

Mayor Dammeyer called the Council Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Pepple. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Apple, Attorney Tom Guillozet., Fire Chief Dustin Johns, and Police Chief Josh Bolin.

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

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda as amended
- Approval of Minutes from the January 29, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for February 9, 2026
- Approval of the removal of Mr. Lester Kueterman from the Board of Zoning Appeals and CRA Housing Council due to his recent passing
- Approval of the appointment of Mr. Josh Brandon to the CRA Housing Council
- Approval of the appointment of Mr. Roger Bey to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Weaver Seconded the motion, Vote: yeas. Motion Carried

Mayor Dammeyer read the following FFA Proclamation that he presented to the Versailles FFA on Tuesday February 10, 2026.

Moving on to Old Business Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have the following resolution read for a third and final time. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Tom Guillozet read Ordinance No. 26-01, an Ordinance providing for the establishment of zoning for all of the incorporated area of Versailles, Ohio for a third and final time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-01, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Tom Guillozet read for the second time Resolution No. 26-03, a resolution approving the execution of an Efficiency Smart Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc

Attorney Tom Guillozet read for the second time Resolution No. 26-05, a resolution of the Village of Versailles, of Ohio, supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial. (American250-OH)

On to New Business Attorney Tom Guillozet read Resolution No. 26-07, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract addendum for disposal services with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No 26-07 read by title only for a second third time and declaring an emergency. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Tom Guillozet read Resolution No. 26-07 for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-07 and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried

Mr. Weaver made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to purchase a 2026 GMC 3500 pickup truck from Hittle's GMC at a cost of \$47,949.65 to replace the Street Department Truck which is a 2014 Ford F350 pickup truck per the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Item #26-E15. Seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission for Planning Commission Case No. 25-10, zoning assignments for multiple properties recently annexed into the Village of Versailles totaling 6.782 acres of land and for council to schedule a public hearing for March 25, 2026 at 6:45 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the written recommendation from the Planning Commission for Planning Commission Case No. 26-01, a re-plat of Lots 975 Thru 984 in Chateau Subdivision – Phase III as requested by Ivy Communities of West Ohio, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Trevor Hemmerich as a Lineman I position for a one-year probationary period on contingency of passing all pre-employment screening. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Pepple made a motion to move forward with the study option that would be an addition onto the current Fire/EMS Station for the Police Dept. as outlined in the feasibility study, and to authorize the Village Administrator to seek Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architecture/engineering firms to perform the necessary building and site design work. Seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

#### Administrative Reports:

Mayor talked again about FFA Week and some of the things that the Versailles FFA will be doing. He also thanked Chief Bolin and Chief Johns for providing the yearly Calls report for Police & EMS.

#### Village Administrator reported on:

1. Treatment plant operators have continued to haul biosolids as much as possible while ground conditions remain frozen and suitable for field application.
2. As discussed at the Street & Safety Committee meeting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be moving forward with the purchase and installation of two radar-enabled speed limit sign flashers at the north corporation limit of N. Center St./Reed Rd. as well as the southeast corporation limit at Hickey Ave./Versailles-Southeastern Rd. We continue to receive comment from concerned residents and neighbors at these locations in regards to vehicles traveling into town at higher than posted speeds. These new flashing signs will contain a radar detector that will provide on the display the speed of the vehicle as it approaches the sign coming into town. Several area communities have installed these signs and have stated that they have helped reduce speed. These signs also have the capability of storing speed and vehicle counts so that we can analyze this data to see if the signs are helping to reduce the speed of vehicles coming into town from the time they went up and into the future.
3. We have obtained the pipe and other related material pricing for the Steffin St. Water Main Replacement Project between Water St. and Main St. Price for the pipe and material is \$25,278.82 from Core & Main with the order to be placed by the end of this week. Tom's Construction who will be performing the work informed us today that they intend to move into town the last week of February and begin this work before starting on the Greenlawn Water Main Project that they were awarded this past fall. This project was included in the 2026 Five-Year CIP.
4. Street Dept. personnel will be working to install new shooting target holders out at the Bohman Water Tower Site (east water tower) for the relocated Police Dept. shooting range. The current range location at the Terry St. Water Site (north water tower) is being decommissioned. The Village many years ago was able to source fill dirt from a Village project to create a new earthen backstop at the new location. Police officers will shoot west to east, with shots going away from the Village. The earthen embankment sits in front of the woods that the Village owns on the property. Street personnel will also relocate the police target storage shed to the new site as well.
5. We will begin this week marking trees for removal on W. Wood St. in advance of the W. Wood St. Area Street Reconstruction Project. We will seek pricing for these removals as soon as possible so that all of the removal work is complete prior to the start of the actual construction project. Tree removals will be handled directly by the Village and not included in the street reconstruction project.
6. Letters for a Street & Safety Meeting Public Meeting will be provided soon to property owners in the W. Wood St. Reconstruction Project area. This public meeting will allow for property owners to ask any questions and see the construction plans. These letters will also contain preliminary cost estimates for sidewalk and curb assessment costs for each respective property. All sidewalks and curbs will be replaced (or added in some areas) as part of the project. Additionally, the public hearing will also address the proposal to make Columbia St. a one-way traffic flow (south to north) from W. Ward St. to W. Main St. due to the tight constraints of the street due to limited right-of-width. Franklin St. will also be discussed as part of the public hearing to make it one-way traffic flow (north to south) from W. Main St. to W. Ward St. due to its narrow width and the inability for two cars to pass one another. Letters to all nearby property owners will be sent out as well for those near Columbia St. and Franklin St., but not necessarily involved in the W. Wood St. Reconstruction Project.
7. I have requested assistance from Access Engineering Solutions to review the Baker Rd./N. Center St. intersection for the addition of a traffic stop bar to be painted onto Baker Rd. at the intersection. Trucks and passenger vehicles routinely creep up past the stop sign and then clog the intersection for larger vehicles who are attempting to turn onto Baker Rd. At this time, Baker Rd. is a Village truck route and is routinely used as such. By establishing the placement of a stop bar that allows for clear passage of trucks and other larger vehicles, this will help with traffic flow and improve safety at the intersection. The current stop sign is placed where the Darke County Highway Department placed it based on county road design. This intersection is now entirely inside of the Village and we are able to adjust things and make improvements based on more applicable design criteria. Sight distance review is also included in this request.

8. Trees for the 2026 Street Right-of-Way Tree Trimming Project are currently being marked with yellow ribbon. Trees in the public right-of-way that are marked with yellow ribbon have been identified as needing some type of tree trimming work to meet Village regulations. Marking began 2/10/2026 and once complete, the Village will then work to obtain pricing for these services to be completed between now and Memorial Day. This project is done each year and paid for out of the General Fund as part of the Five-Year CIP
9. We are soliciting proposals currently for the Greenlawn Cemetery Lawn Care Maintenance and Weed Control Project. This project was handled by Flory Landscaping for the past three-years as part of a multi-year agreement between Flory and the Village. That agreement has now expired and the need for new proposals is needed. We have reached out to several local lawn care maintenance companies and are asking for their proposals by Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>.
10. I was made aware by State Representative Angie King (R-Celina) that State Capital Budget Projects are to be submitted to her office by March 12<sup>th</sup>. It has been discussed prior to use this potential funding source for replacements of the Village's downtown traffic lights, posts, and controls on Main St. at West St. and Center St. This project is needed to help improve traffic flow efficiency with traffic lights/controls that sense traffic and adjust automatically as well as to replace the current suspended fixtures with mast arms. Mast arms are much better suited for our busy state route traffic on Main St. as the lights are more easily seen, are at a fixed height less susceptible to damage strikes from over-sized loads that has been an issue for numerous years. I have reached out to Choice One Engineering for them to review and update their preliminary engineer's estimates that were provided in the fall of 2024. Choice One and the Village have also already had conversations with ODOT regarding this potential project as ODOT permits all traffic signals located on state routes. This project is currently in the Five-Year CIP for engineering in 2027 with construction in 2028. If we are successful in obtaining funding through the State Capital Budget Project process, construction may be moved up from 2028 depending on the rules for when such funding must be used by. I will provide further information and seek formal approval by Council to apply for funding at the February 25<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting. We last used this grant funding source for the 2023-2024 Pool Filtration System Project at the Ward Park Swimming Pool.
11. We are soliciting proposals currently for the 2026 Electric Line Clearance Tree Trimming Project. Proposals are due back by February 25<sup>th</sup>. This work can only be done by tree trimming contractors who are certified to work around energized power lines. This project is included annually in the Five-Year CIP.
12. Treatment plant operator Nathan Weigel began CDL training this week in Muncie. His class should be wrapped up within a few weeks. With the new CDL laws that have come into place, employers must now send folks out for professional driving training to obtain a CDL.
13. New large and logistic business directional signs have started to be installed around the Village. In coordination with several of the Village's larger businesses and logistics companies, new blue directional signs that include the business logo are being added in key areas of the Village to aid trucks to their locations. The Village had these signs for many years prior, with many that were taken down several years ago by the businesses request at that time. It has been found that such directional signs with a business logo are more quickly and easily identified versus just a business name. Partners for this project included Classic Carriers, Pohl Transportation, Kings Command Foods, Weaver Bros., and Midmark.
14. The Village will once again be working with the Darke County Engineer's Office in a joint project for centerline and white line striping of select Village streets in 2026. Quantities and locations have been provided to the Darke County Engineer's Office for 2026. The Village saves a considerable amount of money by partnering with the Darke County Engineer's Office versus us hiring this work directly with a contractor.
15. The Electric Dept. will be placing an order for a 500 kVA, 480/277V padmount transformer from UTB at a cost of \$20,750.00. Kamps Pallets recently upgraded an electric service for their facility in which a stock 300 kVA unit was utilized to get them going for the time being until the new 500 kVA unit arrives.
16. Electric Dept. personnel are currently working on an upgrade to the K of C Hall's electric service. The hall has completely replaced their aging electric service and the Village is constructing a new pole-mount transformer bank and underground electric service to the building.
17. Christmas lights downtown have been turned off for the season and lights are currently being removed from the trees. We typically turn these off each year at the first of February, but they were left on another week this year due to the recent cold weather.

Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Village Attorney had nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:  
Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)  
Meeting Feb 19, 2026 @ 6:30.

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)  
Met February 4, 2026 – will be having a Public Hearing March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm.

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)  
Meeting February 19, 2023 at 7:15 pm.

Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)  
Met February 4, 2026 – nothing so far for March.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)  
Nothing at this time.

Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
Meeting February 17, 2026

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)  
Meeting March 4, 2026.

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)  
Meeting February 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)  
Nothing at this time.

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting  
February 25, 2026  
7:00 pm  
Versailles Fire/EMS Station

No other announcements.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner.

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.