

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 Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, Village Attorney Tom Guillozet, Fire Chief Brian Pearson, and Mr. Tanner Bey.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include an addition under Old Business, item 5. B. Second reading of Resolution No. 21-48, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

Mr. Berger 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 September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of October 20, 2021
- Approval of recommendation from Fire Chief Brian Pearson to allow Tanner Bey to be added as a member of the roster of the Versailles Fire Department

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

Mayor Subler recognized Mr. Bey for being the newest volunteer firefighter and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Subler then read a proclamation from the State of Ohio, proclaiming Versailles as Village status within the State of Ohio, based on the 2020 Federal Census results. The proclamation presented to the Village from the Ohio Secretary of State lists Versailles population as 2,692.

Next, members considered a letter sent from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control for the notice of a liquor permit amendment from Renaissance Corp dba Inn At Versailles & Basements. The application is for a change in names of Officers associated with the existing permit. Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271 (B) provides the legislative authority with the right to object to such permits and to request a hearing. Mr. Paulus made a motion to waive the hearing and allow for the liquor permit amendment. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item for public discussion was the item of scheduled November and December Council meetings. Council members reviewed the dates of the last meeting in November and December. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Mr. Berger made a motion to reschedule the November 24th Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 23rd and to keep the scheduled December 22nd Council Meeting as is. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 21-46, an ordinance to amend Section 1413 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Versailles, Ohio by title only a third time, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 21-46 a third time, by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 21-46 as read; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 21-49, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

Moving on to new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 21-50, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-80 the 2021 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency, by title only, a first time. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 21-50 read by title only a second and third time and declared an emergency; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 21-50 by title only, a second and third time. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 21-50 as read; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-51, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection, was read by Village Attorney Guillozet for the first reading, by title only.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-52, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Richland Township for fire protection.

Read for the first reading, by title only, was Resolution No. 21-53, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for fire protection.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-54, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for Emergency Medical Services.

He also read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-55, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with the Village of Russia, Shelby County, Ohio, for Emergency Medical Services.

Resolution No. 21-56, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose was read by title only, a first reading, by Village Attorney Guillozet.

Next was consideration of Resolution No. 21-57, a resolution approving the Darke County Solid Waste Management Plan Update and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 21-57. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to have Resolution No. 21-57 read by title only, a second and third time and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second and third reading. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 21-57 as read, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Busse said that at the recent Tree Commission meeting, quotes from Gehret Nursery, Spencer Landscaping, and A. Brown & Sons Nursery were received for the fall tree purchase program. Gehret provided a quote of total cost with guarantee of \$3,795 for 10 trees with Spencer's quoting \$6,690.75. A. Brown & Sons Nursery quoted a cost with guarantee of \$3,027. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Tree Commission to use A. Brown & Sons Nursery as the fall tree purchase vendor. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Council members discussed a recommendation from the Tree Commission to cut down 60 Bradford Pear trees along Grand Avenue and Woodland Drive that are in conflict with the overhead power lines and then replace the trees over the next couple of years. Assistant Village Administrator Francis gave a presentation to the Tree Commission recommending that they approve the removal of 60 mature Bradford Pear trees along Grand Avenue and a couple along Woodland Drive at Ward Park that have grown up into the overhead power lines. Mr. Francis told the Commission that these trees have become a liability to the electric system and must be either drastically trimmed back or removed entirely. Mr. Francis stated that the cost of removal was approximately \$19,000. The trimming cost was estimated at \$10,000 and the trimming would likely need to be repeated every couple of years for the life of the trees. Mr. Francis contacted Wendy VanBuren, an Arborist at ODNR, to obtain her recommendations. Ms. VanBuren is recommending that we consider adding varieties of Japanese Lilac such as Summer Snow to our approved tree list due to it only growing to a mature height of approximately 20'. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Tree Commission to cut down 60 Bradford Pear trees along Grand Avenue and Woodland Drive and to replace the trees, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Presented was a recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee to outsource the Village's Income Tax collections to the City of St. Marys. The Finance & Audit Committee have met at prior meetings to review and discuss options for Village Income Tax Collection. The recommendation is that Council consider outsourcing the collection of Village Income Tax for a potential savings of \$30,000 or more per year. After discussion, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to outsource the Village's Income Tax collections to the City of St. Marys, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The Street & Safety Committee is making a recommendation to Council to set speed limits on Baker Road, Klipstine Road, Hickey Avenue and Olive Street. A Speed Limit Review and Speed Limit Recommendation was received from Choice One Engineering. The results of their study provided the following analysis:

- Klipstine Road - establish a 35 MPH speed zone from the southern corporation limit to Hickey Avenue.
- Hickey Avenue - establish a 35 MPH speed zone from the southeastern corporation limit to Olive Street.
- Olive Street – establish a 25 MPH speed zone from Hickey Avenue to Main Street.
- Baker Road – establish a 35 MPH speed zone from Jackson Street (SR 185) to Reed Road

Council members discussed the results of the study and inquired if Police Chief Bolin was in approval of the recommendation. Village Administrator Busse stated he would get with Chief Bolin for his input. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Street & Safety Committee to prepare legislation to for the recommended speed limits provided by the study, pending Police Chief Bolin's approval. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Council members discussed the replacement of 500 feet of 10 inch cast iron water line on Franklin Street and Reed Avenue. Village Administrator Busse stated that Tom's Construction has began making repairs to the storm pipe. Upon uncovering the 60-inch pipe it was discovered that approximately

60 feet of the pipe has settled several inches to a foot over time which has caused the 8-foot sections of concrete pipe to separate at the joints. Since this existing 60-inch storm tile is located directly below the new roadway it is critical that we make repairs to it before the new street is constructed. Kyle Francis located the new concrete pipe. The cost of the pipe is \$17,600 dollars. The estimated labor and machine time cost will be around \$13,000, but it depends on how much time it takes to remove the old pipe, properly prepare the bedding for the new pipe, and install the pipe. These sections are approximately 12,000 lbs each. We had the contractor inspect the rest of the 60-inch pipe on this project and it all appears to be in good shape. This area must have been a fill spot that was not properly compacted and settled after the pipe was installed. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the replacement of the 500 feet of 10 inch cast iron water line on Franklin Street and Reed Avenue, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider purchase of property for public use and to consider the sale of property no longer needed for public use, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to negotiate the sale of real estate no longer needed for public use, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The Electric Department has begun putting up the Christmas lights. The painting of the street light poles is underway and will continue as time permits. They look very good. We evaluated current inventories and our electric department O&M funds included in this year's Electric Department budget. We issued POs for order wire, transformers, and transformer tubs for next year's projects. We are being told by our suppliers that the material lead times are approaching 30 weeks on some of these items. We have completed the step and 24-hour testing of Well #11. We are waiting on the test results and expect to apply for a permit to install with the Ohio EPA allowing us to connect this new well to our water plant. The calculated continuous output of this well is approximately 60 GPM. Leaf pickup is under way. The Street Department has completed the installation of the water and sewer taps for the Kyle and Andrea Goubeaux property at 708 Hickey Avenue. 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 Street Department has completed installation of the sunshade at the pool. The Street Department has completed a water service repair at 49 West Main Street. The Street Department has relocated the fire hydrant on Center Street near the CSX railroad crossing to allow for the relocation of a parking lot drive entrance. The Street Department is working on completing asphalt patch repairs at various locations around town. Tom's Construction has begun working on the utilities for Edgewood at Versailles Phase #1. They have the sanitary sewer installed and they have begun working on the water lines at Edgewood at Versailles Phase #1. They hope to have this project ready for paving in November. We received a response back from Loramie Township indicating that effective January 1, 2022, Houston Ambulance District will no longer be contracting with Versailles for EMS service for the area of Loramie Township outside of the Village of Russia. This area will be covered by Spirit Medical Transport via a contract between Spirit and Houston Ambulance District. We are currently having internal discussions about our ability to provide mutual aid for EMS services to adjoining districts. I have asked Mr. Guillozet to do some research on this for us. We received notification that we will not receive CDBG grant funding for the North Central waterline project. With this in mind we plan to revise our Klipstine Road OPWC application for submittal to the small government grant / loan program. We intend to apply for \$249,000 grant and a \$249,000 0% loan. The revised engineers estimate for the project is \$1,100,000.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that a check for \$7,500 was received from Midmark to go towards the painting of the downtown street lamps. She also expressed sympathy to Deb "Bergy" Bergman's family and to Jerry Wilker's family. Bergy and Jerry were members of the Versailles Life Squad, both serving the community over 20 years. Their dedication and compassion is much appreciated and both will be missed.

Police Chief Bolin's September Monthly Activity Report was distributed to Council members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – met October 6th for review and discussion of Village's Tax Department operations. Meeting scheduled November 10, 2021 at 6:15 p.m.
- Street & Safety – met October 6th for the review of speed limit recommendations provided by Choice One Engineering
- Planning Commission – met October 4th to review preliminary design for Edgewood at Versailles Phase II and proposed improvements to Franklin St from Virginia St to the dead-end south including water line replacements.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – met October 11th to review and consider a variance application filed by the Versailles Historical Society. Meeting November 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- Cemetery Board - Meeting November 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board - meeting November 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- Tree Commission – met October 5th for the fall tree purchase program. Meeting November 3, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer