

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Mr. Paulus was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Hale, and Fiscal Officer Ording. Attorney Matt Pierron was present in the absence of Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the November 26, 2019 Public Hearing and the November 26, 2019 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of December 11, 2019
- Approval of a recommendation from EMS Administrator Matt Harvey to appoint James Sager III as part-time EMT for the Versailles EMS

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

Mr. Larry Holmes was present to speak about his candidacy for Darke County Commissioner. He stated that he will run as a Republican for the seat that will begin a four-year term in 2021. He explained that he was ready in his career to give back to the community. He has served on many boards to include the Greenville City School Board which he served for 12 years. He stated his strengths include 40 plus years in finance. He currently is the vice-president of finance and treasurer for Fort Recovery Industries. He and his wife live in Greenville.

Next, Council members reviewed the Rules of Council to discuss any potential changes to the Rules of Council for 2020. With Attorney Guillozet absent, Mayor Subler requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Under old business, Attorney Pierron read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 19-58, an ordinance adopting a new Shade Tree Ordinance for the Village of Versailles.

Moving on to new business, Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-60, an ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Utilities Administrative Assistant and declaring an emergency. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-60 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-60; a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-60; as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron then read Ordinance No. 19-61, an ordinance to establish the salary and benefits for the Police Chief and declaring an emergency. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-61 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron then read Ordinance No. 19-61 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-61 as read, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-62, an ordinance approving a contract for employment between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Kathy Ording, as Village Fiscal Officer for the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-62 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-62 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Berger made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-62 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-63, an ordinance to establish the salary and benefits for the Emergency Medical Services Administrator/Paramedic, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Berger made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-63 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-63 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-63 as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-64, an ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Tax Administrator/Administrative Assistant, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-64 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron then read Ordinance No. 19-64 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Berger made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-64 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 19-65, an ordinance to establish an updated Hourly Employees Compensation Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to read Ordinance No. 19-65 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas.

Motion carried. Attorney Pierron then read Ordinance No. 19-65 second and third time by title only. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 19-65 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-66, an ordinance establishing compensation for the Mayor and Council members.

Resolution No. 19-67, a resolution to authorize the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Ohio Water/Wasterwater Agency Response Network and declaring an emergency was read by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to read Resolution No. 19-67 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 19-67 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 19-67 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was Ordinance No 19-68, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 18-63, the 2019 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Ordinance No 19-68 was read by title only for the first reading. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to have Ordinance No 19-68 read a second and third time, by title only and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No 19-68 was read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept Ordinance No 19-68 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read by title only, Resolution No. 19-69, a resolution authorizing the Village of Versailles to authorize the investment of interim deposits with the State of Ohio Star Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to read Resolution No. 19-69 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 19-69 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to accept Resolution No. 19-69 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the final item of new business, Council members discussed the Village's 2020 pledge to the Darke County Economic Development Partnering for Progress Program. Mr. Berger made a motion to pledge \$12,000 for the 2020 year, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Berger made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Subler stated no decisions were made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Subler reported that the Police Department is looking to sell the 2012 Dodge Charger. Chief Humphreys has received a trade in value from Lebanon Ford. The trade in would require the Village to strip down to the vehicle of lights, equipment, and striping. Council discussed the possibility of putting the vehicle for sale on GovDeals. Another possibility would be to sell the cruiser directly to another police department. Mayor Subler said he would get with the Chief to explore other options.

Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: As I mentioned previously, I have met with representatives from NK Telco regarding the prospects for the company to supply cable and or internet services to Village residents. I have since received word that they are definitely interested in expanding into Versailles as soon as possible. I will be working with NK Telco to create a list of potential business customers to help support the residential customer build out. The petition for annexation has been approved and returned to us from the Darke County Commissioners. For the Great Ohio Bike Adventure (GOBA) coming to Versailles in June 2020, it is likely we will be looking for an organization to taxi bike riders from Versailles to Greenville to lodge for the evening. While we do not have an exact count, it is estimated that probably 30 to 40 riders will need transportation to Greenville. All of the riders do not have to be transported in one trip. If an organization is interested in transporting riders for a fundraiser, they should contact me at the Village Administrative Office. I have been told by GOBA officials a typical charge would be \$15 per rider. Premier, a contractor of Vectren, is still completing the boring of a natural gas line under Swamp Creek next to the N. West Street Bridge. It is unknown how much longer they will be working in the area. The keg cooler has been removed from the new municipal building. Additionally, a wall at the front of the east bay has been removed along with some small office and closet space dividing walls being removed. We are happy with how the removal of the keg cooler was completed. Originally, we had some concerns regarding how the floor would look after the removal due to concrete around the lower edge. I have completed a draft Emergency Storm Tree Response Plan. I will provide the finished draft to the Tree Commission in January 2020. Representatives from Eagon & Associates were onsite last week to stake two proposed locations to perform test boring for a potential new well. They staked two areas and will be speaking with the Southwest OEPA to see if they would grant a variance to allow us to drill approximately 200 feet from the CSX railroad just on the south side of the embankment. They have informed us that according to the existing well drilling information the area further away from Swamp Creek has better sand/gravel formation which typically equates to more extractable water. Numerous items are currently listed on GovDeals.com for auction including the 2000 Vermeer Trencher from the Electric Department and several tools that were part of a Darke County court case that authorized us to sell the tools with all money from the sales to the general fund. Additional items to be auctioned on GovDeals

soon will be a cardboard compactor currently in the street garage and the refrigeration units that have been removed from the new municipal building. Jeff Kremer with Kremer Roofing provided an inspection of the new municipal building and he has informed us that the roof panels look good with no rust concerns present. He did state that several of the roof penetrations for louvers and vents will need attention with regards to flashing improvements and sealing. He provided a quote of \$3,550.00 to make all of the necessary repairs. Kip Wright, out of Mercer County, helped complete the confidential income surveys in the north area of town. We did meet our goal necessary to apply for grant funding. We will now determine project priority in the area.

Chief Humphreys November Monthly Activity Report was distributed to Council members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – met December 11th prior to the meeting to review and approve the 2020 budget
- Cemetery Board – Meeting December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- Records Commission – meeting December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ordning, Fiscal Officer