

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 Village Administrator Busse, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Guillozet. Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird was also in attendance.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add under new business, item 6. D. Consideration of a motion to approve regular, full-time employment status of Mr. Shane Weaver as a Utility Craftsman with the successful completion of the six-month probationary period. He also requested that under the consent agenda, the revised minutes from the January 25th meeting be approved.

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

- Approval of the Agenda as amended
- Approval of revised Minutes from the January 25, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for February 8, 2023

Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Dammeyer abstaining from vote of the minutes. Motion carried.

Mayor Subler proudly proclaimed February 18 through 25, 2023 as FFA Week in the Village of Versailles. He commended the Versailles chapter as being one of the best in the nation.

For the first item of old business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 23-02, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

Village Attorney Guillozet then read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 23-03, a resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2023 Street Maintenance Project, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 23-03 read by title only a third time and declared an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 23-03 a third time, by title only. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-03, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The first item of new business was consideration of Ordinance No. 23-04, an ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Village Attorney Guillozet read, by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-04. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 23-04 read a second and third time, by title only and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Dammeyer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-04 was read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Gigandet then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 23-04 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. 23-05, an ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms and tap-in fees for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

As required, Mr. Beasley made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for the presentation of an application for Current Agricultural Use Valuation for 1 parcel of land owned by Rapid Real Estate LLC for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 beginning at 6:55 p.m., Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Busse then informed Council members that Shane Weaver has successfully completed his six-month probation period with the Village. He said that he is a great worker for the Village and recommends full-time status. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve regular, full-time employment status of Mr. Shane Weaver as a Utility Craftsman with the successful completion of the six-month probationary period, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the lease of public property, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:20 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mayor Subler stated that no decisions had been made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports Mayor Subler congratulated Mr. Bill Roll for being named the Versailles Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The Street Department is currently working on painting the park merry-go-round and then will move to painting the downtown trash cans. They are completing our annual sewer jetting program. We are also working on TV-ing some concerning areas of the sewer collection system. Electric line clearance trimming has begun and is expected to be completed before the end of the month. We anticipate Street R/W clearing to begin soon. Comments on the PTI for the well field and raw water line are expected to be received by February 15th. Once we obtain approval, we will begin work installing water line and conduit through the fields. We have a meeting with Brice Schmitmeyer and Susan Laux on Thursday to continue to explore financing for the project. (EPA/OWDA/Local funding). We have compiled the documentation and exhibits for the individual property owner's sidewalk and curb assessments. Letters will go out this week to residents along the project area informing them of a public meeting to discuss the Klipstine Road project and assessments on March 15th, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Fire Department. The Electric Department continues to work on the pole relocations along Klipstine Road in preparation for the street reconstruction project. We anticipate this to be completed within the next 7 days. The work on the school electric relocation project is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks. We drafted an agreement with the contractor spelling out that the Village is recommending they not begin digging footers until the electric is relocated. The contractor's schedule dictates that they start footers as soon as the weather allows regardless of the electric relocation status. We will not begin our work until the agreement is fully executed. The Electric department is working on taking down the Christmas lights and putting them away for the season. We have 90 % of the water meter radios installed. We anticipate the radio installation to be completed by the end of March. The office staff has been using the new software's enhanced capabilities to detect high customer usage and continuous water flow events allowing us to inform our customers of water usage they may not be aware of. These notifications have been very well received. Darke County will be working with Ohio State University to update the County's Comprehensive plan. I have been in discussion with the Commissioners about this for several months. We hope to partner with them on a County-wide plan that includes Greenville, Versailles, and all the other Municipalities and Townships. I am requesting that all Council members compile an updated list of 5, 10, 15, and 20 year goals for Versailles and send them to me so we can incorporate them into the updated plan. The more specific these goals are, the better. We will then use this information to communicate with the County and Ohio State as we move forward. We have begun advertising for seasonal maintenance positions. We have historically just obtained quotes for the Greenlawn Cemetery Landscape Maintenance. With the rising cost of care to the Greenlawn Cemetery approaching \$50,000 annually, it's a recommendation to authorize the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2023 Cemetery landscape maintenance. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2023 Cemetery landscape maintenance, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Ording distributed the December 2022 Fund Report for Council and Report of Income Tax Collections.

Police Chief Bolin's 2022 Annual Report and January Monthly Activity Report were distributed to Council members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee - meeting February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission – met February 6th to present proposed draft language to the Commission concerning downtown parking regulations. The Commission has issued a written recommendation to the Village Council to consider the amendment of zoning text. I am recommending that Council schedule a public hearing on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:45 PM to consider the recommendation from the Planning Commission for proposed text amendments to sections 901 & 902 of the Versailles Zoning Code. Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to approve the scheduling of a Public Hearing for the recommendation of the Planning Commission for proposed text amendments to sections 901 & 902 of the Versailles Zoning Code, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Board – meeting February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- Park Board – meeting February 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dammeyer announced that he would be absent from the February 22nd meetings.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.