

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, Fire/ EMS Interim Chief Dustin Johns.

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

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

- Approval of Agenda as Amended
- Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2025 Public Hearing
- Approval of amended Minutes from the December 17, 2025 Public Hearing
- Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for December 24, 2025
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of David Subler to Planning Commission
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of HB Hole III to Cemetery Board
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of Allison Gonya to Park Board
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of Ray Berger to Income Tax Review Board
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of Jeff Henry to Tree Commission
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of Shane Stonebraker to Records Commission
- Consideration of a motion to approve the re- appointment of Lester Monnin to Utilities Policies Committee
- Consideration of a motion to approve the appointment of Brad Luthman to Utilities Policies Committee
- Consideration of a motion to approve the appointment of Brad Luthman to Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried

With a conflict for the January 28, 2026 Council Meeting and the Versailles Chamber Of Commerce, Council has decided to move that meeting to Thursday January 29, 2026. A motion by Ms. Shaffer to move January 28, 2026 Meeting to January 29, 2026, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

No Old Business to conduct, we moved to New Business.

First reading of Resolution No. 25-61, a resolution to adopt the revised Fire/ EMS Chief job description, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following resolution for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-61 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-61 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-62, a resolution to adopt the revised Utilities Administrative Assistant job description, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following resolution for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-62 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-62 as read, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-63, a resolution to adopt the revised Refuse Collection Laborer job description, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following resolution for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-63 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-63 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-64, an ordinance setting forth the shared allocation of the payment of certain Village employee's compensation from different funds, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn 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 read Ordinance No. 25-64 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-64 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-65, an ordinance amending the 2025 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following ordinance for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-65 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-65 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-66, an ordinance providing for the Annual Appropriation for 2026, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following ordinance for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-66 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-66 as read, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-67 an ordinance authorizing the transfer of funds to various funds as provided in the 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following ordinance for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-67 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-67 as read, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-68 a resolution revising and adopting an updated hourly employee's compensation and salary compensation tables for the Village of Versailles and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following resolution for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-68 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-68 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-69, a resolution enacting revisions and updates to the sections 3.12, 4.16 and 5.02 of The Villages Personnel and Policy Manual and declaring it an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following resolution for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-69 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-69 as read, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-70, an ordinance approving a contract for employment between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Joshua J Bolin as Police Chief for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following ordinance for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-70 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-70 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-71, an ordinance approving a contract for employment between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Dustin M Johns as Fire/EMS Chief for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn 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 read Ordinance No. 25-71 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-71 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-72, a resolution approving an updated Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn motioned to read the following resolution for a second and third time by title only. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 25-72 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-72 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25-73, an ordinance establishing the compensation for the Emergency Medical Services Personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn 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 read Ordinance No. 25-73 by title only for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 25-73 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Guillozet read Ordinance No. 25- 74, an ordinance to approve the execution of a schedule with American Municipal Power, INC. for participation in the community energy savings smart thermostat program.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the Fiscal Office permission to pay out Greg Bourne sick time balance in 2026, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to appoint Marie Rose to Utilities Administrative Assistant effective January 4, 2026, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to appoint Ron Miller to Refuse Collection Laborer effective January 4, 2026, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to appoint Caden Hamilton to Street Laborer effective January 4, 2026, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote; yeas. Motion Carried

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to adopt a new Zoning Code for the Village of Versailles as presented and to create legislation, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to move the scheduled Public Hearing for the Village's Police Department Feasibility Study on January 28, 2026 to February 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mayor thanked Mr. Kent Paulus for is 20 years of dedication to the Village of Versailles as a Council Member. He also informed Council of the Committees they will be on for 2026 and those will be approved at the January 14, 2026 meeting.

Village Administrator Report:

1. Leaf collection for the season is complete.
2. Work continues on the S. Center St. Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. Shinn Bros. last week was working to install new sanitary sewer laterals for customers on Hickory Ave. No installation work will take place until the week of January 5th.
3. GPD Group the Village's electrical engineering consultant has provided us 60% design drawing for the N. Center St./Circuit #1 Rebuild Project. We are currently reviewing the drawings.
4. Jacobs Engineering has provided us a draft preliminary engineer's report for the WWTP. We are currently reviewing the report.
5. Electric Dept. personnel by the end of this week will be close to energizing the new Weaver Bros. Dew Fresh Processing Plant service on Christian Rd.
6. Electric Dept. personnel responded Dec. 28th to a downed power line and outage on St. Peter Rd. just East of Klipstine Rd. 46 customers were affected as part of this outage that involved customers south of Woodland Dr. along SR 185, the Cambridge Dr. area, St. Peters Rd., Klipstine Rd., and Barnes Rd. All but approximately 10 customers had their power restored in less than an hour, with full restoration completed in less than two hours. A porcelain lightning arrestor failing and creating an arc is the likely culprit for the outage in which an overhead primary electric conductor was severed and dropped to the side ditch. All damaged hardware was replaced.
7. We will likely be looking into other options for a one-call mass notification program. The program that we were recommended to transition to earlier in 2025 is not working out as advertised by the developer. Although the OnSolve CodeRED program is far more robust than the old program, it is not user friendly nor easy to use in the field when situations take place. Nearly all notifications with our one call systems now and in the past are made away from the office, often at the scene of the issue. It is paramount to us to notify customers and residents as soon as possible with an issue or outage.
8. I am currently reviewing the refuse operations and expenses as rate changes are likely necessary. The last rate changes took place in 2019. Our disposal fees for both refuse and recycling continue to go up each year and cardboard is virtually worthless with no service fee for the collection service at customer locations. Further information will be forthcoming and a Finance Meeting will be scheduled once information is ready to be presented and reviewed.
9. Veteran's Banners have all been removed for the season and provided back to the Vets Club for inspection and inventory.

10. Village Lineman Luke Schlater completed his second to last lineman training module at AEP in Ft. Wayne the first two weeks of December. Luke will have his final session and evaluation at AEP in the spring that will conclude his outside lineman training program.
11. BZA: No meeting scheduled for January as there is business to tend to at this time. Brent Pepple will be removed from the BZA Committee due to his election as a council member. Brad Luthman who resides at 653 E. Wood St. has volunteered/agreed to become a BZA member.
12. Planning Commission: There will be a meeting Jan. 7th at 6:30PM, Village Admin Building, 1901 Conference Room. Agenda items include a replat survey for properties on N. Center St., right-of-way vacation for Reims Court, replat survey for properties along Reed Ave. and Monet Ln., and zoning assignment for several properties along N. center St. that were recently annexed into the Village.

Fiscal Officer Apple reported that she will update the budget spread sheet for everyone once we get final totals for 2025.

Village Attorney let council know that everything is filed with the recorder's office.

Committee & Board Reports:

Finance & Audit (Mr. Paulus)
Meeting Coming in February

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)
Nothing to Report

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)
Nothing to Report

Planning Commission (Mr. Paulus)
Next Meeting January 7, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)
Nothing to Report

Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver) – 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Next Meeting January 20, 2026

Park Board (Mr. Griesdorn)
Nothing to Report

Tree Commission (Ms. Shaffer)
Nothing to Report

Facilities (Mrs. Dieringer)
Nothing to Report

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting
January 14, 2026
7:00 pm
Versailles Fire/EMS Station

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner.

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.