

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

**July 10, 2024**

Mayor Dammeyer called the Council meeting to order at 7:04 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, Village Attorney Tom Guillozet, Fire Chief Pearson, and EMS paramedics Crystal Horne and Crystal Buteau.

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

Mayor Dammeyer requested that the agenda be amended by adding under the consent agenda, item 5.E. Acceptance of an anonymous \$300 donation for the Community Pool Party and item 5. F. Acceptance of a \$75 donation from Eric Biggs State Farm Insurance for the Community Pool Party. He also requested item 9. M Consideration of a motion to remove Matt Harvey as the Authorized Official and Program Director for Continuing Education for Versailles EMS, item 9. N. Consideration of a motion to appoint Fire/EMS Chief Brian Pearson as the Authorized Official for Continuing Education for Versailles EMS, and item 9. O. Consideration of a motion to appoint EMS Captain Crystal Horne as Program Director for Continuing Education for Versailles EMS be added under new business.

Mr. Griesdorn 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 26, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for July 10, 2024
- Approval of a recommendation from Fire Chief Brian Pearson to allow Ethan Stover to be added as a member of the roster of the Versailles Fire Department as a probationary/candidate firefighter.

Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Griesdorn abstaining from the vote to approve the minutes from June 26, 2024.

Ben and Amber Arnett along with Wes Martin were present to provide information regarding the new restaurant that will be opening in Versailles. The Rails of Versailles is located at 39 E. Main Street where the former Endless Pint Brewing was located. Mr. Arnett said that they have been working in the facility and are making headways. While there is no “official” opening date, the hopes are to open sometime this fall. Mrs. Arnett said the menu will offer a variety of food and beverage options. As the opening day approaches, hours of business will be announced. Mr. Martin explained that he was drawn to Versailles due to the care that is taken in keeping the downtown area so nice. All expressed their excitement for the opening of the new restaurant.

For the first item of old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Ordinance No. 24-27, an ordinance prohibiting adult use recreational marijuana dispensaries, cultivators and processors within the Village of Versailles, Ohio be read by title only, the third reading. Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Ordinance No. 24-27. Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-27, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

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

With all old business complete, Ms. Shaffer 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. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered executive session at 7:24 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:14 p.m.

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to make an employment offer for a Water/Wastewater position, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: Mr. Paulus, yea, Mrs. Dieringer, yea, Mr. Griesdorn, yea, Mr. Steinbrunner nay, Ms. Shaffer, yea and Mr. Weaver, yea. Motion carried. Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into an option agreement for the purchase of land, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to new business, Ordinance No. 24-31, an ordinance revising and adopting an updated Hourly Employees Compensation Table for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency, was read by title only for the first reading. 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. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read by title only for the second and third readings. Ms. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-31, Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-32, a resolution approving a new job description for the position of Fire/EMS Chief for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency was read by title only for the first reading. 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. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The resolution was then read by title only for the second and third readings. Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-32, Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-33, a resolution approving a new job description for the position of EMS Captain for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency was read by title only for the first reading. 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. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The resolution was read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-33, Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-34, an ordinance approving a contract of employment with Crystal Horne as EMS Captain with the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn 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. The ordinance was read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-34, Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-35, an ordinance approving a contract of employment with Crystal Buteau as EMS Captain with the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Dieringer 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. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The ordinance was read by title only for the second and third readings. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-35, Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-36, an ordinance establishing the compensation for Fire/EMS Chief for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only, the first reading. Mr. Weaver 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. Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney

Guillozet read the ordinance by title only, the second and third reading. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-36, Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 24-37, a resolution estimating the amount of active Village Monies and setting the date of a meeting for designation of depository or depositories for these funds.

Resolution No. 24-38, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator of the Village of Versailles, Ohio to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvements and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency was read by title only, the first reading. 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. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Village Attorney Guillozet read the resolution by title only, the second and third reading. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-38, Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Resolution No. 24-39, a resolution adopting a Tax Budget for the Village of Versailles for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, 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. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. The resolution was read by title only for the second and third readings. Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-39, Mr. Steinbrunner seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion for the Fiscal Officer to authorize the execution of the Opioid Settlement Agreements with Kroger under the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement Agreement previously adopted by the Village, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Village Administrator to waive the training reimbursement requirement for Village lifeguards, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to remove Matt Harvey as the Authorized Official and Program Director for Continuing Education for Versailles EMS, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to appoint Fire/EMS Chief Brian Pearson as the Authorized Official for Continuing Education for Versailles EMS, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to appoint EMS Captain Crystal Horne as Program Director for Continuing Education for Versailles EMS, 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: We were notified this week by the Darke County Parks that we have been awarded a \$7,956.00 grant for the construction of a new shade canopy at the Ward Park Swimming Pool. The new shade canopy will be ordered shortly for construction by Village personnel slated for this fall once the pool closes for the season. A semi-load of playground mulch has been delivered with Street personnel working to place it at both Indian Creek and Ward Park playgrounds. The Village Hall emergency generator is now operational. This natural gas-fired generator will power the Village Hall/Police Dept. as well as the two traffic

lights on Main St. in the event of a power outage. Work continues on the N. Central Waterline Improvement Project. All water services are complete now on the project on the west third of the project (N. West St. west). Shinn Bros. continues with main installation on Oak St. currently east of Washington St., and they are looking to start on water services switch-overs on N. Center St. possibly yet this week. N. Center St. on this project is unique in that the existing water services will be switched from an existing 6" cast iron and transite water main along the street to an existing 10" ductile water main that will remain. A large water main tie-in will take place this Sunday morning, 7/14, in the intersection of N. West St. and Greenlawn Ave. This is being done at this time to avoid traffic congestion in the area that would make this work nearly impossible during the week without closing the entire intersection. I had a meeting with Darke County Economic Development Director, Mike Bowers, on 7/1. His office is working on setting up a meeting with Heritage Ohio soon with downtown business district owners from Greenville, Arcanum, Ansonia, and Versailles. Heritage Ohio offers assistance and information for downtown redevelopment projects. The WJ Bohman water tower re-coat project is complete. The tower re-coat work was completed on June 28<sup>th</sup>, and the new cathodic protection system was installed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The tower began to be filled on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and was placed back in service on July 7<sup>th</sup> after bacteria testing came back clear. In addition, Village Street Dept. personnel have installed two new 12" water main valves in advance of a planned future water loop along the south property line of the WJ Bohman Industrial Park area. Sawvel & Associates will be providing an executive summary and further documents regarding planned water/sewer rate changes as part of their Rate and Cost of Service Study by the end of July. Fiscal Officer Ordning and I had a video conference with Sawvel on 7/9 to go over the preliminary findings and recommendations. Those findings and recommendations will be presented to council for consideration at the August 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Electric Dept. personnel continue to hydro-excavate for conduit installations in the Oak Meadows Subdivision south of the Village along Cambridge Dr. Ruhenkamp Boring continues to install the electrical conduit for Village power in addition to conduit for NKTelco's fiber optic installation project. Electric Dept. personnel have begun assembling in the shop the new metal street light poles for Greenlawn Ave. These light poles will replace the former wooden pole mount street lights between Progress Way and Warren St. that will be removed shortly as part of the underground primary electric project that has been completed in the area. The new light poles will be going up soon on the concrete foundations that have been installed. Plant operators and other Village personnel will be working July 20<sup>th</sup> to drain and clean the water plant clarifier. The water plant will not be able to treat water for approximately 10-12 hours that day while work takes place. Both water towers and the water plant clearwell will be full prior to taking the plant offline for this necessary maintenance work. Large water users have been contacted already in regards to this work and our water limitations that day. As of the morning of 7/9, CSX has torn out the Center St. and Steffin St. railroad crossings for a railroad tie replacement project. The closure for these crossings is slated for 1-2 days with the tie gangs working at night and asphalt repairs during the day. The N. West St. crossing was also slated to be closed but is now being skipped at this time as the material needed for the crossing came up missing. I have contacted Rep. Warren Davidson's office in regards to communication with CSX on projects. They stated that they would be following back up with me shortly in regards to next steps. In some past meetings that I have attended, the topic of America 250 celebrations have been brought up for 2026 and pre-planning for activities. 2026 would be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States. This is likely something that Council will need to have further discussions on if there is interest for any such events here in Versailles with Village coordination. The Community Pool party is slated for July 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM-8:00PM at the Ward Park Swimming Pool. Representatives from the Vets Club will be at the August 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting to discuss their Veteran's Banner program and request for additional banner arms on Village light poles. Veteran's banners were installed on Village decorative light poles the week of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Street Dept. personnel are working this week on curb repairs on W. Main St. in addition to the concrete apron at W. Main St./Franklin St. in advance of the upcoming street maintenance project. The water/sewer rate study currently being conducted by Sawvel & Associates is expected to be completed in the month of July, with a full presentation to council tentatively slated for the August 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The Versailles Swim Team will be hosting their league Swim Championship event on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ward Park Swimming Pool. We are currently coordinating with them for additional trash cans, bleachers will be moved from Ward Park to the pool, and additional concession materials will be brought in for the event. The swim team hosted the event last year and there was a considerable crowd for the event. A site plan submission has been reviewed and approved with a zoning permit

being issued for a new building to be constructed at Books By The Bushel on Subler Dr. The Street Dept. took delivery of a new 2024 Ford F-250 pickup truck that will replace the existing 2011 F-250 (Truck #2) that has been used to haul both zero-turn lawn mowers, push mowers, and trimmers around the Village for mowing of all Village properties. The 2011 F-250 will be transferred to the water/wastewater plant to replace a 2013 Ford Explorer Cruiser originally used by the Police Dept. that will be recommended for auction on GovDeals.com soon. There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:50PM for the presentation of the written recommendation from the Planning Commission to establish the zoning of annexed properties to R-1 owned by Nicholas & Timri Nolte, Alex & Malorie Cox, and James & Donna Monnier.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Planning Commission – a meeting will be scheduled in August
- Board of Zoning Appeals – a meeting will be scheduled in August
- Cemetery Board – meeting July 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Steinbrunner announced he would be absent from the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

Mayor Dammeyer adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

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Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer