

**Versailles Village Council Meeting
Held at Fire/EMS Facility**

July 9, 2025

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

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Paulus, Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Weaver. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, Assistant Fiscal Officer Apple, Fire/EMS Chief Pearson, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet.

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 June 25, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for July 9, 2025
- Approval of a recommendation from Fire/EMS Chief Brian Pearson to appoint Naomi Evans as a part-time EMT Basic for Versailles EMS

Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Griesdorn abstaining for vote of minutes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Bowers, Darke County Economic Development Director, was in attendance. Mr. Bowers presented an overview of the 2024 Annual Report. Areas worked on in the past year was workforce development, completion of a Darke County Housing Study, and the creation of a Small Business Resource Guide. Several special events were held throughout the year connecting students to local internships and future career opportunities. Upcoming events are the Darke County STEAM Camp to be held July 14-18, 2025, Manufacturing Day on October 3, 2025 and the Darke County Job Shadow Week which is November 10 – 14, 2025.

Under old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to read Resolution No. 25-29, a resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a new levy tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of fire protection for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency by title only, a third time, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-29, by title only, the third reading. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 25-29, as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to read by title only, the third reading of Resolution No. 25-30, a resolution to proceed with submission of the question of levying a new levy 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, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-30 a third time, by title only. Mr.

Steinbrunner made a motion to accept Resolution No. 25-30 as read, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 25-33, a resolution adopting a Tax Budget for the Village of Versailles for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, submitting the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Paulus 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 Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-33 was read a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-33 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 25-34, a resolution enacting revisions and updates to the job description for the EMT-Basic position, EMT-Intermediate position, and EMT/Paramedic position for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency was read for the first reading, by title only. Mr. Paulus 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 Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Resolution No. 25-34 was read a second and third time, by title only. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-34 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-35, an ordinance adopting amended policies and procedures for the billing and collection of payment for the provision of utilities services by the Village, by title only, the first reading.

He also read by title only, Ordinance No. 25-36, an ordinance adopting amended policies and procedures for the provision of electric services by the Village, the first reading.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Nathan Weigel to a Water and Wastewater Plant Operator II position for a one-year probationary period, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Village Administrator informed Council members that he received notification that the Wireline Longitudinal Occupancy Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc. has expired. An amendment to the agreement was received from CSX which extends the terms of the agreement to May 31, 2049. The fee of \$18,000 is being charged to the Village for the use and maintaining of existing wires or cables along the rail corridor, right of way and property owned or controlled by CSX Transportation, Inc. Mr. Weaver made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to sign the amended agreement and authorize the payment of \$18,000, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered executive session at 7:31 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:19 p.m.

Upon returning to the regular meeting, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize Fire/EMS Chief Pearson to extend a full-time employment offer to up to 4 candidates for the Emergency Medical Services department, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Dammeyer reported that Rep. Warren Davidson will be speaking August 6th at a VAPPA meeting. The location and time have not been announced.

Village Administrator Francis distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: Street Dept. personnel are wrapping up filling in a ditch along Hickey Ave. in front of the YMCA and will be placing rip rap rock around the new culvert ends that was replaced under the roadway. Some minor flow channel concrete work will also be taking place. Lawn restoration will take place this fall when weather and temperature conditions improve. Soil boring tests have been completed at the McGreevey Rd. Substation project for geotechnical engineer review. This work was included in the scope of GPD Group, the substation design engineer. GPD continues to work on the substation design and we are planning for a drawing review the week of July 20th. Once that review is complete, they will be sending their drawings to AMP Transmission to allow them to start working on the 69 kV side connection design for the power supply to the new substation. Chief Bolin and I met with Garman Miller 6/26 for a kick-off meeting for the Village Hall/Police Dept. study and preliminary engineering project. Garman Miller will be coming July 14th to scan the existing Village Hall building so that drawings with true dimensions can be created of the existing structure in its current configuration.

Veteran's banners have been installed throughout town on the metal light poles with banner arms. There are currently 14 banner arms open on Progress Way that we do not have banners for from the Vet's Club. We have notified Tim Wagner with the Vet's Club of the availability and they are looking to take additional orders later this year to fill these areas. We will continue to coordinate with the Vet's Club on the program. Street personnel are working to repair catch basin tops along Grand Ave. between Franklin St. and Marker Rd. in advance of the street asphalt resurfacing project this summer. Our 1990 Ford/Baker Digger Truck had a transmission issue a few weeks ago and is currently at A.L. Smith. A new manual transmission will be installed in the truck as it will be needed for the next few years in the department until the new digger truck that is currently on order arrives. The Electric Dept. has two digger trucks with the second being a 2004 model. The older truck is used primarily to hold poles in an emergency situation and as a second lift machine for our larger padmount transformers. The water and wastewater plant also uses this truck to pull well pumps and sewage pumps as needed. The Village Electric System set a new all-time peak on June 25th in the 1:00PM-2:00PM hour at 16.644 MW. The prior all-time system peak was set August 29, 2022 during the same time of day at 16.32 MW. Electric personnel are starting to pull in wire for the new metal street light poles on Klipstine Rd., upgrading an electric service to underground at 152 W. Wood St., installed a new house electric service at 492 Grand Ave., and will be replacing a street light pole and foundation on Progress Way that was taken out during a traffic accident a little over a month ago. Plant operators have resumed land application of lime onto the Baker Rd. 18-acre parcel. We have signed the funding agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for the W. Wood St. Improvements Project that will be slated for construction in 2026. The funding package for this project will include \$249,000 OPWC grant and \$249,000 0% OPWC Loan towards the project that currently carries an engineer's estimate of

approximately \$1.3 million. Mosquito fogging is scheduled to be conducted this evening (7/9) with a rain date of tomorrow (7/10). An “all-call” test will be conducted today (7/9) for the Village’s new mass notification service, CodeRED. We will be looking to phase out the legacy One Call NOW product so long as the testing goes well today. We are working on some minor tweaks to the CodeRED system with the vendor currently. Starting today (7/9) employee spotlight pieces will be put out on the Village’s Facebook page and into the Versailles Policy for each full-time employee across all departments. We will also look to go ahead and include the part-time EMS folks as well as they are routinely out at events. This has been discussed for some time now as a way to connect with the community with the numerous retirements and personnel changes over the past few years. Jacobs Engineering Group will be making their first official site visit to the Village’s WTP and WWTP on July 15th to begin the preliminary engineering studies for improvements and expansions needed at both facilities. I have reached out to ODOT District 7 and SR 47 (West) and SR 121 (Marker Rd.) are slated for asphalt resurfacing in 2028. We have been communicating with ODOT over the past few years for timing on paving work in these areas. A sanitary sewer main replacement, a small section of water main, curb radius widening, and curb replacements are needed in the vicinity of Greenlawn Ave. west of N. West St. We will work to include these repairs/replacements over the next year or two in advance of the planned paving work. The swimming pool continues to be a popular place with the ongoing stretch of warm weather. The last swim team meet of the season took place last evening 7/8.

Fiscal Officer Ording stated that the 2026 Tax Budget will be filed with the County Auditor and the legislation for the EMS and Fire levies will be delivered to the Darke County Board of Elections.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Board of Zoning Appeals – met prior to the meeting and approved a fence height variance request filed by Mitchell Harshbarger.
- Cemetery Board –meeting July 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Steinbrunner announced that he would be absent from the July 23rd meeting.

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 8:40 p.m.

Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer