

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mrs. Custenborder, Mr. Paulus, Mr. Berger, Mrs. Gigandet, and Mr. Beasley. Mr. Dammeyer was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ording, Village Attorney Guillozet, Fire Chief Brian Pearson, Police Chief Mark Humphreys, Bob Frey, and Erik Martin from the Greenville Daily Advocate.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the September 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Payment of the List of Bills Submitted for September 27, 2017

Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mrs. Custenborder abstaining from approval of the September 27th Regular Meeting Minutes. 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. Paulus made a motion to designate Sunday, October 29th 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.

Also under public discussion, Mayor Subler read a proclamation, recognizing the week of October 1 – 7, 2017 as Public Power Week. He also read aloud a proclamation designating October 8 – 14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week.

Next Fire Chief Pearson presented Council with information regarding the Darke County MARCS Countywide Public Safety Communications Program Levy which will be on the ballot of the upcoming November 7th General Election. The Darke County Commissioners placed the levy on the ballot in representation for the Darke County's Fire, Police, and EMS Department's public safety communication systems expense. The county has provided Public Safety Communications for over 40 years. The county's current emergency radio/communications equipment is aging and outdated. Most of the equipment needs to be replaced/upgraded within the next year or less. At the end of March, 2018, the communications equipment will have reached the end of useful life with much of the equipment will no longer be supported and no spare parts for repairs/replacements. Miami County, Montgomery County, Auglaize County and Mercer County have already switched to the Ohio MARCS system. The towers are in place and they now have the capability to communicate with the surrounding counties. The current VHF system does not allow for the communication outside of Darke County except for a few stations. Based on recommendation and a unanimous vote by the Communications Committee, in which includes members from the Sheriff's Department, Fire, EMS, and Police personnel, and Township Trustees, the Darke County Commissioners have decided to no longer invest in the current VHF system and must make the transition to Ohio MARCS for dispatching public safety communications as of April 2018. The transition to countywide MARCS radio system is costly to implement. Fire Chief Pearson states that the Versailles Fire Department will have a transition cost of \$63,208 with a yearly user fee of \$3,120. The EMS Department will have approximately \$64,000 in transition expense with a yearly user fee of \$3,000. Police Chief Humphreys stated that the Police Department will need approximately \$65,000 - \$70,000 for the upgrade. With the levy passing, the county would purchase the radios and necessary equipment, along with paying the monthly service fees. The levy is a property tax, additional 0.45 mill, for a continuing period of time. A residential property owner would be taxed \$15.75 per year per \$100,000 valuation. The estimated county revenue generated from the levy would be \$500,000 +. With no levy, the MARCS radio transition still happens. The individual agencies will be responsible for the expenses. All radio, pager and repeater purchases will fall back on the individual Fire, EMS and Law agency's expense. Chief Pearson stressed the importance of the levy and the fact that the money generated would be strictly for Public Safety Communication equipment. He stated that anyone with questions are welcomed to contact him.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 17-20, an Ordinance adopting an amended Chapter 905 of the Village Code regarding provisions related to Water and Sewer service to be read by title only a third time; seconded by Mrs. Custenborder. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 17-20 a third and final time by title only. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 17-20 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The first item of new business was consideration of a motion to approve a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreement with Midmark Corporation. Village Administrator Hale stated that a Research & Development/Office Space building will be constructed beginning in April 2018. With the completion scheduled for September 2019, Midmark projects the hiring of 97 employees over 5 years, once the construction is completed. The estimated amount of annual payroll for the new employees will be \$7,480,000. The application is for 100% tax abatement of real estate taxes on the building for 15 years. Mrs. Custenborder made a motion to approve the CRA agreement with Midmark and for legislation to be created, seconded by Mrs. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was consideration of a recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee for the adjustments to the water and sewer rates. Village Administrator Hale explained that the Finance & Audit Committee met recently to review the recommendations from the Water/Sewer rate study prepared by RCAP. It was recommended to increase rates at

a higher percentage the first three years, with lower increases the last 2 years. The committee recommends to increase both of the water and sewer rates by 20% for the next 4 years. The Water and Sewer Fund would then be reviewed in the 5th year. The Finance & Audit Committee recommended to schedule a Public Hearing for the presentation of the proposed adjustments. Mrs. Custenborder made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. Mrs. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The next under new business was consideration of a recommendation from the Park Board for the Village to split the cost of a new electronic scoreboard for the Indian Creek baseball diamond with the Versailles Youth Baseball Association. Village Administrator Hale stated that members reviewed the cost of a manual scoreboard vs an electronic board, deciding the electronic board would be better. Mrs. Custenborder made a motion to approve the Park Board's recommendation to split the cost of an electronic scoreboard with the addition that the Versailles Youth Baseball Association be responsible for 100% maintenance and repair costs. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was consideration of a recommendation from the Park Board for the Village to install aluminum corn hole game boards on the current shuffle board courts at Indian Creek Park. Village Administrator Hale stated that the current shuffle boards are not being used and the pavement is in need of repair. It was felt that corn hole boards may be of more interest. Mr. Beasley made a motion to have one corn hole board installed, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mrs. Gigandet made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider information related to business strategy of an applicant for economic development; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 9:20 p.m. with no decisions being reported.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report. Items highlighted in his report are as follows: The Planning Commission meeting to consider rezoning Gary and Robin Middendorf's property from R-2 to I-2 will be held this coming Monday, October 2nd at the EMS/Fire building. We have moved the location to accompany the expected larger crowd. The Wayne Healthcare Foundation recently provided a grant to the Versailles EMS for the purchase of four CPR mannequins. The grant was for approximately \$1000. Village employees are working on the pool floor and walls in preparation for the installation of the new pool liner. We are planning for work to begin in October. Heather Luebke and I met with Danny Schnieble regarding completion of the video for our website. The deadline for completion of the video is now November 30th. Heather Luebke has been working on updating the village website which should also be completed and launched by mid-October. The video will be added to the website after completion. The Police Department shooting range has been moved to Village property on the north edge of town back near our north water tower. The shed from the old range has been relocated from the old range area. Instead of purchasing a Christmas tree for the Fountain Square area for the Hometown Christmas Celebration we have decided to use a tree that was planted at our water plant years back. The tree is growing to near to the building and will make an excellent Christmas tree. I have been in discussion with property owners regarding an easement for utilities for the proposed new subdivision. At this point it sounds as if we will be permitted to have an easement. A Village Administrator's luncheon was held at the Versailles EMS building on Tuesday, September 19th. Choice One along with representatives from the Greater Ohio Policy Center and the Ohio Water Development Authority made a presentation on Promoting Partnerships and Shared Resources between Municipalities. Village Administrators from Ansonia, Covington, New Knoxville, Minster, New Bremen, St. Henry, Fort Loramie, and Jackson Center were in attendance. I attended the AMP conference in Columbus yesterday, Utility Superintendent, Kyle Francis will be attending Wednesday and Thursday also. DCW Farms, LLC will be hauling the approximate 360,000 gallons for lime sludge from the water treatment this week. Doug Jackson will be starting at the WTP & WWTP as a new employee on Monday, October 2nd. We are awaiting property corner stakes on Chateau Phase II subdivision so that underground power can be installed this fall. The developer's engineer is responsible for the staking. Upon discussion with Shinn Bros, the N. Center Street Bridge siphon project contractor, they will likely not start on the siphon project until the second week of October at the earliest. They are waiting on the material from a supplier. Replacement of an existing sanitary sewer manhole frame, lid, and adjusting rings is currently underway on Catalpa Dr. The existing frame has settled and became a hazard for vehicles. Village personnel recently replaced approximately 220 feet of 18" storm sewer North of the CSX railroad near the E. Water St./Williamson St. intersection. The previous 18" clay storm sewer outlet had broken down in multiple areas. Upon replacement of the pipe, it was found there is an existing square, hand-laid rock conduit under the CSX railroad that conveys water from the South to the North, which is partially blocked. A sewer camera contractor was brought in to investigate and we are working with CSX to see if we can replace the existing 18" storm main back into CSX railroad right-of-way and fix the obstruction that not only involves the Village's storm sewer system in the area but also drainage around CSX's property.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that Eric Prall from Ross, Sinclair & Associates, will be in attendance at the next Council meeting to explain the refunding of the EMS Facility Bonds.

Committee & Board Reports are as follows:

- Planning Commission – meeting October 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Facility to consider rezoning Gary and Robin Middendorf's property from R-2 to I-2
- Cemetery Board – met September 19th. Board members recommended extra weed spraying. Next meeting scheduled October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- Park Board – met Sept 18th – Recommendations for electronic scoreboard and aluminum corn hole boards at Indian Creek. It was the last meeting for the season.
- Tree Commission – will be scheduling a meeting for the fall tree purchase recommendation

Mr. Paulus stated he would not be in attendance at the October 11th meeting. There is an informational meeting scheduled October 11, 2017 at 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. for interested parties concerning the Woodland Drive Project.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer