

**Versailles Village Council Meeting
Held at EMS Facility**

October 26, 2022

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, and Mr. Gigandet. Mr. Steinbrunner was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, Police Chief Bolin, Fire Chief Pearson, and Attorney Matthew Pierron. Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird was also in attendance.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add under new business, item 6. G; Consideration of Ordinance No. 22-53, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 21-82 the 2022 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Gigandet 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 12, 2022 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for October 26, 2022
- Approval of recommendation from Fire Chief Brian Pearson to allow Zach Holsapple to be added as a member of the roster of the Versailles Fire Department
- Approval of recommendation from Fire Chief Brian Pearson to allow Evan Keller to be added as a member of the roster of the Versailles Fire Department

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

Members of the Versailles Music Boosters along with parents of students involved in band and choir were in attendance to discuss the Village's policy concerning police, fire, and EMS escorts for students earning state recognition. Mr. Todd Rauh, Music Boosters President, addressed council on behalf of the music program. He informed Council members that the State Band Contest will be held on November 6th and requested to have an escort for the band if they receive a superior rating. Mayor Subler addressed the group stating that the current Village Non-Emergency Escort Policy was written back in 2011. He explained that the policy was established after requests for emergency vehicle escorts became excessive and for several circumstances. Council members established the policy after multiple meetings were held to identify what school organizations should be considered, what level of competition should be earned, and to determine any liability the Village would have should a bus or vehicle following the escort be in an accident. Police Chief Bolin and Fire Chief Pearson both stated they are in support of Council's recommendation and would provide an escort when informed to do so. After further discussion, Council members agreed to re-visit the policy, but discussions and any updates to the policy would not be possible before the November 6th event.

Moving on to old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion for Attorney Pierron to read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 22-44, an ordinance to vacate Subler Street; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 22-44 was read by title only, the third reading. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 22-44; seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the first item of new business, Attorney Pierron read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 22-47, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection.

Attorney Pierron read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 22-48, 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. 22-49, 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.

Also read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 22-50, 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.

Attorney Pierron read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 22-51, 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.

Next was consideration of Ordinance No. 22-52, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 21-82 the 2022 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Attorney Pierron read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-52. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 22-52 read by title only, a second and third time and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read by title only, the second and third reading. Mr. Dammeyer then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 22-52 as read, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was consideration of Ordinance No. 22-53, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 21-82 the 2022 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Attorney Pierron read by title only, he first reading of Ordinance No. 22-53. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 22-53 read by title only, a second and third time and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read by title only, the second and third reading. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 22-53 as read, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: We have completed our application for a CDBG ED grant for the raw water line project and are waiting to hear back from CDBG. We are continuing our project design. We have a progress meeting setup with Brice Schmitmeyer next week to review the project status. We intend to be ready to submit a project PTI application to the Ohio EPA in December. The Street Department is continuing fall leaf pickup as necessary. The Street Department has formed and poured concrete for the transformer pads at the Municipal services facility. The street Department has poured foundations at the cemetery. The Street Department has taken down the batting cages and winterized the park restrooms. We received notification that we were awarded a \$500,000 grant for the North Central Waterline replacement project. Of this grant \$470,000 is usable for the project construction. The balance is to be used for grant administration. We will also be applying for a matching OPWC small government grant/loan for the project. The Electric Department continues to work on the pole relocations along Klipstine Road in preparation for the street reconstruction project. The Electric Department is continuing to put up the Christmas lights. Last Saturday morning we experienced an outage due to a squirrel climbing on our substation power buss and making contact between a power phase and the substation superstructure causing damage to the power buss, insulator and also causing our 69 kV switch to stick closed. Because of this damage, the Village must take a full-system power outage this coming Sunday morning (10/30/2022) starting at 1:00AM. We are posting that the outage will last from 1:00AM to 4:00AM. The purpose of this outage is to perform an inspection and to make repairs to the E. Water St. Substation 69 kV switch. The substation buss was also damaged during the fault. Repairs to the buss were completed this week by Village personnel. The substation 69 kV switch cannot be inspected or worked on without AES dropping power to the entire Village system as there is no other way to isolate the area from their transmission system connection point. Unlike our 12 kV electric distribution system, linemen cannot work on live 69 kV facilities. The Village Electric System is currently being fed from our Greenlawn Substation as we cannot re-energize the E. Water St. substation transformer without this switch in working order. Once repairs are made and the switch is operable once again, we will work during the outage to perform all necessary switching to put the Village system back into normal operation. We are taking the outage at this time to minimize the disturbance to as many customers as possible. There was notice of this pending outage in the Versailles Policy. It will also be advertised on the Village's Facebook page, and several One-Call Notifications will be sent out. Sawvel has completed the review of our Electric Rate PCR. Due to increased power supply costs our electric rates to our customers do not currently cover our costs to purchase the power. Because of this we are currently under collecting at an unsustainable rate. I have attached a copy of Sawvel's formal recommendation for a .02 PCR adjustment to our electric bills beginning with the bills due November 10, 2022. Sawvel will also be completing a formal rate study and will have recommendations to Council for rate adjustments in the first quarter of 2023. Mr. Paulus and I attended the Wayne Township meeting. We discussed EMS finances and future contracts. The Wayne Township Trustees agreed to place an additional 1.75 mill levy on the May ballot for consideration by their voters.

Fiscal Officer Ording distributed the September Fund Report for Council members and the September Report of the Tax Department.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee - meeting November 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- Street & Safety - met October 18th to discuss UTV & ATV use and to continue discussions of parking along S. Olive Street. The Street & Safety Committee is recommending to prepare legislation for UTV & ATV usage within the Village. Mr. Paulus made the motion for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.
- Planning Commission-meeting November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Zoning Appeals - met October 24th to review an application for a variance by Versailles Dental, 420 Marker Road. The Board also discussed the need for a projection into the right of way for new front steps located at 22 S. Center Street Suite A.
- Cemetery Board - met October 18th
- Facilities-meeting November 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village's Town Hall

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.