

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 Apple, Attorney Tom Guillozet, New-Elect Brent Pepple.

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 November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- Approval of List of Expenditures for November 21, 2025.

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

No Public Discussion was had.

Old Business started with Mr. Paulus making a motion to have Resolution No. 25-49, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection to be read by title only for a third and final time. Mrs. Dieringer seconded the motion. Vote: yeas. Motions Carried. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-49 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus making a motion to have Resolution No. 25-50, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Richland Township for fire protection to be read by title only for a third and final time. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: yeas. Motions Carried. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-50 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus making a motion to have Resolution No. 25-51, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for fire protection to be read by title only for a third and final time. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: yeas. Motions Carried. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-51 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus making a motion to have Resolution No. 25-52 a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with the Village of Russia, Shelby County, Ohio, for Emergency Medical Services to be read by title only for a third and final time. Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion. Vote: yeas. Motions Carried. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-52 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Paulus making a motion to have Resolution No 25-53. a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for Emergency Medical Services to be read by title only for a third and final time. Mr. Griesdorn seconded the motion. Vote: yeas. Motions Carried. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-53 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: all yeas. Motion carried.

Moving on to New Business Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-57 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 24-67, The 2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, and declaring an emergency for the first reading. Mr. Paulus motioned to read the following ordinance for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet ready by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-57 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to authorize an installment payment of \$500,118.00 to Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC for an Aerial Fire Truck for the Fire Dept. per the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, Equipment, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the 2026 Village of Versailles HSA Contribution of \$500 for single & \$1,000 for family, employee + children, or employee + spouse, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve a Public Hearing for the presentation of the Village's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan on December 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve a written recommendation from the Planning Commission approving of a new zoning code and to schedule a Public Hearing for December 29, 2025 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve a 3.5% increase for the 2026 Hourly Compensation Program, by table, grade level, position, and steps effective January 4, 2026 and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to award the bid for the Greenlawn Cemetery Area Waterline Improvements Project to Tom's Construction, Inc. with a bid of \$266,576.00, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

The following motions to award the major equipment bids for the McGreevey Road Substation Project per a recommendation from GPD Group as follows:

Mr. Paulus made a motion to approve Bid Item No.1 – 69kV-12.47kV Power Transformer to Virginia Transformer for the amount of \$709,300.00, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carries.

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve Bid Item No. 2 – 15kV Structure, Bussing and Switches to Tatman Associates for the amount of \$324,252.00, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve Bid Item No. 3 – 15kV Vacuum Circuit Breaker to Power Line Supply for the Siemens unit for the amount of \$35,174.00, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Bid Item No. 4 – (4) 15kV Vacuum Circuit Reclosers to Power Line Supply for the Eaton units for the amount of \$104,604.00, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve Bid Item No. 5 – (10) 7.2kV, 416.3kVA Voltage Regulators to Wesco in the amount of \$407,828.88, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Paulus made a motion to not approve Bid Item No. 6 – (3) Relay and Control Panels to any bidder per the recommendation of GPD Group due to the only bid submitted not including a required performance bond in addition to several requested exceptions in the bid that the Village could not accept, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Paulas made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Luke Cox as Electric Lineman II effective December 5, 2025, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

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. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Members, along with Mr. Pepple entered executive session at 7:37 p.m. The executive session ended at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor informed how his talk with the third-grade class about local government went. He also mentioned what the YMCA is now offering for members. Also, informed council he will be working on the Standing Committees, and to expect some changes.

Village Administrator Franics went over the following:

1. The Electric Dept. recently replaced a damaged recloser on Circuit #9 at the Greenlawn Substation. The recloser was damaged on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> due to a fault. A replacement recloser unit was installed, connected, tested, and placed back into service. The entire substation was offline from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Personnel re-energized the substation on the morning of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. While the substation was offline, two new gate operated air brake (GOAB) just outside the Greenlawn Substation for Circuit #8 and Circuit #9 that will greatly help with system switching in the future in the event of an outage or planned maintenance.
2. I attended the monthly AMP Board Meeting that was held virtually on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. I also attended the monthly Darke County CIC meeting in Greenville the morning of Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. The Darke County CIC continues to work on and refine a revolving loan program directly through the CIC.

3. The yard waste pile was ground by ReSource Recycling on Nov. 14th. The ground material removal has begun at the facility, but will not interfere with residents dropping off their yard waste material.
4. All American flags have been removed from the decorative light poles in the Village for the season to prevent damage during the winter month. Veteran's banners will be taken down and Christmas banners installed within the next week.
5. Leaf collection continues throughout the Village through the first week of December when curbside collection for the season will cease. Residents may bring their leaves directly to the yard waste facility after that week.
6. Street personnel have replaced two fire hydrants that were identified as needing replaced during past fire hydrant flushing activities on Pearl St. and Euclid St. Both hydrants have been found not to be repairable and must be completely replaced. One was located at Euclid St./S. West St. and one at Virginia St./Pearl St. (Pearl St. side).
7. The S. Center St. Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project began the second half of last week (Week of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>). A subcontractor to Shinn Bros., Inc., Visu Sewer, began lining work of the existing clay sanitary sewer mains in the project area. Once all lining work is complete, Shinn Bros. will be in to replace the sanitary sewer lateral to each property from the main to the R/W or easement line. Shinn Bros. has indicated that excavation and lining work will be complete by the end of this year.
8. The Village's electric system experienced a momentary power outage on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:16PM and again on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:26PM due to breaker trips on the AES' transmission system that supplies the Village transmission power. AES did not provide a reason for the event on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, but the Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> event was caused by a broken insulator on their lines between Versailles and Rossburg.
9. All Electric Dept. bucket trucks, digger trucks, and other safety equipment was di-electric tested to ensure safety for our personnel and others by JM Test. This testing is performed annually.
10. A new pedestal-style drinking fountain will soon be installed Indian Creek Park next to the ball diamond by the Street Dept. The existing drinking fountain located on the restroom building at the diamond was beyond repair and taken out of service earlier this year.
11. Street personnel have completed the new speed limit sign installations along N. Center St. from Baker Rd. north to the new corporation limit. The Electric Dept. will be installing a few new street lights in this recently annexed area as well to improve lighting and safety in the area.
12. Utilities Superintendent Mumaw has been utilizing our new GIS/GPS unit that was purchased this year as part of the five-year CIP to collect underground utility locations throughout the Village and service territory. Each time we have a segment of underground sanitary sewer or storm sewer televised, he is working to capture that information with the GPS unit to forever record tap locations for service lines to customers, etc. We are also using this to locate each new or upgraded electric service installation that goes in underground so that personnel know the location/routing with mapping before they pull out the locating wand onsite to locate.
13. We had a meeting with Jacobs Engineering and the SW Ohio EPA Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> via Teams to discuss potential changes to the Village's NPDES discharge limits if the wastewater plant was expanded. The Ohio EPA has indicated that dissolved oxygen discharge parameters would likely be adjusted with a plant expansion. The main point of conversation was regarding phosphorous discharge limits that would be cut in half if the plant was expanded. The current discharge limit of the Village is 1.0 mg/L, this would be reduced to 0.5 mg/L. Phosphorous is a common chemical found primarily in detergents, soaps, and cleansers. We are currently able to meet the discharge limit of 1 mg/L biologically at the wastewater plant and we can also feed alum to as needed to reduce phosphorous counts by dropping it out of the flow during treatment. We are awaiting Jacobs Engineering's preliminary engineering report yet that I would expect to be to us within the next few weeks along with the water treatment plant preliminary engineering report.
14. Treatment operators recently took down one of two soda ash feeder setups in the water treatment plant for complete overhaul maintenance. These feeders have not been taken down in this manner for some time in which the mixing tank and components were thoroughly cleaned and inspected. The mixing tank will be recoated with new NSF 61 compliant paint and placed back into service soon. Soda ash is used as an ingredient in our water softening process in addition to lime.
15. Our 2020 Freightliner/Labrie automated garbage truck recently experienced engine issues related to the injectors on the Cummins engine. A.L. Smith had to replace all six injectors on the engine at a cost of \$11,347.97. Village personnel were able to maintain service to curbside refuse/recycling customers while these repairs were made by using one of the rear-load trucks and adding personnel to the truck to pull and flip totes.
16. For 2025, 15.39 tons of curbside yard waste was collected manually by the Village and hauled to the yard waste facility.
17. The downtown streetscape trees that currently do not have Christmas lights on them are set to be removed this winter as they are either dead, dying, or diseased. There are eight total trees that will be removed and replanted with the same species that was planted last winter, Japanese Lilac Ivory Silk. This tree is suited to grow in small settings like what we have in

that area as they do not grow overly tall and do not have the root-push like some of the prior trees such as the Bradford Pears and Green Ash that have been removed. There was left over funds in the 2025 Street R/W Tree Trimming budget line that will be used for these tree replanting efforts.

18. No parking signs will soon be added to W. Main St. from Columbia St. to Marker Rd. along the north and west side of the street with the recent passage of the no parking ordinance in this area. The current centerline on the street has already been shifted over approximately three feet to allow for parking on one side of the street and two full-width lanes of traffic along this corridor.
19. I will be working on the 2025 Tree City USA Award submission this week as the deadline for submission is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
20. The new Mexican restaurant, El Herradero, in the former Sweet Shop building was having their final plumbing inspection at the end of last week and their Health Dept. food service inspection today. The owner has not provided an open date yet for the restaurant.
21. Tree Commission: Meeting held Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon which was the final meeting of the year.
22. BZA: No meeting scheduled for December as there is business to tend to.
23. Planning Commission: No meeting scheduled for December as there is no business to tend to.

Fiscal Officer informed budgeting is going and nothing else to report.

Village Attorney had nothing to report

### **Committee & Board Reports:**

#### Finance & Audit (Mr. Paulus)

Meeting December 15, 2025 @ 6:00pm

#### Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Nothing to report.

#### Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)

Met November 24, 2025 – council will be seeing the recommendation for changes at the next council meeting.

#### Planning Commission (Mr. Paulus)

Nothing to report.

#### Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)

Nothing to report.

#### Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver)

Met November 18, 2025 – Next meeting December 16, 2025

#### Park Board (Mr. Griesdorn)

Closed for the season

#### Tree Commission (Ms. Shaffer)

Nothing to report

#### Facilities (Mrs. Dieringer)

Nothing to Report

Mayor Dammeyer read the following announcements:

#### Council Workshop

December 3, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

#### Upcoming Council Meeting

December 17, 2025

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

#### Public Hearings

December 17, 2025

6:15 pm & 6:30 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

Mr. Griesdorn announced he will not be in attendance at the next meeting & Mr. Paulus announced we will not be at the Finance Committee meeting December 15.

A motion from Ms. Shaffer to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Griesdorn.

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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Todd M. Dammeyer, Mayor

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Alisha Apple, Fiscal Officer