

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 were Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ording, Village Attorney Tom Guillozet, and Fire Chief Brian Pearson.

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 August 8, 2018 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of August 22, 2018
- Approval of a recommendation from Fire Chief Pearson to allow Joel Bey to become a volunteer firefighter

Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Paulus abstaining from approval of the minutes. Motion carried.

Oaths of Office were administered by Mayor Subler to firefighters Tyler Bey and Damian Winner.

Under old business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only for the second reading Ordinance No. 18-31; an ordinance authorizing the purchase of real estate located within the Village of Versailles, Ohio. The third reading will be scheduled for the next meeting.

For the first item of new business, Council members considered Resolution No. 18-32; a resolution authorizing assessment of cost by the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Resolution No. 18-32 a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 18-32 read a second and third time, by title only and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-32 was read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Dammeyer then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 18-32 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The next item of new business was a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Administrator Hale explained that the Planning Commission met recently to discuss the Village's current zoning regulations for R-1 maximum/minimum height and area requirements. The committee is recommending some modification to existing language within the policy to amend the minimum front yard setback to 30 feet from the current 35 feet regulation and the minimum rear yard setback to 25 feet from the current policy of 35 feet. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and that legislation be prepared to address these modifications. Mr. Berger second the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council also considered a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a change to the current Village of Versailles Zoning Regulation to specify ponds required and approved for the purpose of retaining and or detaining storm runoff be exempt from Section 514 of the Village's zoning regulations. Village Administrator Hale explained that Section 514 states that fencing is required for swimming pools and ponds. The recommended amendment to the policy would allow for exemption of this, if approved. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission and that legislation be prepared, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item for consideration was a recommendation from the Park Board. Administrator Hale stated that the Park Board met recently to discuss the items presented to Council at the last meeting from the Versailles Youth Baseball organization. Mr. Dammeyer, Park Board representative, said that members from both the youth baseball and youth softball organization were present to further discuss the ball diamonds and the efforts to improve the current conditions and long term maintenance. All agreed that with commitments from the Village and both youth organizations, the ball diamonds could be improved and maintained for future use. To get the Indian Creek diamond ready for next season, the Park Board recommends that the Village pay \$5,200 for the expenses. The Park Board also recommends that every year both organizations present to Council in early spring a budget for expenses and then meet with Council in the fall as a follow up. The Village would provide \$2,000 annually for Indian Creek expenses. \$2,000 would be budgeted each year for Ward Park diamond #1 and \$1,000 annually for Ward Park diamond #2. Village Administrator Hale explained that a Memo of Understanding would be prepared to outline the agreement between the Village and the youth ball associations. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Park Board, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The N. West Street Extension project is well ahead of schedule and it is expected they will begin paving within the next two to three weeks and be completed by mid to late September. The substantially complete date in the contract is November 1st. The Woodland Dr. Project being completed by PAB Construction continues to progress well. Curbs and gutters are installed and sidewalks and drive approaches are currently being poured. The electric department has installed conduit for street lights and electric service. Final completion for this project is scheduled for October 12th. The Hometown Christmas Committee met on August 14th.

For the second year in a row we have a spruce tree on Village property near the water plant that needs to be removed. We will cut this tree and utilize it for our downtown Christmas tree this year. The event is scheduled for Friday, November 9th. Reminder, 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. Denlinger Enterprises has purchased seven lots in the Chateau Subdivision and have applied for a zoning change to allow for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to accommodate the zero-lot line concept. The Planning Commission will consider the application at the September 10th Planning Commission meeting. Regarding the Planning Commission, the group met on August 13th to review the preliminary plan submitted by Rapid Development for a 79-lot subdivision off of Klipstine Road. The subdivision is called the Rosecomb Subdivision and the preliminary plan was approved. The Village will now have the plans evaluated by an engineering firm to make sure storm calculations and other construction design elements are correct. Once any requested changes are made to the preliminary plan, Rapid Development will then provide a final plan to the Planning Commission. The call box located outside of the police department has been repaired. Evidently a programming error at the Sheriff's Department was causing the auto dial phone to call an incorrect number. 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. Membership applications are now available. Our first meeting will be the evening of September 19th, 2018 at 5:30 at the Stillwater Valley Golf Course. We have replaced the air handler in the Police Department/Village Hall. The old unit recently quit working and was unrepairable. Ahrens Plumbing and Heating replaced the unit. I have submitted paperwork to the County Auditor regarding our registering the new Downtown Redevelopment District. Once I receive the paperwork back I will submit all information to the state which should complete our registration of the district. We will then assemble an oversight committee. We have completed our mosquito spraying for the year. Village employees are currently working on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Eventually, this will be submitted to the Finance & Audit Committee. The Village was contacted by Dane Strausbaugh, 106461 SR 185 N. (next to C&G Distributing), regarding his desire to connect to Village utilities, specifically, water and sewer. It was explained to Dane the Village has an ordinance that requires anyone tying in to our water or sewer utilities to become annexed. Mr. Strausbaugh agrees with the requirement and will petition the county for annexation. We will have an agreement mandating annexation within one year signed prior to allowing official tie in to our utilities. We have sold the old Indian Creek scoreboard through an online auction and received \$30. The artificial turf around the merry-go-round in Ward Park has been installed. This new turf will help provide a play area without mud after rains. The annual FareFest event was held downtown on August 18th with no issues reported. An article has been submitted to the Policy explaining the Village's new Natural Gas Aggregation contract. A two-year contract was negotiated for a fixed rate of \$0.375 per ccf. This is less than our current fixed rate of \$0.446 per ccf. With concerns of rising energy prices, this allows citizens in the aggregation program to be assured of an even lower rate for two years through August 31, 2020. The Village's aggregation program is managed with help from American Municipal Power (AMP). Citizens can expect a letter from Volunteer Energy soon if it has not already arrived. To be in the program citizens need to do nothing. Action is only required to opt out of the program. Midmark has requested all Midmark specific directional signs in town be removed. Midmark has a new logo and a representative stated they feel with many people having GPS now, especially truck drivers, the signs are no longer needed.

Fiscal Officer reported that the Certificate of Deposit from monies received on March 7, 1977 in the original amount of \$50 (plus accrued interest earned of \$181.34) from members of the Versailles Bicentennial Book Committee to be used for the 200th birthday of Versailles is maturing on August 24th. The CD will be cashed in and monies will be available for the 2019 celebration. Mr. Dammeyer stated that the Bicentennial Committee will be meeting with the Chamber. To date, they have raised funds of \$6,000 for the various events planned. Mayor Subler requested Fiscal Officer Ording to report the Village expenses related to the referendum filed with the Darke County Board of Elections and the associated extensive public records request. Fiscal Officer Ording stated that actual bills paid totaled \$12,415.83 with time value spent on referendum related matters at \$2,525.90 as of August 22, 2018.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – met prior to the meeting to approve the Village Financial Report as of June 30, 2018
- Planning Commission – met August 13th to discuss recommendations as presented
- Cemetery Board – met August 21st with next meeting scheduled September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Board – met August 20th to discuss recommendations as presented

On behalf of members involved with FareFest, Mr. Dammeyer thanked the Village for all of the hard work that was done to help make the event another huge success.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.