

Mayor Subler called the Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Berger, Mr. Dammeyer, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Mr. Beasley was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ordning, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to include item 6. I. under new business; consideration of Resolution No. 20-83, a resolution approving a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, the Versailles Exempted Village Schools Board of Education, and MASH Investments, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Griesdorn 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 December 9, 2020 Public Hearing and the December 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of December 21, 2020
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jeffrey R. Subler to the Planning Commission.
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. Ted Baltes to the Park Board
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Virginia Moorman to the Tree Commission.
- Consideration of a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Ron Mescher to the Utilities Policies Committee

Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under public discussion/requests/decisions, Mayor Subler stated that each year, the Rules of Council are reviewed for any changes or updates. Council members agreed to keep the Rules of Council the same with no changes for 2021. The item will be presented for vote at the next meeting. Mayor Subler also stated that he will make no changes to the 2021 Standing Committees. They will remain the same as 2020.

Council continued discussion of the Retire-Rehire Policy for the Village. Village Administrator Busse presented to Council policies of various Village's. He explained that some Village's do not allow for retire/rehire while others are looking into it. After discussion, it was recommended that the Personnel & Policies Committee set a meeting in the near future to further discuss the pros/cons of retire/rehire for the Village.

The first item of new business Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-76, an ordinance to employ legal representation for the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 20-76 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. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 20-76 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-76 as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-77, an ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Village Attorney Guillozet then read, by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 20-78, a resolution authorizing the use of funds from the Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund for covering public safety employee's payroll and benefits and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 20-78 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 20-78; a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-78; as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-79, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 19-70, The 2020 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 20-79 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 20-79 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-79 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was Ordinance No. 20-80, an ordinance providing for the Annual Appropriations for 2021 and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-80. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 20-80 by title only, a second and third time and declared an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 20-80 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-80 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-81, an ordinance authorizing the transfer of funds as provided in the 2021 Annual Appropriations Ordinance and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 20-81 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 20-81 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-81 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next under new business was consideration of Resolution No. 20-82, a resolution approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio and MASH Investments, LLC and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 20-82. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 20-82 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. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 20-82 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-82 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner to authorize the Village Administrator to purchase \$22,545.63 in water line materials for the Klipstine Road Project. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The last item of new business was consideration of Resolution No. 20-83, a resolution approving a Community Reinvestment Area Compensation Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, the Versailles Exempted Village Schools Board of Education, and MASH Investments, LLC and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, a first reading of Resolution No. 20-83. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 20-83 by title only a second and third time and declare it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 20-83 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-83 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all scheduled business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes, to consider the purchase of land for public use, and discussion pursuant ORC 121.22(G) to consider the compensation of a public employee. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Members returned from Executive Session at 8:52 p.m.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Real Estate Purchase Option Agreement, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to have test wells conducted at the real estate site, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Lastly, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorizing the hiring of a Police Chief and for the legislation to be created, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. 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: Letters were mailed out to the effected Klipstine Road property owners informing them that the utility improvement project is about to begin. Included in these letters were estimates of the property owners proposed assessments. The phone and cable TV lines and Village utility poles on the west side are in the process of being relocated. Shinn Brothers is expected to begin work on the sanitary and storm sewer improvements the third week of January. The Virginia Street project was bid on 12/17/2020. We are currently reviewing the bids. The apparent low bidder is M&T Excavating \$1,007,883.91. The second lowest bidder is Tom's Construction \$1,042,455.00. We will have a recommendation to award the project at the January 13, 2021 meeting. I am proposing that we begin monthly billing for water and sewer services effective with the February 2021 utility bills which are due March 10, 2021. This recommended change to monthly billing will also include the elimination of the 300 cubic foot per quarter credit. No additional rate increase is proposed at this time. This will allow for our customers to have a more even monthly bill rate instead of the quarterly utility bills being much larger. I am recommending that Council have the 1st reading on Ordinance 20-77 adjusting the rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio. I am also recommending that Council pass this legislation by emergency at the third reading on January 27th to allow the ordinance to take effect immediately upon passage. The replacement fire hydrant has arrived for the corner of Main and West Streets. We will get it installed ASAP. We are still waiting for the parts to repair the stop light at the intersection of West Street and E. Main Street. Sidney Fire Department has

agreed to service the west side of Loramie Township and the balance of the Houston Ambulance district for a 6-month period. The district is currently discussing options to secure additional funding.

Fiscal Officer Ording provided Council members with the November Fund Report for Council and the Monthly Revenue Summary. Income Tax collections through November are down \$27,109.17 from this time in 2019. With payroll tax withholdings up from last year, it is estimated that the final 2020 tax collections be comparable to 2019. She stated that the Coronavirus money and the refunds from the Ohio BWC have helped tremendously to offset the loss of interest income and income tax collections.

Attorney Guillozet reported that on December 15th, dismissals for the legal suits filed against the Village of Versailles were filed with the court.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Cemetery Board – Met on December 15th. Mr. Berger reported that the Board is implementing a new policy to not accept monuments being purchased and delivered to the cemetery through internet sites. He explained that monuments ordered through websites are being delivered to the cemetery. The monuments then need to have foundations poured and be set. The Village cannot provide the labor and cost for setting the monuments. The Village also cannot be held liable for monuments that are damaged when delivered. The policy is for monuments to be ordered and delivered by actual monument businesses.

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 9:30 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer