

Mayor Dammeyer called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Weaver. Mr. Paulus was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, Village Attorney Tom Guillozet, and Fire/EMS Chief Pearson. Guests in attendance were Adam & Carson Schwartz.

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 May 14, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for May 28, 2025

Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Carson Schwartz provided Council members with information for his proposed Eagle Scout Project. He explained that Phase I of his Greenlawn Cemetery project is to consult with Gary Condon of Nickol Monument. Mr. Condon can give advice for the safest method of cleaning headstones. Supplies and materials can then be obtained. Phase II will be a cemetery work day. He will have a team of volunteers ready to clean the headstones. A photo will be taken of the headstone. Phase III of the project is to update the website. Location, name, and birthdate will be validated and then updated into the Village's cemetery website along with the photo. He hopes to begin Phase I of the project in early June. Village Administrator Francis informed Council that the cleaning solutions and brushes can be purchased through the Village.

Council members considered a notice received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding a D3 liquor permit applied for by Hermanos Escamilla III, LLC. A D3 permit may be issued to sell spirituous liquor at retail, only by the individual drink or from the container, for consumption on the premises where sold up to one a.m. Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.26 (A) provides that no permit shall be issued by the division until the division notifies the legislative authority of the municipal corporation if the business is to be located within the corporate limits of the municipal corporation. The municipal corporation can request a hearing on the advisability of issuing the permit or not. Fiscal Officer Ording reported that Chief Bolin had performed a criminal background check and found no issues with the applicant. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to waive a hearing concerning the D3 permit, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Under old business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 25-24, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

Moving on to new business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 25-26, a resolution to appoint a Drinking Water Protection Team for the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and along with the Ohio Rural Water Association, to accept and endorse the 2025 Drinking Water Protection Plan for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Francis explained that a source water plan is required by the Ohio EPA and the legislation needs to be filed by June 1st. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to declare the resolution an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-26 was read by Village Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 25-26 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 25-27, a resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of fire protection for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only, the first reading. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to declare the resolution as an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-27 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-27 as read, seconded by Mr. Wever. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 25-28, a resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of Emergency Medical Services for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only, the first reading. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to declare the resolution as an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-28 was read by Attorney Guillozet a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-28 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next was consideration to approve an annexation agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio and Wayne Township pertaining to a 16.408-acre tract of land. Village Administrator Francis provided council members with the annexation plat displaying location of the areas to be annexed. The annexation of properties are located along Reed Road, Industrial Park Highway, and Baker Road. Of the 16.408 acres, 3.342 acres are located within public road right-of way area and all of which adjoins and is contiguous on the west side of the Village. Mr. Francis said that landowners and Wayne Township Trustees are in agreement to pursue the annexation. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the annexation agreement pertaining to a 16.408-acre tract of land. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Council members reviewed the proposed School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Versailles (Police Department) and the Board of Education of Versailles Exempted Village Schools. The MOU is for a Village of Versailles police officer to be regularly scheduled as a School Resource Officer which commences on July 1, 2025 and remains in effect until June 30, 2027. Fiscal Officer Ordning reported that Police Chief Bolin has met with officials from the school to review the MOU. Other than the amounts of payment, there were no changes to the existing MOU. Officer Jason Penny has performed the duties of SRO since the fall of 2021 and would continue to do so under the agreement. Fiscal Officer Ordning said the school compensates the officer for 9 months of service. Payments are made to the Village on a quarterly basis. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve the Chief of Police to negotiate the MOU with the Versailles Exempted Village Schools for a School Resource Officer, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Trevor Jacobs as a Water/Wastewater Operator I effective June 5, 2025, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered executive session at 7:53 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:22 p.m. Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mayor Dammeyer reported that no decisions had been made.

Mayor Dammeyer reported that the Memorial Day service held at Greenlawn Cemetery was well attended.

Village Administrator Francis distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The Ward Park Swimming Pool has its' Darke County Health Dept. inspection on May 21st and passed without any issues. The pool's opening day was slated for Memorial Day but was postponed due to cold temperatures. We will be waiting until Thursday of this week to see if it is warm enough to open for the season. Cool temperatures are forecasted for this week which will keep attendance down and not cost justify opening. The water temperature at the time of inspection on May 21st was only 65 degrees. Shinn Bros. installed the new black aluminum fence and the related concrete work at the Ward Park Swimming pool at the end of last week. All installation work for the fencing is now complete. Village personnel will perform the necessary lawn restoration and cleanup work around the pool complex over the next week or so. Electric Dept. personnel have recently made repairs to the softball diamond lighting at Ward Park. Some wiring had failed in some areas on the diamond lighting likely due to wind damage. Soft ground conditions caused the work to be delayed as it was feared that the bucket truck would cause more damage than warranted to get to the lights along the diamond. The new Bucket Truck C (2024 Ford F550 with 37' Versa-Lift Bucket) and Electric Foreman truck (2024 Ram 2500) have been placed into service. The 2012 Ford F-250 Electric Foreman truck will start on auction next week (6/4) on GovDeals.com and run for 15 total days. Street Dept. and plant operators made asphalt repairs in front of the new curb on the curve of Grand Ave. in front of the bowling alley on 5/22. Additional asphalt trench repairs are slated to take place this week. We have placed some recent reminders that golf carts and UTV's are not permitted in Ward and Indian Creek Parks. We have received complaints again this spring about these vehicles being in the park, especially during youth softball and baseball games. The 2025 Darke County Parks Grant application for replacement dugouts at Indian Creek Park was submitted last week in advance of their deadline. We expect to hear back on the grant application in early July. We are on the awarded project list through the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) on funding for the W. Wood St. Reconstruction Project. Once we receive our official notice letter from OPWC, final design will start on the project with it slated to bid late this year for award after the first of the year. Construction would be in 2026 and include W. Wood St. from West St. to Columbia, Columbia St. where it has not yet been reconstructed, and Pearl St. where it has not yet been reconstructed. I had a meeting with Access Engineering Solutions on Tuesday May 20th to go over various infrastructure projects in design and their targeted bidding schedules. We will be working to bid out the Greenlawn Cemetery Water Line Replacement Project as soon as possible, the S. Center St. Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project late this summer/fall, and the Terry St. (North) Water Tower Interior Sandblast and Recoat Project in late 2025 with an early 2026 project award. The fountain uptown has not been turned on this season yet as the basin is leaking once again along the base. We have been waiting for warm enough temperatures to coat the interior again with sealer. The intent is to make the necessary repairs this week with warmer temperatures. Due to the basin being a precast structure, winter freeze/thaw cycles move the pieces around causing leaks. We will be rolling out some information soon on the switch to CodeRED as our setup is now complete. User information from the One Call NOW system has been moved into the CodeRED system. A motorists went off Progress Way on 5/21 striking

and destroying a metal light post on the West side of the roadway. The motorist will be invoiced for all repairs and replacements needed for the light post. We have been seeing an uptick in illegal trash dumping in our spare and rental dumpsters at the Grand Ave. shop building as of late. Our personnel have increased their vigilance for such illegal dumpers. Security cameras are present at Village facilities and violators will be cited. I attended the AMP Board Meeting in Columbus May 21st and virtually the morning of the 22nd. Mayor Dammeyer, Fiscal Officer Ording, and I participated in a virtual meeting with State Rep. Dave Thomas and State Rep. Angie King on 5/29 through the Darke County Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Committee. The State’s House of Representatives have passed several bills that are now in the house that they state will help lower and control property taxes. During the meeting it was stated by Rep. Thomas that the House wants county sales tax and income tax to fill part of the financial backing in place of property taxes for EMS and Fire Services in addition to wanting departments to consolidate. Our concerns were voiced to both representatives over how this is dangerous, especially to small communities, when dealing with loans and bond ratings in addition to ensuring adequate funding for operations and maintenance. Local municipalities do not receive sales tax funds and no income tax money is currently used for EMS nor Fire funding. Others on the call also brought up concerns regarding proposed changes to emergency service funding and school funding through property taxes. Electric Dept. personnel began setup work for Poultry Days 2025 this week. They are also starting on conduit installation work in the Edgewood Phase II Subdivision area south of Reed Ave. to the extension of primary power in the area. Two old poles, one of which had been hit by a truck, were replaced at Midmark Plant B the week of May 12th. A pole recently hit and damaged by a truck in front of the Weaver Bros. Buckeye Feed and Grain plant was replaced last week. Brian Bros. continues with painting work around the Village Admin Building with work winding down currently. The Village has two GovDeals auctions going currently with a 2011 Case Backhoe as well as a 2008 Standby Generator from the Fire/EMS Station. These auctions will run until May 29th.

Fiscal Officer Ording provided Council members with the YTD Fund Report and the Report of the Tax Department for April.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit Committee – a meeting will be scheduled for the review of the 2026 Tax Budget
- Board of Zoning Appeals – meeting June 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to review a fence height and setback variance request filed by Mitchell Harshbarger.
- Cemetery Board – meeting June 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Mayor Dammeyer adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer