

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

July 24, 2024

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, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Weaver. Mr. Steinbrunner was absent. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Ording, and Village Attorney Tom Guillozet. Guests in attendance were Mike Francis from Choice Engineering and Meladi Brewer, reporter for the Greenville Daily Advocate & Early Bird.

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

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

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the July 10, 2024 Public Hearing and July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for July 24, 2024

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

Mr. Mike Francis of Choice One Engineering was in attendance. He informed Council members that he has joined Choice One Engineering as a designer after retiring from ODOT. He offered his services for any upcoming projects the Village may have.

For the first item of old business, Mr. Paulus made a motion to have Resolution No. 24-29, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose be read by title only, the third reading. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the third reading of Resolution No. 24-29. Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-29, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second 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.

For the first item of new business, Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve regular, full-time status of Mr. Aaron Gilbert as a Police Officer with a successful completion of the six-month probationary period. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve regular, full-time status of Mrs. Alisha Apple as Assistant Fiscal Officer with the successful completion of the six-month probationary period. Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Next, Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve regular, full-time status of Mr. Shane Weaver as an Electric Lineman I with a successful completion of the one-year probationary period. Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas with Mr. Weaver abstaining from vote. Motion carried.

For the last item of new business, Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Tim Wehrkamp to a Water and Wastewater Plant Operator II position for a six-month probationary period, Mr. Weaver seconded. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

With all new business complete, Mr. Paulus made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property for municipal purposes and to consider compensation for a public employee. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Members entered executive session at 7:09 p.m. The executive session ended at 7:41 p.m.

Upon returning from executive session, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize 5 hours of rest pay for Luke Cox, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried. Mr. Paulus then made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to negotiate an option to purchase property for municipal purposes, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Dammeyer reported that Police Chief Bolin's June Monthly Activity Report was distributed.

Mr. Francis distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: We are currently working with Access Engineering Solutions to submit an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding application for a roadway reconstruction project on W. Wood St. between S. West St. and Columbia St. which would include the portions of Columbia St. and Pearl St. that have not yet been reconstructed. This project would include the replacement of sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer, concrete curbs, sidewalks, and roadway at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. The Street Dept. has completed the installation of all of the planned playground mulch at both Indian Creek and Ward Park. All water service and water main work West of Washington St. on the N. Central Waterline Improvement Project is now complete. The week of July 15th saw asphalt trench patching take place on the West half of the project. Lawn restoration in this portion of the project will not take place until the entire project is complete. Crews from Shinn Bros. continue work on water main and water service installations on the east side of the project. A full road closure will likely be needed on N. Center St. at some point as water services in this stretch will be connected to the existing 10" ductile iron water main in this area in addition to water main connections on each cross street. Directional boring work is complete for the conduit installations in the Oak Meadows Subdivision south of the Village along Cambridge Dr. Electric personnel are currently working to land the conduit throughout the development with further conductor installation work to continue through the late summer and into the fall. During the early morning hours of July 10th following a severe thunderstorm with high winds that came through our area, electric personnel were dispatched to a minor outage on McGreevey Rd. east of Christian Rd. in which lightning struck a power pole resulting in several line fuses being blown. Power was quickly restored once a damage assessment and repairs were completed in the area. That same evening, wind broke a street light pole at the corner of Washington St. and Wayne St. The street light pole was replaced the next day. At approximately 1:00 a.m. on July 11th, a power outage event occurred on the Village's Electric Circuit #5 that provides power to the North industrial side of the Village, Indian Creek Estates area, SR 185 West, and the Reed Rd. corridor. Linemen had to investigate the entire circuit area as the Circuit #5 recloser at the E. Water St. substation indicated a heavy fault that caused it to trip out as designed. This fault was severe enough that a flicker was experienced across other E. Water St. Substation circuits. The culprit of the fault was found due to two pothead connections failing at the Circuit #5 riser at the E. Water St. Substation. Circuit #5 was ultimately connected to Circuit #8 from the Greenlawn Substation with all power restored shortly after 4:00 a.m. that morning. It is believed that the large hits that this circuit took over the winter from construction equipment striking the overhead lines likely weakened these components due to the heavy amp draw that was experienced and caused the fault. Linemen have worked to replace the underground power cable completely between the substation and the riser pole where the damage took place in addition to all new hardware, switches, and connections with the circuit going back into normal operating condition July 16th. Around noon on July 11th, a semi-truck took down a Village power pole on Jamison Rd. dragging it 30 yards down the road and bending over a main 3-phase feeder pole on SR 121. No one was injured, but substantial damage took place to the Village's overhead electric lines and especially the below communication cables that the truck is believed to have come into contact with. Trucks are not normally on Jamison Rd., but this one had made a residential delivery on Martz Rd. and took Jamison to get to Midmark. We were forced to call for mutual aid assistance from New Bremen due to the amount of damage as we only had two linemen on-duty as one had gone home mid-morning after

being up the past two nights with other call-in events. Power was restored to all customers West on SR 121 and Boyer Rd. around 3:30 p.m., and Jamison Road was fully restored at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Electrical engineers from GPD Group visited the Village on July 16th to program the new recloser at the King's Command Foods south electric service location. We are currently working with GPD Group as well to size a new electric capacitor bank in the King's Command Foods area. GPD is also currently working on a coordination study to help the Village minimize outage situations on Village circuits. A lot of the coordination study involves making programming modifications to the reclosers at each substation to minimize disturbance to customers across circuits in the event of system damage either from human causes or storm events. Plant operators and other Village personnel worked Saturday, July 20th to completely drain and clean the water plant clarifier. This work went well and we are now able to take in approximately 2.5 times the amount of raw well water into the plant than what we could prior to the cleaning due to the calcium carbonate build-up in the clarifier. This maintenance work has to take place each year. Representatives from Jacobs Engineering performed an onsite visit at the wastewater treatment plant on 7/23 in advance of the planned Request for Qualifications (RFQ) being sent out to engineering firms for a plant study. This plant study is budgeted in the 2024 CIP to begin looking at needed improvements at the plant to increase treatment capacity and improvement treatment processes. The last plant expansion was completed in 2010 and we are at the point currently that work must begin to start planning for the next plant expansion to stay in compliance with the OEPA and keep up with our continued growth. Jacobs purchased CH2M in 2017 in which CH2M performed the engineering and design for the 2010 wastewater plant expansion project. The Versailles Swim Team hosted their league championship event on July 20th at the Ward Park Swimming Pool. Street personnel worked in advance of the event to bring in bleachers from Ward Park for the event along with providing additional trash service with the influx of people visiting the park and pool area. I attended the Darke County CIC meeting on 7/17/2024. CSX the week of July 8th replaced railroad ties through the Village on one of their tracks in which the Olive St., Steffin St., and N. Center St. crossings were tore out and replaced. There has been no word yet on when West St.'s crossing will be torn out and replaced. The Community Pool party is slated for this Sunday, July 28th from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Ward Park Swimming Pool. We are waiting currently for word from Wagner Paving on when they intend to start on the 2024 Street Maintenance Project. Street Dept. personnel have completed the last of the concrete curb and drive apron repairs at the Franklin St./W. Main St. intersection. This work needed to be completed before W. Main St. is resurfaced this summer. Ground has been broken on the BowlerStore building addition on Kley Rd. The new 2024 Ford F-250 that was recently delivered to the Village for use in the Street Dept. had to be towed to Dave Knapp Ford earlier this week as it stopped running and would not start back up. This truck has not been placed into service yet as it had just been lettered by VPP and rust proofing was applied last week by Go Krown of Yorkshire. We are in communication with Dave Knapp in regards to Ford's warranty covering all repairs and the towing bill. As part of the 2024 CIP, money was budgeted for the purchase of additional electric AMI radio-read electric meters. We will be looking to purchase 244 new 2S residential-size AMI electric meters from Core & Main at a cost of \$49,863.84. Core & Main is the exclusive supplier of Sensus AMI electric meters for our area as they have replaced EJ Prescott who had the territory prior. Electric personnel have been working as they have time to replace the out-of-town electric meters with the new AMI meters so that the practice of those customers self-reading their electric meters can stop. We had a preliminary discussion with Choice One Engineering on 7/16 to discuss obtaining some preliminary engineering estimates and options for new traffic control mast arms, signals, and traffic sensors in the Village on Main St. and Center St. The intent is to eventually work for the replacement of the current traffic lights that work off of timers and coordination with the railroad crossings only. New traffic signals would utilize coordination with the railroad crossings as well as have radar detectors that sense vehicles approaching and change their timing patterns to better keep traffic moving and minimize traffic noise in addition to improving safety. Such a project would be built into a future five-year capital improvement plan project that will involve seeking outside additional funding sources. There will be a Planning Commission meeting on August 7th to review and consider the withdraw of a PUD that has been approved in 2022 for JEMS Homes, LLC for their Edgewood Estates Phase II PUD residential development. In addition, JEMS Homes, LLC is proposing a replat layout of the Edgewood Phase II PUD residential development that will feature zero-lot line double residences similar to what they have done along Reed Ave. in the past. There will be a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on August 21st at 6:30 p.m. to review a replat request submitted by JEMS Homes, LLC for their Edgewood

Estates Phase II PUD residential development located along Reed Ave.

Fiscal Office Ording reported that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant of \$167,580 used for the swimming pool's new filtration system has been received. The advance from the General Fund was paid back with these funds. She said that she has received communication from the State of Ohio Auditor's office that the Village's 2022-2023 audit will commence soon. The June YTD Fund Report and Report of the Tax Department were distributed to Council members. Also distributed was a Total Tax Collection comparison spreadsheet for 2023 – 2024. She reported that after June, income tax collections are \$241,890.90 less than in June of 2023.

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 14th 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.

Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer