

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 Assistant Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, Utilities Superintendent Mumaw, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Guests in attendance were Karla Dieringer, Erin Shaffer, and Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for December 27, 2023
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Gary Condon to the Cemetery Board
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Virginia Moorman to the Shade Tree Commission
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jeff R. Subler to the Planning Commission
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ron Mescher to the Utilities Policies Committee
- Consideration of a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Brad Murphy to the Park Board
- Consideration of a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Mike Henry to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Consideration of a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeff A. Subler to the Planning Commission

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

Mayor Subler presented a plaque to Mr. Beasley recognizing his 8 years of service as a Council member. His dedicated work for the Village is much appreciated and all wished him well.

For the only item scheduled under old business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 23-78, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

The first item of new business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-80, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 22-68, the 2023 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that the ordinance is to increase appropriations for the Police Pension Fund by \$3,000 and Water Fund by \$250,000. \$225,000 was advanced earlier in the year from the General Fund and is to be paid back in 2023. The ordinance also amends the 2023 appropriations by decreasing a total of \$4,210,496. The decrease in appropriations is mostly for the Wellfield Development Fund and the North Central Waterline Fund. Both projects did not get completed in 2023 as previously budgeted. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-80 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-80 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-81, an ordinance providing for the Annual Appropriations for 2024, and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer Ording said that the ordinance provides for appropriations totaling \$23,257,754. The budget was previously presented to the Finance & Audit Committee at the December 13th meeting. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency

measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-81 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Gigandet made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-81, as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 23-82, an ordinance authorizing the transfer of funds to various funds as provided for in the 2024 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, and declaring an emergency was read by title only, the first reading. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that the ordinance provides for a total of \$1,625,990 in transfers from various funds for operations and debt service. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-82 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-82, as read, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 23-83, a resolution approving an updated Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Versailles, Ohio 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 reading, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-83 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-83, as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-84, an ordinance to employ legal representation for the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-84 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 23-84, as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-85, an ordinance revising and adopting an updated hourly employees compensation table for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third reading, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-85 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 23-85, as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Assistant Village Administrator Francis provided information to Council members for proposed property annexations into the Village. He explained that the three annexations are due to the properties being required by the Darke County Health Department to connect to a central sanitary sewer collection system with the Village system, being their only option for connection. Per Village Ordinance No. 17-20, properties are required to agree to annexation into the Village corporation limits in order to connect to the Village's sanitary sewer system which also requires connection to the water distribution system. Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize incoming Village Administrator Francis to execute an Annexation Agreement with Nicholas M. Nolte, Timri R. Nolte, Alex J. Cox, and Malorie A. Cox and an Annexation Agreement with James F. Monnier and Donna J. Monnier, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Beasley made a motion to designate incoming Village Administrator Kyle Francis as the Village's representative on the Darke County CIC Board, effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to designate incoming Village Administrator Kyle Francis as the Village's representative on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC), effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to authorize the administration of the Village of Versailles for the expenditure of \$500 in recognition of a public official, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee(s), seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 8:27 p.m.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to negotiate an offer for employment, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mr. Francis distributed his Assistant Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Operators and administration continue to monitor and manage the ongoing tight water supply situation for the Village. Customer water consumption increased sharply last week. This resulted in the Village having to haul approximately 208,000 gallons of bulk water from the City of Piqua Water Plant to our water plant to make up for a shortfall in production due to our wells not being able to keep up due to the depleted aquifer. We have been in constant contact with all of our larger water customers in addition to monitoring our AMI water meter usage information to look for any potential leaks on the customer side of each service that can be corrected. Significant rainfall and eventual snow melt is needed to bring the aquifer back into normal range. Shinn Bros., Inc. began working last week Wednesday on locating utilities in advance of their pipe installations on Phase II of the Raw Water Project. The Phase II portion of the project is from the Village's north corporation limit to the Reed Rd. wellfield site. Shinn Bros. is planning to start pipe installations this week, weather depending. Shinn Bros. began work on the construction of the new Ward Park Swimming Pool Filtration System project on Dec. 18th. Village personnel removed all of the existing filtration equipment in advance, with Shinn Bros. removing the necessary fence and installing the foundation for the building last week. The closing for the sale of the Village's 69 kV transmission system components to AMP Transmission was completed on Thursday, Dec. 21st. AMP is requesting a meeting with Village staff in the coming weeks to discuss operations and maintenance topics. On Dec. 15th at approximately 11:00AM, an excavator owned by Bruns Building & Development came into contact with an overhead primary electric conductor behind the Village's Fire/EMS Station at 320 Baker Rd. Bruns was performing site work construction for Midmark at the time. This contact resulted in the Circuit #5 recloser locking out at the East Water Street Substation. No injuries to any personnel took place. Luckily, the Circuit #5 recloser was in a special setting that morning as Village linemen were out working on Circuit #5 on Reed Rd. This prevented it from resetting and re-energizing three times before locking out which would have likely caused more damage, extended the outage time, and presented a major safety risk to the excavator operator. The contact resulted in an approximate 50-minute outage while Village linemen made repairs to the damaged overhead conductor. This outage involved all of the major industrial customers on the north side of the Village, in addition to customers northwest and north of the Village. The Fire/EMS Station South Generator control panel has failed. We feel that the control panel failure is linked to the overhead line damaged behind the station on Dec. 15th. The transfer switch during the outage would not engage due to the failed control panel resulting in the station overhead vehicle doors not having available power for their openers. We had Buschur Electric come out and evaluate the situation and made us aware of the control panel issue and that it would need to be replaced. This unit already has a damaged fly wheel. We are evaluating right now if we can connect both building transfer switches to the north operable generator and retire the south generator entirely. We have had nothing but problems for some time with the south unit. We have also had issues with the north, but not nearly to the level that we have had on the south. The manufacturer of the generators has gone out of business and there are no OEM parts available for either unit. In checking on the electric usage history for the past three years, one generator can handle the entire building load without any issue and still have two times spare capacity based on the 130-kW rating of just one of the generators. Electric Dept. personnel completed the final installation of the last two new primary conductors on the rebuilt overhead pole line between Murphy Rd. and the Pitsenbarger Rd. curve Dec. 14th and 15th. Linemen will be performing the final tie-in's on these conductors over the next week or so. In addition, they have begun installing the new neutral wire on the new three-phase electric extension from Pitsenbarger Rd. to the new wellfield along Reed Rd. The underground electric conduit crossings on Reed Rd. are nearly complete with just one crossing left for Ruhenkamp Boring. The Street Dept. has begun installation of a new 18" storm sewer main along Baker Rd. near the Vista Dr. intersection to alleviate this historically flood-prone area during heavy rain events. A security fence has been installed around both new

wellheads by Western Ohio Fence Supply at both new water production wells on Reed Rd. Street Dept. personnel and Ruhenkamp Boring installed a new 2" water service for Weaver Bros. near their truck shop/grain elevator on E. Main St. This new service is to provide better water access for their biosecurity needs for their operations. The new park swings have been installed by the Street Dept. in Ward Park. Donation plaques will be installed this week for the Karen M. Wietholter family (in memory of Karen M. Wietholter), Lester Kueterman (in memory of Colette Kueterman), and Pohl Transportation, Inc. who helped contribute towards the swing replacement project. Leaf collection concluded for the year on Dec. 8th. For fall 2023, the Village collected 1,330 cubic yards of leaves with the leaf vac unit, totaling 167.50 man hours. Electric Foreman Riley will be coordinating with Midmark Corporation in the month of January for the final outage(s) needed to complete the relocation of the existing overhead power lines along Greenlawn Ave. in front of their property to underground. This project is wrapping up with some final critical connection work needed that can only take place during an outage during the weekend hours. Flashing 25 MPH speed limit signs have been ordered for Greenlawn Ave. between N. West St. and N. Center St. The intent of these installations is to bring greater attention to the posted speed limit on this segment of roadway based on recent neighbor comments regarding vehicle speed in the area.

Fiscal Officer Ordning distributed the November Fund Report for Council and the November Income Tax Report.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission – meeting January 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – meeting January 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Cemetery Board – met December 19th. Meeting January 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board – meeting December 28, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
- Tree Commission – met December 15th

Mayor Subler reported that pursuant to an agreement between the Village Council and the Versailles Bicentennial Book Committee, the following should be noted: A Certificate of Deposit from monies received on March 7, 1977 in the original amount of \$100 (plus accrued interest earned of \$382.25) from the members of the Versailles Bicentennial Book Committee to be given as a legacy from the citizens of the past to the citizens of Versailles in 2077 to be used at that time for charitable purposes or projects for the benefit of the Community is being held within the Village Treasury. As he ended his 19 years of committed service as Mayor for the Village of Versailles, he extended his thanks to everyone. He said he felt good about leaving and knows the Village is in good hands.

Mr. Griesdorn reported that he attended the 8th grade civics class.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ordning, Fiscal Officer