

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. Beasley, Mr. Griesdorn, and Mr. Steinbrunner. Mr. Dammeyer was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Hale, Fiscal Officer Ording, and 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 28, 2018 Public Hearing and the November 28, 2018 Regular Meeting
- Approval of expenditures as of December 12, 2018

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

Matt Harvey, EMS Administrator, recognized Mr. Gary Huelskamp for his 45 years of service to the Versailles Life Squad/Versailles EMS. Mr. Huelskamp was presented with plaques from the Versailles Village Council, Versailles EMS, and State Representative Keith Faber. Members of the Versailles EMS and Versailles Life Squad were present to honor Mr. Huelskamp for his dedicated service.

For the first item of old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berger to read Ordinance No. 18-45, an ordinance establishing the compensation for the Emergency Medical Services Personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio by title only a third and final time. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 18-45 a third and final time by title only. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-45 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The second item of old business was the third reading of Ordinance No. 18-46, an ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio. Mr. Paulus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner to read Ordinance No. 18-46 by title only a third and final time. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 18-46 a third and final time by title only. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-46 as read, seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote; all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was the third reading of Ordinance No. 18-47, an ordinance levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Woodland Drive Reconstruction Phase II Project. Mr. Paulus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Beasley to read Ordinance No. 18-47 by title only a third and final time. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 18-47 a third and final time by title only. Mr. Beasley then made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-47 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote; all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Berger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner to read Resolution No. 18-49, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose by title only for a third and final time. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Resolution No. 18-49 a third and final time by title only. Mr. Beasley then made a motion to accept Resolution No. 18-49 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only the second reading of Resolution No. 18-51, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

Also read by title only for the second reading was Ordinance No. 18-52, an ordinance adjusting compensation for Joshua Bolin as Police Sergeant.

Moving on to new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-54, an ordinance establishing the salary and benefits for the Utilities Administrative Assistant and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-54 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. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-54; a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-54; as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 18-55, an ordinance to establish the salary and benefits for the Police Chief and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-55 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 then read Ordinance No. 18-55 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-55 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-56, an ordinance to establishing the salary and benefits for the Fiscal Officer and declaring an emergency. Mr. Berger made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-56 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. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-56 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-56 as read, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-57, 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. 18-57 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. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-57 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Berger made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-57 as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beasley. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Continuing on with new business, Mr. Beasley made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 18-58 to remove EMS Billing from the title and body of the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-58, an ordinance setting the pay schedule and benefits for the Income Tax Collection Administrator, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-58 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 then read Ordinance No. 18-58 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-58 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-59, an ordinance to establish an updated Hourly Employees Compensation Program and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-59 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. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Ordinance No. 18-59 second and third time by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-59 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 18-60, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 17-41, The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Ordinance No. 18-60 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 then read Ordinance No. 18-60 a second and third time by title only. Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 18-60 as read, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was consideration of a recommendation from the Shade Tree Commission to create legislation to add Cleveland Pear, Bradford Pear, and Callery Pear trees to the Village prohibited tree list. Village Administrator Hale explained that this is due to the recent banning of all flowering pear trees in the State of Ohio by the Ohio legislature. The trees that were once very popular are now considered to be an invasive species that spread rapidly and produce weak trunks that split easily. The nurseries have until the end of the year to get rid of their stock and will not be allowed to sell any flowering pear trees beginning in 2019. Mr. Paulus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner to accept the recommendation from the Tree Commission to add Cleland, Bradford, and Callery Pear trees to the Village's prohibited list and for the creation of legislation. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 18-61, a resolution to approve the annexation agreement for the Rosecomb Subdivision, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Beasley made a motion to read Resolution No. 18-61 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. Village Attorney Guillozet then read Resolution No. 18-61a second and third time by title only. Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept Resolution No. 18-61as read, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the discussion pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) to consider the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, seconded by Mr. Berger. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 7:55 p.m. Upon coming out of Executive Session, it was reported that no decisions were made.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Police Chief Mark Humphreys November Monthly Activity Report was distributed to Council members.

Village Administrator Hale distributed his Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: I am meeting with a representative from the company that sells us the decorative light post December 13th to determine what capabilities we have for adding banner brackets to the light posts which could allow us to hang additional banners on each post. The Village has provided some street signs and props to help the Bicentennial committee create a village setting inside of BMI for the December 29th kickoff concert/concert event. Darke County Economic Development Director, Mike Bowers, and Workforce Development Coordinator, Tamala Marley, attended the December 5th Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce meeting and provided an update on projects and workforce development efforts. I have already received a call from a citizen interested in purchasing one of the condominiums in the Chateau Subdivision scheduled for completion in 2019. The current plan is to build two condominiums that each contain two units. I met with Rosecomb Subdivision developer Jay Ruhenkamp of Rapid Development out of Ft. Loramie. They have begun marketing the lots within the subdivision that will be accessed from Klipstine Road. Village Street Department employees have completed the installation of the new historical signs in the downtown

area. The signs show different photos from the early days of the Village and one illustrates the effect of the 1906 fire. Signs are located near Endless Pint, the Eagles, The Inn, Fountain Square, and Village Hall near the Police Department entrance. I attended a Darke County Community Improvement Corporation meeting on December 12th and according to Economic Development Director, Mike Bowers, Darke County currently has an unemployment rate of 3.2%. Mercer County is just under that at 2.7%. The Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has chosen Melvin and Mary Ann Stucke as the 2018 recipients of the Citizen of the Year. The Versailles Historical Society has been chosen as the 2018 People, Pride and Progress award recipient. The awards will be presented at the Monday, January 28th Chamber banquet at the Stillwater Valley Golf Course. Tickets for the banquet, which includes dinner, are \$20 each. Anyone wishing to attend is requested to rsvp to Matt Poepelman at 937-423-4965 (call or text) or email matt@cfpoepelman.com. RSVP's are due by January 22nd. Bob Goubeaux and Curtis Goubeaux have both signed contracts to farm different sections of village agriculture land for 2019. The 2018 American Municipal Power (AMP) scholarship nominee from Versailles is Jessica Meyer. I want to thank Versailles High School Guidance Counselor, Hollie Ahrens, for helping coordinate the application and nominee process for the Village. The Versailles Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) met on Wednesday, December 5th to hold the necessary annual meeting and installation of officers for 2019. Officers for 2019 are Dan Watren, Rodd Hale, Eric Paulus, Jerry Bey, Matt Poepelman, and Jeff Beasley. We are waiting for Scott's Electric to start working on the electric for the new sludge dewatering setup at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Once the electrical work is done, Bill Ahrens Plumbing will be installing the plumbing work. Both the electrical and the plumbing are inspected so we are not able to self-perform these tasks. Leaf collection is taking place on an as-needed basis. The schedule right now is to collect on Monday and Thursday each week. Citizens should contact the Village office if they need leaf collection. The Water Treatment Plant clarifier was drained, cleaned, and inspected on Dec. 4th. This is an annual maintenance item. Street Dept. personnel have installed seven new headstone foundations in Greenlawn Cemetery. No Parking signs will be added to East St. between Water St. and Main St. next week on the East side of the street. The existing No Parking sign on the East side of the street has disappeared and a complaint from an area resident was made regarding how tight the street is with cars parked on both sides of the street.

Mayor Subler requested Fiscal Officer Ording to report the Village expenses related to the referendum filed with the Darke County Board of Elections and the associated extensive public records request. Fiscal Officer Ording stated that actual bills paid totaled \$14,997.93 with time value spent on referendum related matters at \$2,789.10 as of December 12, 2018.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee – met prior to the meeting to review and discuss the 2019 annual appropriations and associated transfers.
- Personnel & Policies Committee – met December 11th to discuss and review and updated Personnel & Policies Manual. Mr. Paulus stated that members of the committee, Village Administrator Hale, and Fiscal Officer Ording reviewed the manual along with the recommended amendments from Village Administrator Hale. He stated that the committee would like to see the updated version take effect the beginning of 2019. The Personnel & Policies Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the updated Personnel Policy Manual and for legislation to be prepared. Mr. Berger made a motion to accept the recommendation to adopt the updated Personnel Manual and to create legislation, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Board - Next meeting scheduled December 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery.
- Tree Commission – met November 28th and was informed that the Village has once again been awarded Tree City USA recognition.

Next, Mayor Subler announced the appointment of Mr. Beasley and Mr. Griesdorn to the Ad Hoc Committee established as the Town Hall Property Board.

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 8:14 p.m.

Jeffrey A. Subler, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer