

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, and Ms. Shaffer. Mr. Griesdorn was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird was also in attendance.

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

Mayor Dammeyer requested that the agenda be amended, adding under the consent agenda, Item 5.G. Approval of the reappointment of Mr. Lester Kueterman to the Board of Zoning Appeals & CRA Housing Council and item 5.H. Approval of the reappointment of Mr. David J. Subler to the Board of Zoning Appeals & CRA Housing Council. He also requested the addition of new business, Item 8. G. Consideration of Ordinance No. 24-30, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-81 The 2024 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to accept the consent agenda items which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for June 26, 2024
- Approval of the appointment of Mr. Brent Pepple to the Board of Zoning Appeals & Utilities Policies Committee
- Acceptance of a \$2,000 anonymous donation to the Fire Department
- Approval of a Public Hearing for the proposed 2025 Tax Budget for July 10, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Steinbrunner abstaining from the vote to approve the minutes from June 12, 2024.

For the first item of old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 24-26, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose be read by title only, a third time, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Resolution No. 24-26. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-26, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 24-27, an ordinance prohibiting adult use recreational marijuana dispensaries, cultivators and processors within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Moving on to new business, Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 24-29, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.

The Finance & Audit Committee made a recommendation to Council to approve an amended 2024 Hourly Employees Compensation schedule and for legislation to be prepared. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee for the amended compensation schedule, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The Finance & Audit Committee also made a recommendation to Council to approve the compensation for the Fire/EMS Chief and for legislation to be prepared. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee for the Fire/EMS Chief's compensation, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next for consideration was a recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to approve job descriptions for an EMS Captain and a Fire/EMS Chief Position. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve the job description for an EMS Captain, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the job description for a Fire/EMS Chief, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

The Personnel & Policies Committee also made a recommendation to Council to approve an updated Village of Versailles Organizational Chart. Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the organizational chart as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Annexation Agreement with Wayne Township, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-30, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 23-81, The 2024 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and declaring an emergency. Fiscal Officer Ording explained that the appropriation amendments are for the Wellfield Development Fund and Swimming Pool Fund. Mr. Paulus made a motion to declare the ordinance an emergency measure, suspend the rules, and have it read by title only for the second and third readings. Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote:

all yeas. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-30 was read by title only, the second and third readings. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-30. Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee(s), to consider the purchase of land for municipal use, and to consider the sale of property no longer needed for municipal purposes. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered executive session at 7:20 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:43 p.m.

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Paulus made a motion to appoint Brian Pearson as the Fire/EMS Chief and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mr. Paulus made a motion to offer employment contracts for the EMS Captain positions, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to negotiate a contract to purchase land with right of refusal, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mr. Francis distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The Ward Park Swimming Pool was a very busy place the week of June 17th with the hot and dry conditions. Attendance was very high by both pool pass holders and cash paying patrons. In total, 1285 people utilized the pool 6/17 through 6/23. All Village facilities and parks have had their annual application of mulch in advance of Poultry Days. In addition, all bushes have been trimmed at all Village facilities, parks, and the downtown Streetscape areas. Village seasonal workers and Street Personnel did a terrific job in completing this huge task that greatly enhances the appearance of our community. A semi-load of playground mulch is currently being ordered for both Ward Park and Indian Creek Park that should be arriving sometime next week or the following. The playground areas at both parks will be topped off with the playground mulch to aide with safety of the areas. The final project reimbursement request to the Ohio DNR has been submitted. The Village will be receiving payment from the State of Ohio for the grant in a total of \$167,580.00. The final contract amount for the project was \$237,707.07 and finished \$1,292.93 under the original contract amount. I was made aware the morning of 6/21 that Mi Casa on E. Main St. had closed. A simple hand written CLOSED sign and cardboard in the windows was observed. I have tried to contact the owner of the business, Ricardo Bernal, twice with no success. At this time, there is no verified information as to the status of the business, if it will be closed permanently or if this is temporary. Electric Dept. personnel have finished taking down all of the temporary electric facilities for Poultry Days including temporary pole removals. Veteran's banners will likely start going up for the year the week of July 1st. These banners will stay up through Veteran's Day as usual. Electric Dept. personnel continue to install AMI radio-read electric meters to customers located outside of the Village. The goal is to replace as many AMI meters as possible outside of the Village to eliminate the need for those customers to read their own meters. The existing overhead power along Baker Rd. near the Stone Ridge Development near SR 185 has been converted to underground as part of that improvement project. The wastewater plant UV disinfection system underwent some maintenance and repairs to UV bulb ballasts this week with Kingdom Technologies. This maintenance work was planned in advance and some further minor repairs and improvements will be needed. The Village hired DCW Farms, LLC to haul 410,000 gallons of wastewater plant biosolids from the wastewater plant digester and was land applied to farm fields out towards the airport. This work was completed in two days and would have taken us three weeks to complete with our tractor and manure injector. This year's wheat crop came off earlier than normal with many farmers double-cropping soybeans immediately upon harvest. We would not have been able to land apply in-house fast enough to meet the demands of the farmers. The estimated cost for this hauling was \$13,000.00. The Village has hired DCW Farms, LLC to clean out and land apply the spent lime from the WTP's lime holding tank. The start date for this work has not yet been established. The estimated cost for this service is \$15,200.00 and is an annual O&M expense. Shinn Bros. continues with water main installation work on the North Central Waterline Improvement Project. All water main and water services are complete from West St. to the west. Water main installation is currently underway on Washington St., Oak St., and Wayne St. The project is moving along nicely and it is apparent from observing the existing cast iron and transite water mains in the area that this project was desperately needed due to the existing pipe conditions. This area has some of the oldest water mains in town, likely dating back into the early 1900's. A water main break took place on June 19th around 5:30-5:45PM on an existing 4" cast iron water main near the intersection of Washington St. and Wayne St. The existing pipe blew a fist-size hole out the bottom of the existing main that was backfilled in native dirt material which is typical of the time period for when this main was installed likely over 100 years ago. Village personnel with the assistance of one of Shinn Bros.' operators made the necessary repairs with water restored to all area customers around 7:30PM that evening. The WJ Bohman water tower was drained 6/24 in advance of the exterior recoating project on the water tower that went online in 2023. The tower draining began once the tower was at its lowest level of the day before the water plant began operation for the day. The general rule-of-thumb for water tower coatings is for them to last 12-15 years according to industry experts. H2O Towers, LLC arrived onsite last week cleaning the tower, spot sandblasting and grinding, with coating work beginning 6/25. H2O Towers intends to be done with the exterior recoating work by the end of this week, weather depending. CorrPro will be onsite July 3rd to install the new cathodic protection inside of the wet interior of the tower. We will look to start refilling the tower with water immediately following the cathodic installation in which the tower will be disinfected and bacteria testing performed before the tower can be placed back in service. Electric Dept. personnel began this week hydro excavating existing utilities and excavating boring pits for the installation of new underground electric conduit in the Oak Meadows Subdivision area south of the Village along Cambridge Dr. This work is part of a 2024 CIP as a large-scale capital project. The existing underground primary electric lines in the subdivision are from the early 1970's and are beyond their useful life. Within in the past year, two sections of the existing underground primary power cable have failed resulting in unplanned outages for customers in the area. Select transformers will also be replaced as needed. Ruhenkamp Boring is performing the Village conduit installations via directional bore in addition to installing fiber optic conduit for NKTelco at the same

time. Street Dept. personnel will be installing this week additional No Motor Vehicles at Ward Park. We continue to have problems with golf carts and UTV's driving through the park. Groff Masonry is currently getting us pricing to perform misc. masonry repairs to the exterior walls of the former Street/Electric Garage Building at 137 N. Center St. Money was budgeted in the 2024 CIP to make necessary brick repairs in multiple areas. We were informed this morning that CSX intends to start replacing railroad ties through Versailles possibly the end of next week of the week of July 8th. This work will result in the Olive St., Steffin St., Center St., and West St. crossings being closed while work takes place. I have been in contact with their detour contractor for months about this and have been requesting that they keep at least the N. Center St. or the N. West St. crossing open while work takes place, and then rotate crossings so that at least one truck-capable crossing is available for use. CSX will be detouring all state route crossings outside of the Village, but they do not plan nor assist for local truck route detours in municipalities based on past projects. Additionally, we have grave concerns regarding life/safety with the Fire/EMS Station being located on the north side of the tracks and no truck capable crossing available to them. The Second St. crossing is supposed to stay open, but that is not easy to use for the larger fire trucks. I have reached out to ODOT and the Ohio Rail Commission, all of which have responded that they have no jurisdiction over CSX. I attended the Darke County CIC meeting on June 19th. Village utility personnel attended the monthly AMP Safety Training the morning of 6/25. Street Dept. personnel will be focusing over the next few weeks in finishing concrete and catch basin repairs on W. Main St. in advance of the planned asphalt resurfacing project in the area set to take place this summer as part of the 2024 Street Maintenance Project. A project start date for the asphalt resurfacing work has not yet been provided by the contractor. Street Dept. personnel this week installed a new water service for a new home being constructed on Statford Place in the Oak Meadows Subdivision. I have had conversations with Tim Wagner with the Versailles Vets Club regarding additional Veteran's banners. Their club currently has a waiting list for folks requesting banners for Veteran's and are also looking at changing the program slightly. I advised him for representatives from the Vets Club to attend a future council meeting to discuss adding additional banner arms to Village light poles. Street Dept. personnel are currently adding two 12" water valves on the 12" Bohman Water Tower supply line to set up for a planned 12" water loop along the south line of the WJ Bohman Industrial Park area back towards Kley Rd. This work is taking place while the Bohman Water Tower is offline. The water/sewer rate study currently being conducted by Sawvel & Associates is expected to be complete in the month of July, with a full presentation to council tentatively slated for the August 14th council meeting. The Electric Distribution System Load Study is nearing completion with Sawvel & Associates and should be provided to the Village by mid-July. This study will be identifying electric system improvements needed for the next 5-10 years and beyond. The board of zoning appeals met on June 17th at 6:30PM at the Versailles Fire/EMS Facility to discuss a variance request application filed by Dave and Mary Beth Berger, 431 Park Blvd. to construct an addition to the existing home. The proposed addition is for a covered front porch to be constructed 25.7' from the front property/right-of-way line of Park Blvd. where Versailles Zoning Regulations require a 30-foot setback. The variance request was granted. The Park Board met on June 24th at 6:30PM at Ward Park. The meeting primarily discussed ongoing maintenance items around the park such as shelter house painting and fascia improvements, planned concrete repairs, swimming pool operations, and an update on the Pool Shade Canopy Grant application status.

Fiscal Ordning reported that the Village will be receiving information to participate in receiving benefits pursuant to the Kroger Settlement Agreement which is a part of the National Opioid Settlement. The Village has the option to participate since the state of Ohio is participating. The May Fund Report and Report of the Tax Department were distributed to Council members.

Police Chief Bolin's May Monthly Activity Report was distributed to Council members.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Finance & Audit – met prior to meeting
- Personnel & Policies – met prior to meeting
- Planning Commission – a meeting may be scheduled for July
- Board of Zoning Appeals – met June 17th
- Cemetery Board – met June 18th
- Park Board – met June 24th

Fiscal Officer Ordning reminded everyone of the Public Hearing scheduled July 10, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. for the review of the 2025 Tax Budget.

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 8:58 p.m.

Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

Kathy Ordning, Fiscal Officer