 outbreak with getting it across the border. H20 Towers is currently in town and performing prep work in advance of repainting the Baker Road water tower. A system-wide power outage occurred at approximately 3:40 p.m. Sunday, July 19th due to DP&L's transmission lines losing power. The new epoxy floor has been installed at the Jackson St. Building by E.C. Flooring of Ft. Recovery. Ahrens Plumbing have installed the new AC/Heat Pump condensers on the outside of the building. Scott's Electric is finishing up their electrical work today. Baumer Construction will be finishing the ceiling grid/tile work once the lights are installed. Office furniture (desks, chairs, tables) should be delivered within the next few days. Things are moving along and I'm expecting employees can move into the building in September. Walls Bros. Asphalt completed all street maintenance/asphalt resurfacing work on Friday, July 10th. Walls Bros. did an excellent job and were good to work with. Biorestor, an asphalt rejuvenating agent, was applied to the new asphalt on Monday, July 13th and Tuesday, July 14th. The biorestor has worked well in prolonging the life of the new asphalt. Street personnel finished the final connections for the force main relocation project between Maple Street and Homer Street as part of the E. Main St. Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. The remaining gravity sanitary sewer work will be wrapping up within the next two weeks.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

- Board of Zoning Appeals met July 13th for Pick Six request for an electronic sign
- Planning Commission met July 13th for the Stone Ridge Development
- Cemetery Board met July 21st. Next meeting August 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery.

The next meeting may need to be changed due to the statewide mask order and other guidelines released by the Governor. Any changes will be communicated.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer