

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Gigandet. Mr. Paulus and Mr. Steinbrunner were 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 was also in attendance.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add under new business, item 6. I. Consideration of a motion to approve the extraordinary attorney fees associated with the distribution from the Phillip W. Gasson Estate to the Emergency Medical Services. He also requested that item 7. B. To consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes be added under Executive Session.

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

- Approval of the Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from the September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for September 27, 2023

Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Beasley abstaining from vote to approve the minutes.

Mayor Subler signed a proclamation recognizing Public Power Week of October 1 – October 7<sup>th</sup> within the Village. The Village of Versailles Electric Utility provides homes, businesses, schools, farms, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity. The Village joins more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration.

Mayor Subler also signed a Fire Prevention Week proclamation, proclaiming the week of October 8 - October 14<sup>th</sup> as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention" effectively serves to remind us the importance to follow safety rules when cooking. Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of the fires resulting from unattended cooking. Residents should have a planned and practiced home fire escape plan along with working smoke alarms. The Village first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education.

Under old business, Resolution No. 23-48, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose was read for the second reading, by title only, by Village Attorney Guillozet.

For the next two items of new business, Mayor Subler explained that due to the lack of quorum, the legislation being presented will have a first reading, by title only.

Resolution No. 23-49, a resolution approving an amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio and the Versailles Savings and Loan Company and declaring an emergency was read, by title only, the first reading by Village Attorney Guillozet.

Next, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 23-50, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an amended Cooperative Agreement with the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority and Midmark Corporation for the expansion to its Plant C Manufacturing Facility and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Beasley made a motion to table the item under new business; consideration of a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the presentation of a CRA Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and E.D. Development LLC, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Eric Hanes effective September 16, 2023, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Gigandet made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to prepare legislation for the amended employment contract for the Fiscal Officer, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to prepare legislation for the proposed employment contract for the Utilities Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Dammeyer also made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to approve the proposed job description for an Assistant Fiscal Officer position, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a three-year contract with the City of St. Marys, Ohio, Income Tax Division to collect income tax on behalf of the Village of Versailles, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the extraordinary attorney fees associated with the distribution from the Phillip W. Gasson Estate to the Emergency Medical Services, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Gigandet made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee(s) and to consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:56 p.m.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to retain a consulting firm for a payroll audit, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Students from The Ohio State University will be touring Darke County this Friday to gather additional information for use in developing the updated Darke County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Electric Department continues to work on upgrading the primary electric along Reed Road. They are currently working on pulling overhead conductor on the deenergized portion of the project. The Electric Department will be replacing a pole at 1081 Woodland Drive. A tracking issue was discovered at A1 which appears to be caused by excessive dust on the insulators and lightning arresters. The linemen cleaned them before restoring power which corrected the issue in the short-term. We are currently discussing the issue to identify the best long-term fix for the issue. The Street Department has installed a new catch basin behind the curb on Subler Drive. The Subler drive extension is now paved and complete. PAB Construction has begun work on the Harrison and Wood Street water line replacement. They have also begun removing pavement on Homer Street. The Darke County Commissioners are scheduled to approve awarding of the raw water line project Phase #2 at their meeting on September 28th. We are waiting on the final approval of the load from Ohio EPA to finance the raw water line project. The resurfacing project at Indian creek tennis courts has been completed.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported she is in the process of reviewing the security on our checking account and she is implementing additional security protocols to help prevent fraud on the Village accounts. She also distributed the August Fund Report for Council and the Tax Department report.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit (Mr. Paulus) – meeting October 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Street & Safety – met September 18th and is recommending to the Village Council to prepare legislation to create a 3 way stop at Homer and Wood Streets due to the street reconstruction and traffic pattern change. They approved painting of a no parking zone on the East side of Klipstine Rd in the area of Hubert Drive. The Street & Safety Committee has scheduled a public hearing for October 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission – meeting October 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for preliminary discussions with Steve Barhorst about a possible hotel project, a preliminary review of the Midmark Plant C expansion, a preliminary review of the Bowlerstore parking lot expansion, a review of a planned parking lot expansion for Versailles Dental, and a review of the site plan for Direct Wire/E.D. Development.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – meeting October 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing to review a variance application filed by Randal and Angie Didier, 219 E. Wood Street to construct a black aluminum fence 3 ½ inches from the side (west) property line where Versailles zoning regulations require a 2-foot setback and to review a variance application filed by Midmark Corporation, 60 Vista Drive to install two on premise business signs at their entrance along Greenlawn Avenue. The new signs are proposed to be 1.78 feet from the Greenlawn Avenue north right of way where Versailles Zoning regulations require a 30-foot setback.
- Cemetery Board – meeting October 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Dammeyer reported that he was approached by a member of the St. Denis Church regarding the installation of a curb lawn irrigation/sprinkler system for their landscaping project. Assistant Village Administrator Francis will further investigate the request.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer