

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 were Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

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 August 28, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of September 11, 2019
- Acceptance of the Village's apportionment of the Local Government monies for 2020 as allocated by the Darke County Budget Commission

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

Scheduled for public discussion was the designation of the date and time for Halloween Trick or Treat in the Village of Versailles. Mr. Berger made a motion to designate Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. as Trick or Treat in Versailles; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote all yeas. Motion carried.

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

With no old business scheduled, for the first item of new business, Council members considered Resolution No. 19-37, 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. 19-37 a first time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 19-37 read a second and third time, by title only and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 19-37 was read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 19-37 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-38, an ordinance revising the rates for the collection of refuse within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Next, Council members considered Resolution No. 19-39, a resolution approving a new job description for the position of Utilities Craftsman for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, Resolution No. 19-39, a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 19-39 declared an emergency and be read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Resolution No. 19-39, a second and third time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 19-39 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council members considered Ordinance No. 19-40, an ordinance revising and adopting an updated hourly employees compensation table for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, Ordinance No. 19-40, a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 19-40, declared an emergency measure and read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Dammeyer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, Ordinance No. 19-40 a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-40 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the next item of new business, Fiscal Officer Ording explained that Ordinance No. 19-41, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18-63 the 2019 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency involved increasing the General Fund by \$325,000 and the Electric Fund by \$975,000 for the purchase and renovations of the Anheuser-Busch building. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 19-41 by title only a first time. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to have Ordinance No. 19-41 read by title only a second and third time and declared an emergency; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 19-41 by title only a second and third time. Mr. Beasley then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-41 as read; seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus, on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee recommended the approval from Council members for the Fire Chief's request for capital expenditures in 2019. Mr. Paulus explained that Fire Chief Pearson attended a recent Finance and Audit Committee meeting and presented a comprehensive capital improvement plan. Among the items discussed, Fire Chief Pearson explained the need to replace the firefighters turn out gear

at a cost of \$53,328. He stated that the turn out gear needs to be replaced every 10 years per the National Fire Protection Association. The new gear needs to be ready for January. Mr. Paulus also explained that the 1992 grass truck was budgeted to be replaced in 2018. With the unexpected cost of the MARCS radios, the replacement of the truck was put on hold. Fire Chief Pearson has requested to replace the vehicle in 2019. The cost of the new truck is \$88,000. Mr. Berger made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance & Audit Committee for the approval of the Fire Chief's request for the capital expenditures, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Also, on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Paulus recommended the creation of legislation to authorize the Fiscal Officer to charge the enterprise funds for services rendered. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that with the last audit, a change was made to pay 100% of the Fiscal Officer's compensation from the General Fund. The auditor explained that the job description of the Fiscal Officer is for administrative duties and that the Fiscal Officer could charge the enterprise funds for services rendered. Fiscal Officer Ording said that after reviewing transactions made in 2018, the percentages were calculated for the various funds. Village Attorney Guillozet stated that the legislation would be written to allow for the charges with the percentages remaining the same each year, unless amended. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee for the creation of legislation to authorize the Fiscal Officer to charge the enterprise funds for services rendered, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The next item of new business was consideration of a motion to approve regular, full-time employment status of Mr. Bryant Apple as Street Laborer with the successful completion of the six month probationary period. Village Administrator Hale noted that Mr. Apple has been an asset for the Village and has no reservations about his appointment to full-time status. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the regular, full-time employment of Mr. Apple; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote all yeas. Motion carried.

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. has requested from the Village of Versailles a pipeline easement. The pipeline easement is located on the east side of the bridge located on N. West Street. Village Administrator Hale had no objections for the said easement. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve granting a pipeline easement to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was discussion of the Klipstine Road property annexation. Utilities Superintendent Kyle Francis and Brice Schmitmeyer were in attendance to present to Council a Klipstine Roadway and Utility Improvement Summary. The project location is between Heritage Park and the Rosecomb Estates only. The summary provided is for a complete roadway reconstruction with concrete curbs, sidewalks, and drive approaches. The utility work includes 8" waterline, 8" sanitary sewer and 15" storm sewer. The estimated cost of project is \$627,200. Mr. Schmitmeyer stated that an OPWC grant would be applied for mid next year, but grant funding would not be available to the Village before July 2021. He also stressed that the Village may not be approved for a grant in 2021 and that it could be 2022 or later. He said the summary presented is an estimated cost and that the cost could change. Village Administrator Hale said that meeting time will be set with the property owners to update them on the project.

Chance Cox and Justin Bergman were present to further discuss plans for an outdoor seating area at Endless Pint. The proposal is for a gated area on the east side of the building, extending from the door entrance to the back of the building. They explained that a portion of the sidewalk would be utilized within the seating area. Upon approval, the plan is to have the area constructed for next spring. A Street & Safety meeting will be set for further review of the project.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Berger made a motion to enter into Executive Session for conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of court action, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

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

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler reported that the Village received a certificate from the Governor of Ohio recognizing the Village of Versailles upon celebrating its 200th Anniversary. The Bicentennial celebration is to be held Saturday, September 14th at Heritage Park. Committee members have worked hard in planning the celebration which is to include many activities for all ages. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so much time and money for the Village's 200th celebration.

Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Based on our latest report, our EMS is down one run versus 2018. However, we are also down 27 transports versus 2018. A transport example would be an arranged pickup and drop-off of a patient from a nursing home to a hospital or vice versa. I have been asked if the Village would be willing to donate the Bicentennial banners to the Historical Society so that they could sell them for a fundraiser. I expressed I would need to consult with the Village Council regarding this matter. The Jon Hupman property, located behind Creekside, has been blocked off by the owner. Evidently Mr. Hupman had concerns regarding all of the local

construction and service companies parking their equipment on his property without approval. The Village does own property on each side of Mr. Hupman's property. New computers are being installed for many employees that currently have the Windows 7 operating system. Our plan is to replace approximately half of the computers now and the other half between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday. I recently received complaints regarding a door to door solicitor within the Village. Evidently a representative from AEP Electric/Gas was soliciting for natural gas customers. All solicitors within the Village of Versailles must have a solicitor permit prior to engaging in any door to door solicitation. The AEP representative did not have a permit and decided to not pursue a permit for further solicitation. The Village of Versailles will be working with Access Engineering to complete an income survey in the north area of town. The income survey is necessary for the Village to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funds. No income information will come to Village employees. This will all be handled by Access Engineering as a third-party who will provide the data to the state. It's important to note that no names are associated with the income survey. Residents in the north section of town will be receiving a letter from the Village within the next couple weeks explaining the process. Linda Meyer has again asked to assemble a group on Fountain Square on Saturday, October 12th from 11 AM until 1:00 PM. I told her I would mention this to the Village Council. At Council's request, I have asked Darke County Economic Development Director, Mike Bowers, to research any opportunity for economic development into the old fire department. Reminder, we are scheduled to close on the Anheuser-Busch building on September 19th. Village employees met with representatives from Vectren to discuss future projects within the Village. We were notified that Vectren will eventually be changing their name to Centerpoint over the next couple of years as they have merged with a company called Centerpoint. For the Bicentennial event this weekend Hubert Drive will be marked for one-way traffic driving to the east only on Saturday. Centerline striping on Klipstine Road from Heritage Park to the south line of the Rosecomb Subdivision is set to be installed the week of Sept. 16th. The Village provided street cleaning services for the Village or Russia the week of August 26th in advance of their Homecoming Festival. Cost for the service will be invoiced to Russia. Brice Schmitmeyer with Access Engineering has created estimates for each property involved in the potential annexation between Heritage Park and the Rosecomb Subdivision. The estimates are to show property owner the cost associated with the extension of sanitary sewer as well as costs related to sidewalks and curb. A power outage occurred on Sunday morning Sept. 8th on Circuit #9 south of town. The outage area included customers on SR 185, Cambridge Drive, St. Peters Road, Klipstine Road, and the Heritage Estates area. It was found that a porcelain cut-out on SR 185 near the south corporation limit had failed. Handicapped sidewalk ramps will be installed in the next couple of weeks at the Klipstine Rd./Hickey Ave. intersection. This will assist with pedestrians crossing Hickey Ave. near Denny Mestemaker's home. Homeowners involved have been notified the ramps will be installed. We have requested a quote from Bohman Excavating to clear sandbars and debris from Swamp Creek in the two main trouble areas near the West Street Bridge and behind the 1919 Bridge. This work was last done in 2017 and the sandbars have filled back in. Water plant personnel have closed down the pool as of this past Tuesday and the pool cover was installed last week. They are continuing to winterize and clean-up items at the facility and should be wrapped up in the coming weeks. PAB Construction will be completing some touch up work related to the recent Woodland Drive reconstruction project next week. Involved property owners have been notified.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she has received notification from the State of Ohio Auditor's Office stating that an Independent Public Accountant (IPA) firm will be contracted to perform the engagements related to the Village for the biennial fiscal period ending 12/31/19, and for subsequent 2 periods. If all parties are in agreement and a reasonable fee is set, the incumbent firm of Perry & Associates, CPA will be awarded the contract. Council members agreed to move forward with the contract extension. Authorization for the contract will be approved once the CPA firm submits the fees for the audits.

Chief Humphreys August Monthly Activity Report was distributed to Council members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee – met prior to the meeting. Recommendations to Council will be made at the next Council meeting for the bank depository agreements for active and interim monies. Next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2019 at 6:55 p.m.
- Cemetery Board – meeting September 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- Facilities – meeting September 25, 2019 at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Dammeyer stated he will be absent from the September 25th meeting.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.