

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 Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Visitors attending were Mr. Ron Marshall, Mr. Mike Bowers, Darke County Economic Development Director, and Carol Marsh, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include an addition under New Business, item 6. E. Consideration of a written recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the repainting of the decorative street light poles in the Village of Versailles.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from the August 25, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of September 8, 2021
- Consideration of a motion to accept the Village's apportionment of the Local Government monies for 2022 as allocated by the Darke County Budget Commission.

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

Scheduled for public discussion was the designation of the date and time for Halloween Trick or Treat in the Village of Versailles. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to designate Sunday, October 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. as Trick or Treat in Versailles; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler then presented a proclamation, recognizing the week of September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week.

Under old business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 21-45, a resolution declaring the necessity for a tax levy and requesting certification from the Darke County Auditor of revenue from 2.0 mills.

Moving on to new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-46, an ordinance to amend Section 1413 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

The next item for consideration was Resolution No. 21-47, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 21-47 by title only a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 21-47 read by title only a second and third time and declared an emergency; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read resolution No. 21-47 by title only a second and third time. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 21-47 as read; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The next three items for consideration were written recommendations from the Planning Commission. The first item was to approve a plat survey of lot 615 owned by Erin A. Shaffer and lot 616 owned by Marc A. and Karla S. Dieringer along Second Street in the Village of Versailles, Ohio, Darke County. This plat survey records the transfer of a 2-foot strip of property from Erin Shaffer to Marc and Karla Dieringer. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission for the plat survey of lot 615 and lot 616 in the Village of Versailles for the transfer of a 2-foot strip of property from Erin Shaffer to Marc and Karla Dieringer, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

A written recommendation from the Planning Commission was presented to approve the Final Plat of Edgewood at Versailles Phase 1. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation for the Final Plat of Edgewood at Versailles Phase 1, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last written recommendation from the Planning Commission for consideration was for the approval of the repainting of the decorative street light poles in the Village of Versailles. The Planning Commission's recommendation includes the following stipulations:

- The color will be changed from the current dark green to black.
- The painting to change the color will be implemented over a two-year budget cycle will all painting to be completed by the end of 2023.
- The repainting will begin in the downtown area and progress outward as the repainting continues

- It is recommended to award the project to C&S Painting for their labor only quote of \$42,000. This was the only bid that was able to be obtained.
- Midmark has agreed to contribute \$7,500 towards the repainting of the poles.

Village Administrator Busse explained that the decorative poles are in need of painting. The project to paint the poles was budgeted for 2021. Nothing was being done until the recommendation was provided by the Planning Commission. The color change would be only for the decorative street poles located along Main Street and Center Street. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the recommendation to paint the decorative street light poles black along with the recommended stipulations, seconded by Mr. Paulus. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler then recognized visitors, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Bowers and provided an opportunity for any discussion or questions. Mr. Marshall stated he read in the minutes that the Village was working on a truck route and was interested in the progress. Village Administrator Busse explained that this is being re-visited and is just in the infant stages. He explained that Village has, for years, has been discussing ways to eliminate truck traffic in the downtown. The obstacles include lack of suitable roadways and funding. Mr. Busse said the planning could take many years.

Mr. Bowers also commented on the need for a truck route. He stated that the Darke County Economic Development is working with Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, in which the Village of Versailles is a member. The MVRPC helps with community transportation planning and funding opportunities to implement capital improvement projects. Other opportunities are provided through the Ohio Department of Transportation. Mr. Bowers also reported that the County is looking at procuring a land bank. Other work of the DCED include expansions of industrial parks with possible funding through a Rural Industrial Park Grant and broadband improvements in the county.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public use. Mr. Dammeyer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the Village Administrator to negotiate a real estate purchase agreement, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler reported that officers of the Village Police Department will be providing services along with the Auxiliary of the Darke County Sheriff's Patrol for MusicFest being held Saturday at Heritage Park. The Sheriff's Patrol are unable to provide enough help due to other activities being held in the County. Mayor Subler stated that the Village would be covered by street patrol and that the Village Officers would be compensated by the Versailles Alumni Association. The approval is being granted this year only due to the lack of security coverage.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Village Administrator's report to members and reported on the following items: The Street Department is currently grading the soil on the east side of Klipstine Road and preparing it for seeding. These areas as well as the remaining area on Maple Street will be hydroseeded later this week. Virginia Street reseeding will be completed within the next two weeks. The Street Department will be painting the crosswalks later this week into early next week. The Electric Department has completed Midmark electric service relocation. We have scheduled an outage with Midmark on Saturday, September 18, 2021 to complete the switchover. This switchover will take about 2 hours. The work on the Hotel project electric service is continuing. The Electric Department is currently in the process of installing underground electric cables to feed Park National Bank, The Herb Pantry, Fred Broerman's house, and Colleen McKnight's business. We are anticipating the arrival of the screen for Well #11 (replacement Well #8) this week. Jackson Well Service checked Well #5 and found that the new well pump was bad. It was replaced with a new pump under warranty. We did however have to pay the labor charge. We have ordered a new (explosion proof) heater for the wastewater screen building. The old one is inoperable. The cost including installation is approximately \$12,000. It will be paid of the CIP budget for this year. We will push the concrete sludge pad to next year's budget. We will also use funds originally set back for the Vertie Lane generator to cover the unforeseen cost of the heater unit. ODOT has complete the paving of St. Rt. 185. The Street Department is in the process of installing the bollards around the fuel tanks at the Municipal Services Building. Leaf pickup is tentatively scheduled to begin the second week of October. The Street Department will begin installing a storm tile on the south end of Klipstine Road next week. This will hopefully eliminate an ongoing standing water problem on both sides of the road in that area. The installation of the water main has been completed for the Reed Avenue/Chateau Phase #3. It has been pressure tested and will be bacteria tested later this week. Bruns Construction has begun cutting in the street base for Chateau Phase # 3. They hope to be ready to pave the latter part of September. The swimming pool is now closed for the season. The cover has been installed and we are in the process of lowering the water level and winterizing the equipment. The new sump pump at the pool stopped working. We will pull it this week and get it sent in for warranty repairs. We have taken delivery of the new sunshade for the pool. Pohl Trucking donated the trucking for this project. We greatly appreciate their support for this project. We hope to get this installed the first week of October to allow time to complete our grant reimbursement request. We plan to close the restrooms at the parks on October 15th (same day as Heritage Park) to complete painting of the interior before it gets too cold. We plan to install new ceilings in the

restrooms at Ward Park over the winter before the restrooms are opened in the spring. AMP members (Including Versailles) who have ownership in the Prairie State coal fired power plant have recently been made aware of attempts by the Illinois legislature to limit the emissions from this facility. Debt service on this facility is currently amortized through 2047. The latest proposal by the legislature is proposing a closure of the facility by December 31, 2045. I am monitoring the situation closely and I will keep Council informed.

Fiscal Officer Ordning reported that she attended a conference in Lima. Members from the Ohio Office of Budget and Management provided information on grant opportunities and economic development strategies. A segment of the conference concentrated on the use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds and the reporting requirements. The emphasis was for the strict spending guidelines and that time and consideration should be given when deciding how to spend the funds.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee – met prior to the meeting. Chairman Paulus reported that the Committee reviewed a contract for new tax software and members will meet in the future for further discussion. He also reported that Fiscal Officer Ordning provided the balance remaining in the Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund of \$768,98. It is the recommendation of the Finance & Audit Committee to extinguish the fund by using the remaining money for Police compensation. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee for the use of the Coronavirus Relief Funds for the Police compensation and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mr. Paulus also reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting September 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission – met September 7<sup>th</sup>. Their recommendations were presented for Council approval.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – met September 7<sup>th</sup> to consider and approve a variance application filed by Dennis Johnson. Next meeting scheduled September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to review and consider a variance application filed by Justin Bergman, representing Endless Pint.
- Cemetery Board – Meeting September 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ordning, Fiscal Officer