

Mayor Dammeyer called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Pepple. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Apple, Attorney Matt Pierron. Also, in attendance 19 public attendees.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was led by Mayor Dammeyer.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the January 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for January 27, 2026

Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: Yeas. Motion Carried

Nothing scheduled for Public Discussion/Requests/Decisions.

Under Old Business Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Ordinance No. 25- 74, an ordinance to approve the execution of a schedule with American Municipal Power, INC. for participation in the community energy savings smart thermostat program to be read for a third and final time. Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: Yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 25-74 for a third and final time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-74 as read, Mr. Weaver seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the second reading Ordinance No. 26-01, an Ordinance providing for the establishment of zoning for all of the incorporated area of Versailles, Ohio.

Under New Business Mr. Weaver made a motion to amend the Rules of Council 2026, to add Section 32 Publication of Council Matters & Legal Notices & to revise Section 30 - Travel on Official Business to reflect the personnel and policy manual. Seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-02, an ordinance to vacate Reims Court as laid out in the Chateau Subdivision – section three and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Ordinance No. 26-02 read for a seconded and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency. Mrs. Dieringer seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance 26-02 for a seconded and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-02 as read. Ms. Shaffer seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution No. 26-03, a resolution approving the execution of an Efficiency Smart Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution No. 26-04, a resolution revising and adopting an updated hourly employee's compensation table for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-04 read for a seconded and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency. Mr. Weaver seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 26-04 for a seconded and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-04 as read. Mr. Pepple seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution No. 26-05, a resolution of the Village of Versailles, of Ohio, supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial. (American250-OH)

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution No. 26-06, a resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the McGreevey Road Substation Project and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-06 read for a seconded and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency. Mrs. Dieringer seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 26-06 for a seconded and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-06 as read. Ms. Shaffer seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to purchase 284 total Sensus FlexNet compatible AMI electric meters from Core & Main under emergency conditions for their use to operate the Village's Electric System at a cost of \$117,302.11 as outlined in the Village's 2026 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, item 26-P28, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

As regular business came to an end before entering executive session Mayor Dammeyer addressed the crowd and asked if they were all here for the same reason, assuming concerns about the AMPT Project, or if anyone had any other concerns. Everyone agreed they were present for the same reason.

Mayor Dammeyer then took a minute to read Rule 19: Addressing the Council & Rule 20: Manner of Addressing the Council from the Rules of Council. He informed the group that they would need one speaker and they are provided 5 minutes to address council. Anything after 5 minutes, Mayor can stop discussion at any time.

The public decided that Joe Schlater of 9779 Klipstine Rd would be the speaker for the group. He addressed council stating the groups concerns and asking questions about the Transmission Lines that are proposed by AMP Transmission.

Village Administrator Francis and Mayor Dammeyer addressed these concerns and questions with the group. Creating further dialogue.

Mayor Dammeyer finished the conversation reminding them that this project is an AMP Transmission Project, not a Village of Versailles Project.

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property or to consider the sale of property, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:30.

Council exited Executive Session at 9:51.

Coming out of Executive session we moved on to Administrative Reports.

The Mayor had nothing to report.

Village Administrator reported on the following:

1. Work continues on the S. Center St. Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project, which has been paused for the past week or so due to an issue getting the pipe connections parts from their supplier to finish the few remaining sanitary sewer laterals. The recent brutal cold and snow likely would have prevented further work as well.
2. The public open house by AMP Transmission (AMPT) for the proposed new 69 kV loop around the Village was held January 21st 6-8PM at the Versailles School. There was a good turnout with folks coming in and learning about the project and the ability to provide feedback to AMPT and their consultants. AMP reported the next day that approximately 75 people attended the meeting according to their notes. Mayor Dammeyer and Council Member Steinbrunner were both present for the open house as was Electric Foreman Riley, Utilities Superintendent Mumaw, and myself. We have received a few phone calls and questions regarding the project both prior to and after the open house meeting about the AMPT transmission line project. We have explained the project and reasoning on a one-on-one basis and have asked them to provide feedback directly to AMPT as requested as this information will be used to assist with route selection. We continue to provide feedback from those meetings to AMPT as well so that they are aware of what folks are concerned about. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was released on the Village's website on January 29th with further background on the Village's electric system improvements including the new, third substation off McGreevey Rd. and information on the AMPT transmission line.
3. We had a closing meeting January 29th with the Ohio BWC safety inspector (PERRP) that visited the water plant on Dec. 1st. The inspector met with Utilities Superintendent Mumaw, Water/Wastewater Plant Manager Jackson, and myself to go over what PERRP does and things to look out for with regards to record keeping and documentation. No violations or citations were noted as part of his review which is a testament to our personnel and safety protocols in place. Record training was also provided to Fiscal Officer Apple and myself by the inspector which was a good refresher and update on things that have changed with the PERRP program over the last few years along with what is coming.
4. Mayor Dammeyer and I presented last evening, January 28th, at the annual Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Upon early evaluations, it appears that last evening's banquet was likely the most attended in history. The banquet featured the presentation of the People-Pride-Progress Award to the Versailles Eagles #2347 and the Auxiliary. The Brian

M. Pearson Citizen of the Year Award went to Mrs. Dena Wuebker with the Versailles Schools.

5. I attended the monthly AMP Board meeting January 14th in Columbus at AMP headquarters and virtually on January 15th.
6. We have begun the interview process the week of January 12th for replacement linemen to fill two open positions. This process is ongoing.
7. I continue to work on refuse rate adjustments and will likely be ready for a meeting with the Finance Committee in the first half of February.
8. Village Street Dept. personnel and others have been hard at it since the early morning hours of Sunday, January 18th dealing with Winter Storm Fern. Our first plow went out at 1:30AM that Sunday morning with a second joining at 4:30AM. Work continued through the day on Sunday and late into the evening keeping streets and roadways passable for residents as well as emergency services. Monday saw the beginning of snow pile removal in high-congestion areas as well as alleys being plowed. Electric Dept. personnel assisted in clearing facilities, sidewalks, and key public areas.
9. The morning of January 19th saw an emergency water main repair take place on an existing 10" cast iron water main along Greenlawn Ave. just west of Warren St. The top of the pipe cracked and water was found at the surface before the main could completely break. Repairs were made that day by Street Dept. personnel who were able to clamp the main without losing water pressure on the segment that did not include any customer services. This water main is targeted for replacement within the next year or two after the completion of the Greenlawn Waterline Improvement Project that will take place within the next few months. A prior break several years ago took place a few feet away from Monday's location. The cause of the break is likely related to the cold conditions that we are currently dealing with.
10. The Street Dept. has assisted a handful of customers with frozen water lines in their homes or service lines between the curb valve (where Village ownership stops) and the home. Again, these issues are related to the ongoing cold weather conditions that will likely be here for another week or better.
11. Electric Dept. personnel during the recent cold snap have been busy performing yearly cleaning and maintenance activities on their bucket trucks and digger trucks in the shop. They have also begun inside electrical maintenance improvements that include replacing existing fluorescent bulbs in the lighting fixtures in the Fire/EMS Station. The existing ceiling mount fixtures are being modified to accept LED tube bulbs in place of fluorescent that use less electricity.
12. Replacement overhead garage doors are on order for the former Life Squad Building on W. Main St. One of the existing thin-steel garage doors cracked recently and cannot be repaired. The lead time on the doors from the manufacturer is approximately 3 weeks due to the size and configuration of the door. County Door Systems is handling the change out. Once the overhead garage doors are replaced, we will be working to relocate the Versailles Police Dept. cruisers from the 137 N. Center St. location (former Street/Electric Shop) to the former Life Squad Building. The 137 N. Center location is planned for demolition this year. Utilities will be disconnected from the building once the Police Dept. cruisers and equipment has been removed.
13. Street Foreman Kremer is monitoring our road salt supply as we have used approximately 235 tons of salt as of Jan. 19th. We took delivery of 275 tons of salt at the beginning of the season plus the additional tonnage of approximately 150-175 tons that was estimated at the time that we submitted our ODOT cooperative purchase contract in April 2025. There also is a salt shortage ongoing in the Midwest US and other regions due to numerous winter weather events and lack of salt in stockpiles remaining. Per our ODOT salt contract we can order approximately 50 additional tons above our contracted amount, but the salt supplier could not provide any type of timeframe for delivery or if we would actually get it. The salt suppliers have already stopped providing salt to private businesses. Street personnel will be more-stingy with salt usage through the remainder of winter as we estimate there is around 125 tons or so of salt left. This most recent winter storm has seen minimal salt use outside of main intersections and thoroughfares due to the extreme cold that doesn't allow for salt to act as well on ice and packed snow. As temperatures increase, personnel will try to apply to side streets to rid them of the packed snow. For reference, the Village used 215 tons of salt the entire winter season last year, and 130 tons the year before.
14. Treatment plant operators have taken advantage of the cold weather of late and began land application of biosolids when farm fields are frozen, allowing access for the tractor and application tank that knives the material into the soil.

Fiscal Officer reported that the City of St Mary's has received some large checks for the Village of Versailles from Income Tax Collection. St Mary's Stated they are not confident that these checks are true amount and that they may have to be refunded at a later date.

Village Attorney had nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:

Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)

Nothing to report

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Meeting February 4, 2026

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)

Nothing to report.

Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)

Meeting February 4, 2026

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)

Meeting for February 4, 2026 is Cancelled.

Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver) – 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Met January 20, 2026 – Next Meeting February 17, 2026 – Sidewalks are poured by columbarium and will just need seeded come spring time.

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)

Meeting coming in February

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)

Meeting coming in February

Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Nothing to report.

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting

February 11, 2026

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

No other announcements.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner.

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.