

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, and Mr. Gigandet. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Guests in attendance were Karla Dieringer, Erin Shaffer, and Laura Waymire.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add under executive session, item 7. B. to consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes.

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 October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for October 25, 2023

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

For the first item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 23-55, a resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the Swimming Pool Filtration System Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the resolution an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-55 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Resolution No. 23-55 as read, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-56, an ordinance designating the intersection of Homer and Wood Streets as a three-way-stop.

He also read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-57, an ordinance prohibiting the installation of private irrigation/sprinkler facilities in public right of ways.

Next was consideration of a recommendation from the Tree Commission to award the fall tree purchase vendor. Two bids were received for the purchase of twelve various tree species:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>With 1 year guarantee</u>	<u>No guarantee</u>
Brown's Nursery	\$4,117.00	\$3,703.00
Gehret's Nursery	\$5,135.00	\$3,695.00

The Tree Commission's recommendation to Council is to award the bid to Brown's Nursery for the guarantee option price of \$4,117.00. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was to consider a motion to approve the proposed electric rate adjustments as proposed in the Electric Business Plan presented by Mr. Trey Shepherd of Sawvel & Associates, Inc. and for the preparation of legislation. Mr. Beasley made a motion to approve the electric rate adjustments for the legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler recognized the guests in attendance. Introduced was Attorney Laura Waymire. Ms. Waymire announced that she is running for the Republican nomination for the Darke County Prosecuting Attorney. She has been practicing as a full-time Assistant Public Defender for Shelby County for the past 8 years. She was born and raised in the county and currently resides in Greenville. She would like the opportunity to bring her experience and serve the communities of Darke County.

Both Karla Dieringer and Erin Shaffer introduced themselves as candidates for Village Council. Mrs. Dieringer has been on the Village's Board of Zoning Appeals and expressed her interest to further serve the community. Ms. Shaffer stated that she is a write-in candidate on the ballot for Member of Council. She is a lifelong resident of Versailles and hopes to have the opportunity to give back to the Community.

With all new business complete, Mr. Dammeyer 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. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:54 p.m.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to make an offer for employment, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler reported that he and Mr. Dammeyer will visit the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The Electric Department continues to work on upgrading the primary electric along Reed Road. They are continuing to work on the previous single-phase sections along Reed Road back to the Village. They upgraded a transformer in the rear yard of Cambridge Court to allow for construction of a new home. They responded to an incident where a transformer was struck by a tractor performing mowing operations. The transformer will need to be removed and sent back to the factory for refurbishment and repairs. We plan to temporarily replace it with a smaller transformer. The Street Department continues to pick up leaves weekly through the end of November. The parks have been winterized and the restrooms are closed for the winter. An update on the Homer Street Reconstruction Project, PAB Construction has completed moving all customers over to the new water main. They plan to cut and cap the old 4-inch and 10-inch water lines within the week. We are still on schedule to complete the project before the paving season ends. We anticipate final loan approval through Ohio EPA to finance the raw water line project on Thursday, October 26th. Once we receive the loan award, we will sign all contracts and schedule a pre-construction meeting. Completion date are: Substantial / Final: July 31, 2024 / August 31, 2024, CDBG Funding Required Completion Date: August 31, 2024, and OPWC Funding Required Completion Date: December 31, 2024. We are currently working on compiling the 2024 budget to be presented to Finance Committee including budget numbers for water plant and electric substation design engineering. We have hauled several loads of finished water into the water plant to supplement our current wellfield. We continue to monitor the situation closely.

Fiscal Officer Ording distributed the September Fund Report for Council and the Income Tax Report. She also reported that with the passing of Ohio House Bill 33, the Village is required to update its Tax Ordinance. Legislation is to be prepared and presented for Council's approval by the end of the year.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit (Mr. Paulus) – met October 24<sup>th</sup> to begin discussion of 2024 employee compensation. Meeting November 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the review of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

- Street & Safety – meeting October 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to review the traffic study for Greenlawn Ave.
- Planning Commission – meeting November 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to review a proposed cement silo installation for Pepcon, continued review of a proposed site plan and storm water design for the Midmark Plant C expansion, review a proposed annexation plat for 10100 Grand Ave., 10060 Grand Ave., and a bare lot at the corner of Grand Ave. and State Route 121.
- Cemetery Board – met October 17<sup>th</sup>. Board members met at the cemetery to discuss plans for the addition of a columbarium, a building designed for the interment of ashes. Next meeting November 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- Tree Commission – met October 20<sup>th</sup> to review bids for the fall tree purchase

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

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

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Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer