

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

September 11, 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, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Weaver. 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 under new business by adding item 8. B. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to sign a Joint Use Agreement with Versailles Poultry Days, Inc. for the use of House Bill 2 Appropriated Funds totaling \$175,000 for the construction of restrooms and path lighting at Heritage Park along with other improvements.

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

- Approval of Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2024 Public Hearing and August 28, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for September 11, 2024

Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: all yeas.

Scheduled for public discussion was the designation of the date and time for Halloween Trick or Treat in the Village of Versailles. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to designate Sunday, October 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. as Trick or Treat in Versailles; seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote all yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Dammeyer then read a proclamation, recognizing the week of September 17th through the 23rd as Constitution Week.

Under old business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No. 24-43, an ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

For the first item of new business, Village Attorney Guillozet read by title only, the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-44, an ordinance adopting the procedures and application for street-side handicapped parking in the Village of Versailles.

Next, Mr. Paulus made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to sign a Joint Use Agreement with Versailles Poultry Days, Inc. for the use of House Bill 2 Appropriated Funds totaling \$175,000 for the construction of restrooms and path lighting at Heritage Park along with other improvements, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to Administrative Reports, Mayor Dammeyer commended the Village Administrator and employees for all the hard work done for the capital projects within the Village. The major projects have been successfully completed.

Village Administrator Francis distributed his Village Administrator's Report to members and reported on the following items: The N. West St. railroad crossing is currently closed to all traffic by CSX for a rail tie

replacement project. The crossing was closed the morning of 9/9 and is expected to be closed for two weeks. Wagner Paving completed the street resurfacing work on the 2024 Street Maintenance Project on August 28th. Centerline striping on segments of new pavement and retracing of existing centerline was applied on the select Village streets on August 29th. There are a few manholes on W. Main St. that will need to be adjusted yet with the Mr. Manhole process. This work should take place this fall. In discussion with PAB Construction, they are looking to start on the N. East St. reconstruction by the end of this month. The North Central Waterline Improvement Project restoration work is complete which includes asphalt trench patching, concrete repairs and lawn restoration. A final walk-thru will be performed on the project within the next week to establish any punch list items that need tended. Street Dept. personnel recently finished grading the dirt privacy/security mound along the South property line of the Jackson St. Municipal Services Facility. A rental bulldozer was used to grade the mound and it is ready to have grass seeding completed. We will be looking to rent a slit seeder to seed the area so that it can establish this fall. Further concrete improvements behind this shop facility will also be made later this fall that includes a security gate at the Progress Way driveway that we currently have on hand. I attended the Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on 9/4. Great progress is being made with the Chamber Board of Directors to establish a revolving loan fund (RLF) to assist local businesses in the Versailles community. The intent is to have this program ready to go by the January Chamber Banquet. Electric Dept. personnel continue with planned electric outages in the Cambridge Dr. area where several transformers are being replaced and new underground primary power cables connected. This project will greatly improve the reliability for electric customers in the area. Conversion work will continue over the next few weeks with lawn restoration work to take place likely in early October. The new Weaver Bros. Barn #5 electric service at the Dew Fresh Farm on Christian Rd. was energized on 9/3. The water plant will be shut down this Saturday, Sept. 14th to allow for a main bearing to be replaced on the softening clarifier. The water plant will not be able to treat water while this repair takes place. We have coordinated this work with our large water users and the Versailles Fire Dept. A planned power outage will take place the morning of Sept. 15th between 5:00A-6:00A to allow Village linemen to disconnect three power leads near the Fire Dept. on Vista Dr. to allow for a new pole to be installed along Vista Dr. for the Midmark Plant C expansion project. A follow-up outage will take place September 28th between 4:00AM-6:00AM to perform the necessary reconnection work along Vista Dr. and re-energize the area. Due to the location of the needed pole and for the safety of our personnel, this work unfortunately cannot be performed live. Work on the requested pole by Midmark for their Plant C expansion project will take place the week of 9/16. The Street Dept. will be providing barricades and cones as needed for the Tour De Sewer Cross Country Invitational and the Versailles Band Invitational that will both be held on Sept. 21st. The yard waste facility will be closed for use on Sept. 21st. We have received some phone calls from residents about them not being automatically enrolled in the Village's IGS Energy natural gas aggregation program contract. Our utility clerks are providing them the information on how to contact IGS to enroll into the program. This new gas aggregation contract period begins Oct. 1st and lasts for two years. Street Dept. personnel re-activated the existing water service at 306 E. Main St. last week where Platty's Doors' new shop building is being constructed. We recently sold the 2002 Sterling Vac-Con Sewer Jet/Vac Truck on GovDeals for \$35,100.00. This amount is about where we felt the auction result would land. An auction begins tomorrow on our 2008 Chevy Impala and our 1986 Walker 6500-gallon Tanker Trailer on GovDeals. There are also other items currently up for auction that include retired fire hydrants, a post hole digger, and a fertilizer spreader. The Rosecomb Estates Phase II residential subdivision continues to progress through construction. Underground utility installation work is wrapping up with water main pressure and bacteria testing upcoming. Concrete curb installations are currently set to start on 9/17 with asphalt to go down yet this fall. 23 new building lots are included in Phase II. Planning Commission did not meet in September as there was no business to review nor conduct. A meeting in October will be necessary. Board of Zoning Appeals will not meet in the month of September as there is currently no business to review nor conduct. A Tree Commission Meeting will be called in early October to review the tree lottery bids for trees to be planed this fall. Included in that pricing will be replacement trees for the downtown streetscape area where replacement trees are needed as well as the planting of potentially 3-4 trees, depending on pricing, at the Jackson St. Municipal Services Facility.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that she and Attorney Guillozet reviewed and approved the ballot language with the Darke County Board of Elections for the proposed continuation of an existing ½% levy on income for five

years commencing January 1, 2025. The income tax is for street reconstruction and major repair purposes, consisting of storm drainage improvements, sanitary sewer improvements, waterline improvements, and street reconstruction.

Committee and Board reports were as follows:

- Street & Safety – Mr. Weaver reported that he has received a resident concern of the obstructed view of the stop signs along W Wood Street during football games. He also heard from a resident who lives along N. West Street and concerns of speeding.
- Cemetery Board – meeting September 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Paulus and Mrs. Dieringer announced they would be absent from the September 25th meeting.

Fiscal Officer Ording reported that a Records Commission meeting will be scheduled soon.

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

Mayor Dammeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer