

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, Village Attorney Tom Guillozet and Police Chief Humphreys. Visitors in attendance were Mrs. Sue Luegers and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Barhorst.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the October 22, 2018 Public Hearing, the October 22, 2018 Regular Meeting, and the October 24, 2018 Special Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of November 14, 2018
- Acceptance of a \$500 anonymous donation through the Dayton Foundation Depository, Inc. for the EMS Fund

Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Dammeyer and Mr. Steinbrunner abstaining from the approval of Minutes from the October 22nd Public Hearing and the October 22nd Regular Meeting. Mr. Dammeyer also abstained from the October 24th Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

For the first item of old business, Resolution No. 18-36; a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection was read for the second reading by title only.

Village Attorney Guillozet then read by title only the second reading of Resolution No. 18-37; a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Richland Township for fire protection.

Read for the second reading by title only was Resolution No. 18-38; 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.

Resolution No. 18-39; a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for Emergency Medical Services was read for the second reading by title only.

Also read for the second reading by title only was Resolution No. 18-40; a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with the Village of Russia, Shelby County, Ohio, for Emergency Medical Services.

Under new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-45, an ordinance establishing the compensation for the Emergency Medical Services Personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

He then read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 18-46, an ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Next Ordinance No. 18-47, an ordinance levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Woodland Drive Reconstruction Phase II project was read for the first reading by title only.

Council then considered Ordinance No. 18-48, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring in emergency. Ordinance No. 18-48 was read by title only a first time. Mr. Beasley made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-48 a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Ordinance No. 18-48 was read a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 18-48, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet then read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 18-49; a Resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

The next item of new business was a motion to approve regular, full-time employment status of Mr. Kaleb Earick with the Village of Versailles. Village Administrator Hale stated that Mr. Earick has successfully completed his six month probationary period as an Electric Lineman I and recommended the full-time appointment. A motion was made by Mr. Paulus to appoint Mr. Kaleb Earick to full-time status; seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the presentation of the Villages 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan for Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was consideration of a recommendation from the Planning Commission to vacate a portion of Vista Drive to allow for the construction of the Midmark R & D Facility. Village Administrator Hale explained that the newly constructed N. West Street extension allows for the vacate. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to vacate a portion of Vista Drive to allow for the construction of the Midmark R & D Facility and for the necessary legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Dammeyer abstaining from vote. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale of real estate owned by the Village in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §122.22(G) (2); seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered into executive Session at 7:17 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:54 p.m. Upon returning from Executive Session, it was reported that no decisions were made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Chief Humphreys was present to discuss with Council succession within the Police Department. He also distributed the October Monthly Activity Report.

Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: With the recent ice buildup on trees the Village received many calls regarding trees within the right of way (ROW) having broken limbs and even damage to personal property such as mailboxes and gutters. It is important for citizens to understand the property owner is responsible for tree clean-up and damage to property. When tree limbs fall into the street, employees do respond to clear the street area, however Village employees are not responsible for clean-up of trees and parts of trees out of the ROW area and the Village is not responsible for property damage. We have now been informed that ODOT has postponed the paving of S. Center Street (from Marker Road to the corporation limits) and E. Main Street until the spring due to the unseasonably cool weather. We have been in discussion with Dick Coffield regarding Veteran banners. As you all know, the Village agreed to allow banners to be hung on banner poles used for seasonal banners for a limited time, certain times of the year. Unfortunately, as more people purchased banners, expectations of how long the banners will be up, and specific request for where banners are hung have become unreasonable. Additionally, there is a waiting list to buy a banner and the Village is being asked to put up banners in residential areas such as Woodland Drive. Dick Coffield said he is getting grief from families that purchased banners and the Village has had complaints regarding why the banners are being taken down at certain times. It seems the families expect the banners up for Memorial Day in May and Veterans Day in November and much of the time in between. Little consideration for the time and cost of Village employees needing to continuously put up and take down banners is being given. Additionally, the Poultry Days committee has purchased their own banners and they are being asked to leave some of their banners down so the Veteran banners can remain up. I believe this put the Poultry Days committee in a difficult situation with the risk of seeming unpatriotic if they would have said they preferred to keep theirs up. Another problem is the banners were sold with no thought of a stop date. Most other towns charge a renewal fee each year, but the Versailles banners were not sold that way. We are also getting complaints that citizens still want to see the different seasonal banners up. Quite frankly it has gotten out of hand and we are working on possible alternatives and a set of specific rules and firm dates for displaying the banners. Not everyone will be happy but we need some firm guidelines put in place. The Village contracted with Foster Tree Service to clear out the saplings currently growing in Swamp Creek. The work has been completed. We have had a request to review the options for providing water to a property owner on Cambridge Drive outside of the Village. At this time, we are still determining if we can provide the service in a cost-effective manner. We have had a request to supply water and sewer to a property north of the corporate limits on Reed Road. We are working with the property owner to determine if we can provide this service in a cost-effective manner. I have received only one quote for the Greenlawn Cemetery maintenance for 2019. Gehret Nursery provided a quote and I will provide this information to Cemetery Board representative, Mike Berger. A ribbon cutting was held on Friday, November 2nd at 1:30 PM at Dr. Steve Ruhenkamp's new optometry office, Versailles Vision, on Marker Road. I have met with Bracket Builders, a company working with Midmark, regarding the vacating of a portion of Jackson Street. At this time, it looks as if they will not be requesting a vacating of any portion of the street. We're having an issue with one light at the Ward Park tennis court. The electric department is checking out all possible causes. I have contacted Doug Schmitmeyer regarding his willingness to allow the Village to have some additional right of way (ROW) on Klipstine Road across from the proposed Rosecomb Subdivision. Doug has been very cooperative and stated he would have no issue providing additional ROW. This will position the Village better for the future when the widening of Klipstine Road becomes necessary. I attended a Wayne Township trustee meeting on November 7th. We will be working with Wayne Township to make some repairs to the Village Hall building. Midmark held a groundbreaking for their new R&D facility on Friday, November 2nd. Mayor Subler, State Representative Steve Huffman, Congressman Warren Davidson, Anne Eiting Klamar, and CEO John Bauman were among the speakers for the event. Construction efforts on the WWTP Sludge Dewatering Project continue. Currently all concrete has been poured and we are ready for the mechanical building to be framed. We are still waiting for Renosys, the company that installed the pool liner to arrive to help the village in late October/early November to assist with installing the new pool cover. I have submitted all reimbursement paperwork for the \$200,000 ODOT grant towards the construction of the N. West Street extension project. I have submitted all

reimbursement paper work for the \$50,000 ODNR Soil and Water conservation grant for the swimming pool liner. I have prepared the paper work for the 2018 Tree City USA award. The Tree Commission will have one additional meeting on November 28th to meet the meeting requirements. Update, AMP had asked to present at the November 28th Council Meeting with regards to a potential behind the meter diesel power generation project at the E. Water St. Substation. However, the Western Area Service Group (WASG) of AMP municipalities, which the Village of Versailles is a member, requested an economic impact evaluation by Sawvel & Associates Engineers and it was determined by the group, based on Sawvel's evaluation, the project is not financially feasible at this point. At this time no WASG communities are willing to participate. I have cancelled the planned presentation to Council for the 28th. We had a flat tire on our leaf vac truck this week and could not get it repaired in a timely manner. This put us about a day behind on leaf collection. We are working to catch up. Christmas light installations have been completed with the exception of putting lights up north of the Veterans memorial bridge. Go Green has begun grinding of compost. The Village received a 2007 Ford SUV from the Darke County Court system. The vehicle is in poor repair and will be sold with the money going to the Police Department. On October 29th we had some minor vandalism in Ward Park. Someone turned over some of the memorial markers at the base of some trees and knocked over the Book Walk stations. It appears no permanent damage was done. The Hometown Christmas event went off with no problems. It was cold and windy, but with the tent for shelter we still had a nice crowd. Information has been forwarded to Hollie Ahrens at the high school regarding the 2018 AMP scholarship program. I have been contacted by Bob Nelson of Berkshire Hathaway Realtors out of Greenville regarding the construction of two single family homes in the Château subdivision by Benanzer Custom homes. Both Benanzer and Bob Nelson joined the Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce so they can schedule a ribbon cutting at those properties. Denlinger Enterprises has supplied me with a Homeowners Association Agreement for the proposed condominium units in the Chateau subdivision. Once I have approved a zoning permit, they will be cleared to move forward with beginning construction. Denlinger would like to break ground within the next two months. Browns Nursery is expected in town sometime within the next week to plant the trees purchased in the annual tree purchase program. Casey's General Store has submitted plans that are being reviewed by Mote and Associates on behalf of the Village. Casey's must first purchase the properties off of the three owners before moving forward.

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 \$13,250.08 with time value spent on referendum related matters at \$2,789.10 as of November 15, 2018.

Village Attorney Guillozet reported that the existing 5 year ½% Income Tax levy will be up for renewal in 2019. In order to prepare the necessary legislation, Mr. Guillozet asked Council for a motion to proceed. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion for Attorney Guillozet to prepare the necessary legislation required by the Darke County Board of Elections to proceed with the renewal of the ½% Income Tax levy, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – met prior to the meeting. Mr. Paulus stated that committee members reviewed the Villages 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan and discussed 2019 employee compensation plans which will both be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Planning Commission – met November 5th for the Denlinger Enterprises subdivide
- Cemetery Board - Next meeting scheduled November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- Park Board - met October 24th and discussed the youth softball/baseball and pickle ball.
- Tree Commission – next meeting scheduled for November 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dammeyer announced that the Bicentennial Committee continues to work on events for the 2019 celebration. Members from the committee will provide Council members with an itinerary and list of expenses as they are finalized. Council Members congratulated the Versailles Volleyball Team on their back to back State Championship win.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer