

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 22, 2018 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of September 12, 2018
- Acceptance of the Village's apportionment of the Local Government monies for 2019 as allocated by the Darke County Budget Commission

Mr. Beasley 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. Berger made a motion to designate Sunday, October 28th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. as Trick or Treat in Versailles; seconded by Mr. Paulus. Vote all yeas. Motion carried.

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

Under old business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only for the third reading Ordinance No. 18-31; an ordinance authorizing the purchase of real estate located within the Village of Versailles, Ohio. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-31, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the first item of new business, Council members considered Resolution No. 18-33; 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. 18-33 a first time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 18-33 read a second and third time, by title only and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-33 was read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Beasley then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 18-33 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council then considered a motion made by Mr. Dammeyer to schedule a public hearing for October 22, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing a recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning a rezoning request filed by Denlinger Enterprises, Inc. for 7 lots located within the Chateau Subdivision. The land is being proposed for zoning reclassification from R-2 to R-PUD. Also, a recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning a Zoning Code revision to Section 1107, timeframe allowed for a public hearing, section 514, Swimming Pools/Ponds, and section 404e R-1 zone front and rear setbacks. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With the scheduling of the public hearing for the Planning Commission recommendations on October 22nd, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to move the Regular Council meeting scheduled October 24th to October 22, 2018. The Regular Council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was a motion to approve an electric service agreement discount incentive for Endless Pint Brewing. Village Administrator Hale provided Council members the request from the owner along with projections of the 2 year, 10% discount. Council members agreed that the business met the guidelines to receive the discount. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the proposed agreement with Endless Pint Brewing as presented; seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Chief Humphreys August Monthly Activity Report was distributed. Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The N. West Street Extension project is essentially complete and an official street opening is planned for Monday, September, 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. We will gather at the EMS building. All centerline striping and speed limit signs have been installed. The speed limits are 25 miles per hour south of Jackson Street and 35 miles per hour north of Jackson Street. One important note to convey to citizens is that the stop signs on N. West St. at the intersection of Jackson Street will be removed. Meaning north and southbound traffic on N. West St. will no longer stop at Jackson Street. When we make this change we will put flashing lights and signage stating cross traffic does not stop for vehicles traveling east and west on Jackson Street. This decision to remove the stop signs was made after discussing the issue with engineers, trucking companies, and residents. The consensus is, having large trucks stop and start at that intersection would cause more noise for the neighbors and more wear and tear on the pavement. The Woodland Dr. project is also finishing up and while will still have a few minor things to take care of, since visitors from out of town will be available, we plan to move directly to the west end of Woodland Drive immediately following the N. West Street opening. The Village has received numerous complaints regarding tall grass and weeds over the past few weeks. With the wet humid weather grass and weeds grow extremely fast and some residents get behind on mowing.

It's important for residents to understand our rules require grass to remain 10 inches or shorter. When a property falls out of compliance, grass and weeds have become taller than 10 inches, a property can be posted which provides five days for the property owner to mow the property. In regards to tall grass and weeds, the area inside the fence consisting of the solar site has also been difficult to maintain. While it is not the Village's responsibility to mow, we do not want to let the grass get higher than necessary. It is my understanding many of the solar field's in the program have become difficult to maintain due to the recent hot humid weather. One idea, and this is already being done in Minster, is to partner with a local farmer to allow a small group of sheep to utilize the fenced in area as a pasture. According to the Village Administrator in Minster, they have not had to mow their solar field in approximately two years. As strange as this may sound it could make perfect sense. We are currently conversing with the EPA to see if this is even a viable option due to the proximity of our water wells. Nothing would be done without the EPA's approval and I will provide further information when it is available. Representatives of the Village attended a pre-construction meeting for the upcoming repaving projects that will be completed by ODOT within the village. The tentative date to start the paving is October 1st and paving is expected to be completed by October 31st. I do not expect ODOT to be working within the village for longer than a week. The repaving areas will be S. Center Street (from Marker Road to the corporation limits) and E. Main Street. 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 condominiums. The Planning Commission met and will make a recommendation to Council. King's Command and Midmark recently worked out an agreement to provide King's Command an ingress/egress easement from the west edge of their property through Midmark property to the new N. West Street extension. This will provide King's Command some added flexibility regarding truck traffic on their property. This will also help to reduce truck traffic on N. Center St. The Village would like to thank Midmark for providing this easement. This is another example of seeing the big picture in regards to doing all possible to help business within the community. 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 at the Stillwater Valley Golf Course. The Versailles Rotary club will be disbanding as of the end of September 2018. The club was having difficulty finding officers to serve and with the new Versailles Area Pride and Progress Association being created, members have an opportunity to join the new civic club which will help keep more money local due to not needing to pay international club fees such as is required for Rotary. Through August we are up 27 EMS runs year today compared to 2017. It's important to point out that increased runs do not necessarily mean a significant amount of increased revenue. Often emergency crews respond to a call and then a patient denies transport. This actually creates more expense for the Village with no associated revenue. Vectren had workers in the area of the football field marking lines to prepare for a 2020 project to replace natural gas mains in the area. Often citizens will see employees of Miller Pipeline which is a subsidiary affiliate of Vectren. Miller Pipeline completes gas line maintenance for Vectren. We have received a building permit approval from Miami County for the sludge dewatering project at the wastewater treatment plant. The underground piping materials have arrived and work will commence next week. Street Dept. personnel and plant operators will work to install the catch basins and piping as well as dig the footers for the foundation walls. Bob Drees Construction will be performing all of the concrete work and chemical feed building construction. Plant operators have started to winterize the pool. Village employees will begin installing the new pool tarp once the brass anchor points are installed into the pool deck. Utilities Superintendent, Kyle Francis has started working on the Village's OEPA mandated Asset Management Plan. Tim Wehrkamp and Brian Gehret will help complete the mandated plan over the next two weeks. The plan is required to be complete and submitted to the OEPA by October 1st. Village employees have been working with Richard Coffield regarding the veteran banners currently on Village light poles. Our original agreement was to erect the veteran banners from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We have decided to maintain the veteran banners through the end of October and then install our winter holiday banners. I have been in contact with the funeral home and Denny Mestemaker regarding the need to install sidewalks. Both have been very cooperative and are working on having the sidewalks installed. I am working with the youth baseball and softball organizations to create a Memo of Understanding regarding the organizations maintaining the diamonds. The question has been asked if the Park Board and Village Council would allow the organizations to sell signage to be placed on the outfield fences as a way to raise funds. Additionally, it was asked if the organizations would be allowed to install security cameras that would be purchased and monitored by the organizations to help deter and prevent damage to the diamonds. We will be scheduling a Park Board meeting to discuss this further. Electric Department personnel were called out several times in the past few weeks due to power outages. On the morning of September 3rd, a power outage occurred on Murphy Road (East of Cramer) and Cramer Road (North of Weaver's Pullet Farm) due to blown primary fuses. We suspect animals shorted out the system. Additionally, crews were called out around 1AM September 5th due to a vehicle accident on SR 47 between Rehmert's Cycle and Murphy Road. The vehicle hit the support wire which then snapped and hit our primary lines causing fuses to blow. On the evening of September 5th, a tree branch came down on Woodland Drive knocking out power to customers along Hickory Drive, Woodland Drive, and Elmwood Drive. With the Village's recent move from IGS Energy as a natural gas aggregation supplier to Volunteer Energy Services residents have received a letter from Vectren that can be confusing. The letters really have no bearing on a customer's current aggregation unless they would like to opt out of the program. If a customer does nothing, ignoring the letter, they remain in the aggregation program. The letters are a requirement for the gas suppliers and it is unfortunate they are so confusing. Citizens should rest assured, unless they have contacted the gas company and officially opted out of the program, they are in the program and should just ignore the letter. As mentioned previously, the Village has a 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. Village natural gas customers are automatically enrolled in the aggregation program and need to do nothing to remain in the program.

Fiscal Officer Ording 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 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Versailles has been cashed in. The money will be appropriated in the 2019 budget for the bicentennial celebration expenses.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Street & Safety – a ribbon cutting ceremony is set for Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. for the opening of the newly constructed N. West St. extension and the reconstructed Woodland Drive.
- Planning Commission – met September 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss recommendations as presented
- Cemetery Board –next meeting scheduled September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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 \$12,548.34 with time value spent on referendum related matters at \$2,525.90 as of September 12, 2018.

Mr. Paulus and Mr. Beasley stated that they would not be in attendance at the September 26<sup>th</sup> Council 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 8:02 p.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer