

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

**December 30, 2023**

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 10:00 a.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, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

Under new business, Council members considered a motion to authorize the incoming Village Administrator to enter into a sales agreement for the purchase of a vehicle. Mr. Francis started the meeting by updating Council members of the ongoing Village water conditions. He explained that water production wells are running longer, but coming up short. Operators have been trying to fill the towers for storage and fire protection. Due to the low incoming water output from the wells, the decision was made to, once again, haul in bulk water from Piqua. It took some time to find availability for milk haulers to work for us on a short notice. We were able to get Norris Trucking out of Wapakoneta to assist us as Bohman Trucking nor Larger Bros had anyone available to run the loads for us. The Village spent more than \$15,000 over three days in hauling bulk water to town. With the continued lack of significant rainfall and snow melt, the need for future water purchases is imminent. Unfortunately, there are such limited options for hauling and the cost to haul the water is not sustainable. Mr. Francis said he began conversations with Steve Bohman of Bohman Trucking about the Village's need for haulers. Mr. Bohman explained that the issue of lining up tankers is difficult as they have contracts to haul milk. The availability of spare drivers and equipment is very limited. In further discussions, Mr. Bohman said he would be open to selling a semi tractor and tanker with an agreement that he would purchase the same tractor and trailer back once the Village's new well field and raw water line is up and running. Mr. Francis said he consulted with Village Attorney Guillozet. Attorney Guillozet said he could draft a sales agreement that both parties would be agreeable to. Mr. Francis said that the Village would continue to haul bulk water from the City of Piqua until raw water could be sourced from the new well field. There is still some work needed at the new well field with controls and electrical in order to produce water from the site. Efforts will be made to expedite the work that is needed. Mr. Francis also informed Council members that he contacted our Ohio EPA representative and he stated that the Village is permitted to haul bulk water from other municipalities in addition to using raw water from our new well field as it was all previously approved by Ohio EPA. Fiscal Officer Ording informed Council members that the 2023 appropriations would allow for the purchase of the vehicle. Mr. Gigandet made a motion to authorize incoming Village Administrator Francis to enter into a sales agreement for the purchase of a tractor and trailer, not to exceed \$80,000, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

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Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer