

**Versailles Village Council Meeting  
Held at Community Room**

**January 10, 2018**

Prior to the meeting oaths of office were administered by Mayor Subler to newly elected Councilors, Mike Berger, Kent Paulus, Cory Griesdorn, and Lance Steinbrunner.

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

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

Mr. Berger made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Payment of the List of Bills Submitted for January 10, 2018
- Consideration of a motion to approve the reappointment of Billie Platfoot to the Income Tax Review Board
- Approval of recommendation from EMS Administrator Matt Harvey to appoint Kasey Gigandet as a trainee for Versailles EMS.
- Approval of recommendation from EMS Administrator Matt Harvey to appoint Andrea Arthur as a trainee for Versailles EMS

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

Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. Mr. Berger seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Paulus: yea; Mr. Berger: yea; Mr. Dammeyer: yea; Mr. Beasley: yea; Mr. Griesdorn: abstain; Mr. Steinbrunner: abstain.

Mr. Paulus then made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Paulus: yea; Mr. Beasley: yea; Mr. Berger: yea; Mr. Dammeyer: yea; Mr. Griesdorn: abstain; Mr. Steinbrunner: abstain.

Under public discussion, Mr. Dammeyer made a motion to appoint Kent Paulus as Council President Pro-Tempore, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: Mr. Dammeyer: yea; Mr. Beasley: yea; Mr. Paulus; abstain; Mr. Berger: yea; Mr. Griesdorn: yea; Mr. Steinbrunner: yea.

Mayor Subler then announced the following committee appointments for 2018:

Facilities Committee	<b>Jeff Beasley - Chair</b> Cory Griesdorn Kent Paulus
Finance & Audit	<b>Kent Paulus - Chair</b> Jeff Beasley Lance Steinbrunner
Park Board	<b>Todd Dammeyer -Rep</b> Cory Griesdorn – Alt.
Personnel & Policies	<b>Todd Dammeyer- Chair</b> Lance Steinbrunner Kent Paulus
Planning Commission	<b>Jeff Beasley - Rep</b> Lance Steinbrunner - Alt.
Tree Commission	<b>Mike Berger - Rep</b> Cory Griesdorn - Alt.
Street & Safety	<b>Mike Berger - Chair</b> Cory Griesdorn Jeff Beasley
Cemetery Board	<b>Mike Berger - Rep</b>

Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve the existing Rules of Council for 2018 with no changes, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 17-38; an Ordinance authorizing limited exceptions to section 446.03 of the Municipal Code which prohibits the operation of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles to be read by title only a third time; seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 17-38 a third and final time by title only. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 17-38 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under new business, a motion was made by Mr. Beasley to have legislation prepared to change the Village Zoning Map as a result of a vote by Village Council on December 27, 2017. Mr. Paulus seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The new solar facility is in full operation, but we are still awaiting word from NextEra/AMP that the new solar facility is commercially operable. Currently we are still receiving power free-of-charge and will be until the facility is deemed commercially operable. Village employees hauled 434,000 gallons of sewer bio-solids to local fields during the month of December. Over 130,000 gallons of lime sludge was hauled to local fields during the month of December. A summary of EMS runs shows in 2017 we were down 32 runs as compared to 2016. Much of this difference was due to not covering the Darke County Fair this year and less issues during Poultry Days. In 2016 we had 18 runs related to the Darke County Fair and we had seven less runs during the 2017 Poultry Days celebration. Phillip Pierri and the You Only Live Once (YOLO) group has applied for a \$275,000 grant through the State of Ohio for help in building an amphitheater in Heritage Park. I provided a requested Letter of Support on behalf of the Village. I have received a zoning application from Carolyn Phelan to build a new home at her 617 East Main St address. She plans to demolish two existing structures on the lot to make room for the new home. A front yard setback variance will be required to construct the home per the submitted site plan. I have been told the site plan for the new residential subdivision off of Klipstine Road is still in the design phase, however; I have been told there is significant interest which may cause the developer to decide to develop the division in two phases as opposed to the original three. Based on the Ohio DNR Monthly Water Inventory Report for west central portion of the state, which the Village is located in, is for the first time in a few years out of the drought stage. Over the past 12 months the Village is 8.82 inches of rain above normal. As I've mentioned in the past, heavy rainfall creates the need to treat more wastewater due to the rain water getting into the sanitary sewer system through infiltration. Vectren workers have been marking utilities in the Woodland Drive Reconstruction project area. As mentioned before, Vectren will replace gas mains in the area to eliminate future needs to dig through the new street to service their lines. Once completed, the Woodland Drive area being reconstructed in 2018 will have completely new utilities including water, sewer, storm, and gas. Vectren will begin immediately. The Village of Versailles will be hosting an ODOT Snow and Ice Removal and Management class on Thursday, January 11th at the EMS building. We currently have 32 attendees registered. The Village will be welcoming municipal employees from Jackson Center, Russia, Anna, Coldwater, St. Henry, Fort Loramie, Darke County, and Union Township in Miami County. The Village continues to work with the Montrose Group to create a Downtown Redevelopment District in the Village. Our goal is to have something to Council for review by mid-February. Letters were recently sent out to many Village residents regarding private property electric system issues. It is important to note the letters do not mandate citizens take action, they only recommend and point out a problem exists. The issues are on private property and the Village has the responsibility to alert all homeowners and businesses that a problem exists. However, Village employees cannot do electrical work on a private home or business structures other than installing and changing out meters. Many of these problems are low hanging wires on eave spouting, roofs, etc. and require the property owner raise the connection point on their building. These electrical system deficiencies were discovered during an audit of our system and the deficiencies do not meet National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). Access Engineering Solutions has provided the Village drawings for the water and sanitary sewer utility extensions for the upcoming subdivision off of Klipstine Rd. Plans and documents have been sent to the Ohio EPA for the Permit to Install (PTI) approval. We are currently waiting on pricing for materials for the extensions. Bohman Excavating has provided an installation only price (labor & equipment) for the extensions with assistance from Village Street Dept. personnel. I believe we can reduce the original cost estimate significantly if we can supply workers to install the pipe while Bohman Excavating completes the digging. A vehicle accident with injuries occurred on the morning of Friday, January 5th on Versailles-Southeastern Road east of Kelch Rd. A driver lost control of a vehicle and hit a Village utility pole. The pole was damaged and the three primary power conductor cables and the neutral line dropped to the ground. In order to remove the injured driver, power had to be shut off in the area which affected customers along Versailles-Southeastern Road, Christian Road, Kelch Road, and Seibt Road. Power was restored in approximately one hour. Street Dept. personnel have been called in several times for snow and ice removal over the past few weeks. New Year's weekend saw trucks out Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Foster Tree Service is planning on starting electric line clearing this week. As of this report they have not begun due to the recent snow and ice conditions. At this point there is no concern regarding their start date as our plan is to have all trees trimmed by March 30th. Prices are currently being sought for the replacement of

the Village's existing 48" double-drum roller for the Street Dept. I will be requesting approval from Council to sell by auction the existing 48" roller and a smaller 36" roller we no longer need. The replacement of the drum roller is in our 2018 budget. Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Tim Wehrkamp has submitted the annual Class IV Compost Facility report to the Ohio EPA. For 2017, the Village took in 5,258 cubic yards of compostable material. Village employees celebrating work anniversaries are Frank Treon, 27 years as of January 22nd, AJ Magoto, five years as of January 3rd, Heather Luebke, four years as of December 2nd, and Matt Harvey two years as of December 1st.

Fiscal Officer Ording stated that Laura Gigandet will be present at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to take pictures of Council members for the Village website.

Village Attorney Guillozet reported that the changes to the Municipal Income Tax Code that were previously to be in place by January 31<sup>st</sup> have now been extended until February 24, 2018 unless modified by the court.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Board of Zoning Appeals: Met January 8<sup>th</sup> - Approved a Conditional Use for Susan Mangen for her pet grooming business at 248 Euclid St.
- Cemetery Board: Next meeting January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Humphreys December monthly activity report was distributed to Council members.

Mr. Dammeyer reported that he is on the Bicentennial Committee that has been formed to discuss and work on ideas for the Village's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday which will be celebrated in 2019.

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

Mayor Subler adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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Jeffry A. Subler, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer