

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, and Mr. Gigandet. Mr. Dammeyer was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Busse, Assistant Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, Police Chief Bolin, Fire Chief Pearson, and Village Attorney Guillozet. Mr. Chris Borchers was in attendance along with Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird.

Mayor Subler requested that the agenda be amended to add under public discussion/requests/decisions, item 4. A. Fire Chief Pearson present to discuss train/railroad safety. He also requested to add under new business, item 6. F. Consideration of Resolution No. 23-11, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract addendum for disposal services with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Item 6. G. Consideration of a motion to award a bid for the 2023 Street Maintenance project and Item 6. H. Consideration of a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Cameron Brunswick effective March 7, 2023. Lastly, he requested item 7. C. Discussion pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) to consider employment of a public employee be added under executive session.

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 Minutes from the February 22, 2023 Public Hearing and February 22, 2023 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for March 8, 2023

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

Fire Chief Pearson was in attendance to provide information concerning train/railroad safety and awareness. Since the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, railroad transportation companies have increased their efforts in providing communities with emergency preparedness. CSX has provided information about the types and amounts of hazardous materials were transported through the Village and Darke County in 2022. They have also provided a Community Awareness Emergency Planning Guide to assist local emergency responders with their efforts to plan for and respond to incidents involving railroad property or equipment. Chief Pearson recommended that first responders and Village personnel utilize the free study for emergency preparedness in the event of an incident. Chief Pearson also reported that the Ohio Task Force has been working over the past couple of years in reviewing the many issues affecting the volunteer fire service in Ohio. Chief Pearson anticipates state assistance in recruitment and retention efforts, training, and funding. Lastly, Chief Pearson informed Council members that the Darke County Association of Fire Chiefs is looking to construct a regional fire training facility. The fire training facility would provide a safe, effective environment for fire training for the 21 member departments in Darke County. The DCAFC has a revenue stream to maintain and operate the facility, but are seeking the capital to build it. Donations are being accepted for the success of the Chiefs' Campaign for the Darke County Regional Fire Training Facility.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have 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 be read by title only a third time, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 23-05. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 23-05, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 23-08, a resolution approving the Agricultural District Application of Rapid Real Estate, LLC and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 23-08 be read by title only, the second and third reading. Mr. Beasley seconded. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-08 was then read by Attorney Guillozet, a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 23-08 as read, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 23-09, a resolution declaring it necessary to improve Klipstine Road from Hickey Avenue to the South Village Corporation limit in the Village of Versailles, Ohio by reconstructing the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 23-09 be read a second and third time, by title only and declared an emergency, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-09 was read by title only a second and third time. Mr. Gigandet then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 23-09 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 23-10, an ordinance approving the execution of an Efficiency Smart Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. by title only, for the first reading.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve scheduling of a Public Hearing for the review of a CRA application by Midmark for Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

As required, Mr. Griesdorn 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 Michael Schmitmeyer for Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Gigandet seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read the first reading, by title only, Resolution No. 23-11, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract addendum for disposal services with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 23-11 be read a second and third time, by title only, and declared an emergency. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 23-11 was read a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Resolution No. 23-11 and it be declared an emergency; seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, members reviewed the bid tabulations provided by Access Engineering Solutions for the 2023 Street Maintenance Project. The Engineer's Estimate for the base project was \$215,000.00. The streets scheduled for resurfacing include: Pearl Street from Ward Street to Wood Street, Second Street from Wood Street to the railroad, Ward Street from Franklin Street to Center Street, Degas Lane/Reed Avenue from end to end, and Williamson Street from Fairview to Ward Street. Three bids were received for the project:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Buehler Asphalt Paving, Inc.	St. Marys, OH	\$168,675.00
Walls Bros Asphalt Co. Inc.	Greenville, OH	\$187,000.00
Wagner Paving, Inc.	Laura, OH	\$196,885.00

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to award the 2023 Street Maintenance Project to Buehler Asphalt Paving, Inc. of St. Marys, OH for \$168,675; seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Cameron Brunswick, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session for three items: Conference with an attorney concerning pending legal action, discussion pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) to consider compensation of a public employee, and discussion pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) to consider employment of a public employee, seconded by Mr. Gigandet. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 8:36 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mr. Paulus made a motion to allow Police Chief Bolin to make an offer of employment, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Busse distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Utility Superintendent Mumaw has a listing for the proposed areas to be crack sealed this year. This area is approximately 2.59 miles at an approximate budgeted cost of \$11,000. Assistant Village Administrator Francis has included a memo to Council proposing to adjust the start time for field personnel up ½ hour to begin their work day at 7:00 AM instead of the current 7:30 AM start time. This will allow for more efficient use of personnel and should not result in any additional overtime cost for the village. We have compiled the documentation and exhibits for the individual property owner's sidewalk and curb assessments. Letters were mailed out 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. We have a Klipstine Road pre construction meeting with the contractor, Tom's Construction, set for Thursday, March 9th at 2 p.m. Shinn Brothers along with Street Department personnel are making emergency repairs to a sanitary sewer main that runs east and west in the alley between Olive and Monument Streets. The old clay main, which is 12 feet deep, broke down allowing gravel and dirt to fall into the sewer main. Notification was received from Josh Felix of Palmer Energy concerning gas aggregation prices. The prices are favorable and currently lower than the current rate of \$0.757 per CFF which is fixed through the September 2023 billing period. The current contract is a 12-month contract with hopes of the gas prices moderating. I am asking council to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a new gas aggregation contract if favorable gas prices are available. We received notification of an increase to our tipping fees for solid waste for April 2023 through March 2026. Recycling tipping fees will remain the same during this period. Because of these increased tipping fees and the continued high cost of diesel fuel, we will need to review our trash service rates and make recommendations to Council for adjustments. The trash tonnage in 2022 was 1,439.11 tons. The work on the school electric relocation project is complete.

The Electric Department continues to install the LED street light conversions. They currently have the downtown completed from the Buckeye Building to Steffen Street. They will begin working on the 3-phase upgrade on Reed Road next week. We hope to have this completed by the end of July.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission – met March 6th – reviewed a proposed site plan for Precision Fab Products to construct an 8,000 sq ft warehouse, reviewed a proposed site plan for Versailles Trackside Storage to add two hoop buildings and 5 shipping containers, discussed the progress of pending annexations along Reed Road near Baker Road. Mr. Busse also reviewed letters that the Darke County Health Dept issued to three property owners adjacent to the Village.
- Board of Zoning Appeals – meeting March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to consider: a variance application filed by Brian and Amy Wagner, 532 Park Blvd. to request a variance to construct a garage addition 2.5 feet from the west property line where Versailles zoning regulations require an eight-foot setback, to consider a variance application filed by Kenneth Schilling, 641 Washington Street is requesting a variance to place a moveable accessory building adjacent to the east property line where Versailles zoning regulations require a six-foot setback, and to consider a variance application filed by Tim and Peg Summer, 504 East Ward Street is requesting a variance to construct a garage addition 1 foot from the west (Williamson Street) property line and 6 feet from the south property line where Versailles zoning regulations require a twenty-five-foot setback. Also, conditional use review will be for Precision Fab Products and for Versailles Trackside Storage.

- Cemetery Board – meeting March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. At the February meeting, the Board established no burials will be held on Sundays or Holidays.
- Tree Commission – tree lottery applications are being accepted.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer