

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:05 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, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include the following items under public discussion/requests/decisions, item 4. A. Oath of Office for Police Officer Shane Grieves and under new business, item 6.F. Consideration of a motion to approve scheduling of a Public Hearing for the review of a CRA application by Brilliant Beginnings (MASH Investments) for December 21, 2020 at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Paulus 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 November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of November 23, 2020

Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Dammeyer abstaining from vote to approve the minutes from the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 20-63, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose be read a third time, by title only, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, a third time, Resolution No. 20-63. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-63 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to take from the table a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve encroachments of a business sign and entrance steps into the right-of-way on N. Center Street for the Versailles Inn project, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The first item of new business was consideration of Resolution No. 20-65, a resolution declaring it necessary to improve Water and Sewer utilities on Klipstine Road in the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 20-65. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to have Resolution No. 20-65 be read by title only a second and third time and be declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mr. Guillozet read Resolution No. 20-65 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-65 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Busse read to Council members the written recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve encroachments of a new business sign and entrance steps into the right-of-way on N. Center Street for the Versailles Inn project. Council members viewed and discussed drawings and pictures provided by Mr. Busse for the proposed encroachments. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve encroachments of a new business sign and entrance steps into the right-of-way on N. Center Street for the Versailles Inn project, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Dammeyer abstaining from vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the revisions and updates to the Village's Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next up for the discussion was legislation needed to approve an updated Emergency Operations Plan. Council members received the proposed revisions to the current plan. The revisions included updated Village personnel information and updates to the Village's list of businesses. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the updates to the Emergency Operations Plan and to create the necessary legislation, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next under new business was consideration of a motion to accept a negotiated legal settlement concerning current legal action against the Village of Versailles. After nearly 3 years of facing legal challenges by several Versailles citizens, who were intent on slowing down and/or stopping progress in our community, Village Council, seeing the final completion of the Casey's General Store in Versailles, decided it was in the best interest of our citizens to take action to end all future anti-business legal efforts by the opposition and to move forward in the most positive direction available. The new direction avoids further extensive legal costs and further legal risk and court process. Although the Village Council members, in their hearts and minds, found it to be a terrible idea, because the Plaintiffs in the filed cases, although beaten once by a referendum, and again beaten once in court, insisted on continuing their litigation efforts at the trial level and threatening an appellate

process which would continue to be expensive and time consuming. It is the Village's best interests to resolve this matter. Considering all the legal expenses previously incurred or scheduled to be incurred could have been better spent on Village services, including departments such as Fire, Police and EMS, Village Council is now taking the final steps to insure no more taxpayer dollars are wasted on such lawsuits by reluctantly agreeing to a financial settlement. Village Council will continue to be proactive in recruiting businesses to Versailles that provide additional goods and services as well as job opportunities for our citizens and will always seek to take action that benefit our community as a whole. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept a negotiated legal settlement concerning legal action against the Village of Versailles, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for the review of a CRA application by Brilliant Beginnings (MASH Investments) for December 21, 2020 at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion to consider public employee hourly/salary compensation for 2021 and to consider the purchase of property for public use, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Berger made a motion to create legislation for employee hourly/salary compensation for 2021, 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 scheduled a Planning Commission meeting to review the final plat and covenances for the Stone Ridge Subdivision on November 30th, 2020 at 7:00 PM. A public hearing has been set for December 9, 2020 @ 6:55 PM to review the Planning Commission's recommendation to zone recently annexed parcels along Klipstine Road to R-1. Electric personnel have completed the preparation work on the 4kV conversion. The Ward Park lights are now back on. A notice has been placed on the website and was placed in the Policy on November 11th stating that there will be a planned outage for electric customers located in the east central portion of the village on Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM with a rain date of Wednesday, November 25th, 2020 from 8:30 AM-11:30 AM. The outage will affect electric customers as shown on an included map of the village. Customers inside of the shaded area that primarily encompasses the area from S. Center St. to S. Olive St., E. Main St. to just a line just south of Hubert Dr. will be included in the outage. Vaughn Industries is working on connecting the underground at Kamp's Pallets. They hope to complete their work the first week of December. Next week we will be digging in the underground for then new service at King's Command. The new service to the Midmark Plant B expansion is complete. Midmark intends to occupy the new building before the end of the year. Due to employee illness, and electrical problems due to the Inn demolition, the Christmas lights are not yet fully completed. The Electric Department is currently working on repairing the outlets and we plan to complete this work sometime before December 1st. The main downtown area should be ready for the weekend if we can get the outlets repaired in time. We plan to turn on whatever is completed on Friday. I have been corresponding with the summer baseball personnel. We plan to schedule a meeting in early January. Brilliant Beginnings has filed for a CRA agreement for their new building. I have requested that Tom create a draft agreement. I am in the process of sending letters to the two school districts (Versailles and the Career Center) advising them of a public hearing to review the agreement on December 21st at 6:50 PM. I have filed the application to renew Versailles Tree City USA Certification for 2020.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she received notification that the Village of Versailles will be receiving \$75,886 as part of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensations approved \$5 billion dividend to mitigate the financial burden of COVID-19. She also reported that HB 404 was amended to extend the ability of local governments to conduct meetings virtually rather than in person until July 1, 2021.

Village Attorney Guillozet reported that the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the centralized collection of municipal net profits is constitutional due to the General Assembly's authority to restrict municipal income tax. However, the Supreme Court also ruled that it is unconstitutional for the State to charge the 0.5% fee to the municipality to cover the State's administrative cost to operate the central collection scheme.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit - Meeting December 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to review and discuss the 2021 Annual Appropriations and associated transfers.
- Planning Commission – meeting November 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to review the final plat and covenants for Stone Ridge Phase #1.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – met November 23rd for Versailles Inn conditional use and variances applications. Meeting December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- Cemetery Board – met November 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussed urn interment and felt Greenlawn Cemetery did not need special sections for this. Next meeting December 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Paulus reminded Council that he would be absent from the December 9, 2020 meeting.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

---

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

---

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer