

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Mr. Paulus was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Hale and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Fiscal Officer Ording was absent.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the July 25, 2018 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of August 8, 2018
- Approval of Change Order No. 1 increasing the contract with M & T Excavating by \$9,232.74 in connection with the S. Center St. Water Line Replacement Project

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

Mr. Jeff Barga and Mr. Lee Gehret representing the Versailles Youth Baseball were present to discuss with Council the Indian Creek ball diamonds. They explained that the diamond needs some work to improve the drainage. Some work has already been completed but the Youth Baseball group would like to tile the field and add top dressing and conditioner to the infield. Mr. Barga and Mr. Gehret commented that compared to most other area diamonds the Versailles diamond is usually wet longer and the first diamond to be unplayable. Council members expressed ideas and asked questions regarding future maintenance. The Youth Baseball Association asked Council to contribute to the improvements by providing \$7,000. After discussion, it was determined only \$5,200 was needed in 2018 because some work will be completed in 2019. Council had a general agreement that the Village needs to help with the project and felt the Village could provide the \$5,200 this year but requested Administrator Hale to work with the baseball association and the Park Board to get a more formal plan and agreement for future funding and maintenance. Hale was also asked to check on the Village's liability of having volunteers work on a municipal diamond.

Next, Mr. Aaron Moran and Mr. Eric Stachler representing the Bicentennial Committee were present to discuss with Council plans for the Village's Bicentennial celebration and how to get funds from the Village to the committee. The Bicentennial Committee has many ideas for events but need to get an organization to allow them to work under their insurance policy and to have an official entity that can sign contracts. It was discussed that possibly the Chamber of Commerce or the new Versailles Area Pride & Progress Association might be able to provide the insurance and organizational oversight. It was determined that Chamber already being established would be the better choice since the VAPPA group is just getting established. Administrator Hale will look into what possibilities exist for using the Chamber. Mayor Subler commented he felt any funds from the Village must be used for events open to all citizens to participate and enjoy.

Under new business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only for the first reading Ordinance No. 18-31; an ordinance authorizing the purchase of real estate located within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler reported that the Village expenses related to the referendum filed with the Darke County Board of Elections and the associated extensive public records request are actual bills paid totaling \$12,290.88 with time value spent on referendum related matters at \$2,525.90.

Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The N. West Street Extension project continues to move along rapidly. Curbs and gutters have been poured on the west side of the street. The project is still on or a bit ahead of schedule. The Woodland Dr. Project being completed by PAB Construction continues to progress and they are on schedule. The electric department has been laying conduit for street lights and electric service which will be moving underground. The contractor has begun to pour curbs and gutters. I previously reported representatives from Efficiency Smart stated they believed they had met the contracted savings we had expected to take at least an additional year to achieve. Representatives now say some of the savings attributed to recent Midmark energy saving savings projects were mis-calculated and they have more energy savings necessary to complete their obligation. I have also been told Efficiency Smart is considering a new policy on the issue of overachieving the contracted savings and it would likely benefit the Village if they do change current policy. I'll report back when additional information is available. Buehler Asphalt has completed the 2018 Street Maintenance project. This project is being funded out of the ½% income tax levy. Streets paved were S. Center Street (Ward St. to Marker Rd.), E. Wood Street. (Homer St. to Harrison St.), Brandon Street (Greenlawn Ave. to Jackson Street), and a partial alley between Virginia and Euclid. For the time being the new electronic scoreboard at the Indian Creek Park baseball diamond is operational. I have discussed with Versailles School Superintendent, Aaron Moran, his interest in possibly installing a solar field on school property. At this point there would be many details to work through and because the school would not be entitled to tax credits, it appears the project would not be feasible. ODOT has informed the Village they do not plan to begin the repaving of S. Center Street, (from Marker Road to the corporation limits), and E. Main Street, until late September or early October. Reports are they are behind due to work being done at the Darke County Airport. I met with Eric Denlinger and

Steve Boone from Denlinger Enterprises, who has purchased seven lots in the Chateau Subdivision for the purpose of building zero lot line condominiums such as those on Vehr-Sye Drive. The lots will need to have the zoning changed to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to accommodate the zero-lot line concept. The group is planning to present an application for a zoning change at the September 10th Planning Commission meeting. Regarding the Planning commission, the meeting originally scheduled for Monday, August 3rd was moved to August 13th to accommodate attendance availability of Planning Commission members. The call box located outside of the police department is supposed to automatically connect a caller to the Darke County Sheriff dispatch office. I received a complaint that the call was being sent to an incorrect number. I'm currently working on getting the direct contact number corrected. As a reminder, CenturyLink will be installing a fiber line from their substation on S. West Street, near the alley running behind Kaup Pharmacy, down the alley to Center Street then south to Marker Road and then west to Wolf Road near the airport. The fiber will be above ground to Marker Road and then bored underground along Marker Road. We are expecting minimal disturbance to the right of way in that area. At this time, I have not been notified as to an exact start date. The steering committee for the new civic organization called the Versailles Area Pride & Progress Association, Inc. (VAPPA Inc.) continues to work through details of organizing the association. The association has been incorporated, the 501c3 application has been completed and submitted, a vision and mission statement has been created, a website is being established, a membership application is almost complete, and informational material is being printed. Our first meeting will be the evening of September 19th, 2018 at the Stillwater Valley Golf Course. I met with representatives from the Boys Youth Baseball Association regarding possible ways to improve the Indian Creek baseball diamond, especially to improve drainage. I met with Chris Hecht and others regarding the Ward Park ball diamond #1. It also has some drainage issues and holds water around home plate. A plan is being developed to present to the Park Board and/or Village Council. We are working with a company to repair doors on the EMS/Fire Building and the old firehouse. The doors needing repair on the EMS/Fire Building face the south and swell and contract with the hot and cold weather and also take the direct sunlight on most days. Utility Superintendent, Kyle Francis, and I met with representatives from AMP and a company called Power Secure. We recently received word from AMP that a partnership with Power Secure has been created and they are coordinating the placement of new diesel-powered generators at AMP member locations. These modern generators meet all EPA standards and would be used as emergency accessory power for the local municipality in times of outages and for peak usage shaving to help reduce cost for all AMP members. We have volunteered to have our site reviewed in hopes of having the generators placed in Versailles. The new generators would provide approximately five megawatts of power which, when combined with our current Joint Venture 2 (JV2) diesel generators already on site at our E. Water Street substation, would provide more than seven megawatts of power which could run approximately half of our electric system in times of emergency outages. We feel it would be a huge benefit to have the new generators in Versailles. I was very pleased at the initial comments regarding our available space and ease of installation for the new generators. I will report back when we have a determination of if the generators will be placed in Versailles. We have completed our third mosquito spraying for the year. We have one additional spraying scheduled for Tuesday, August 21st. On Friday, July 27th, a Dayton Freight semi-truck hit a utility pole near the Marathon station. There was minimal damage and the expense of repair is being forwarded to Dayton Freight. Our employees in both the street and electric departments have been extremely busy with all of the projects and community events. I appreciate their effort. The Fast Insurance Agency on Main Street has been sold to Homan Insurance out of the Chickasaw and Maria Stein area. Homan will maintain the current office in Versailles. The artificial turf around the merry-go-round in Ward Park is tentatively scheduled for the week of August 20th.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – it was discussed to set a meeting for August 22, 2018.
- Planning Commission – next meeting will be scheduled for August 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Cemetery Board – next meeting will be held August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Board – a meeting time will be scheduled soon.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Rodd Hale, Village Administrator