

Mr. Griesdorn, President called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found the following Council Members present: Mr. Griesdorn, Mr. Steinbrunner, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, and Mr. Weaver. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Apple, Attorney Matt Pierron., and Fire Chief Dustin Johns. Absent: Mayor Dammeyer and Mr. Pepple.

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 February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2026 Public Hearing
- Approval of List of Expenditures for February 23, 2026

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

On to the Public Discussion, Dave Harmon, Superintendent of Versailles Exempted Village Schools came to get approval from Council to allow the Versailles High School Marching Band to march to all home Football Games. After discussion Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve Mr. Harmon's request to allow a police escort of the Versailles High School Marching Band to all home Football Games. Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Old Business: Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-03, to be read for a third and final time. Seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 26-03 a resolution approving the execution of an Efficiency Smart Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-03 as read, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-05, to be read for a third and final time. Seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 26-05, a resolution of the Village of Versailles, of Ohio, supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial. (American250-OH). Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-05 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

New Business Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee to approve the proposal from Wichert Insurance for the renewal of the Village's Insurance Package with the auto deductible moving to \$2,000 for a savings for coverage for 2026-2027, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee to approve the new EMS Billable Mileage Rates and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee to approve adding a "Child Care Provider" onto the seasonal pool pass application form for an additional fee, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to approve the new Ward Park Swimming Pool Rental Application, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Finance & Audit Committee to approve proposed refuse, recycling, and cardboard collection service rates and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to approve the Village's Policies and Procedures of Refuse, Recycling, and Cardboard Collection Services and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to approve the Village formally adopting a Cybersecurity Program in accordance with Ohio House Bill 96 and legislation be prepared, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel & Policies Committee to approve the Village formally adopting a Social Media Policy and for legislation to be prepared, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Ryan Heins as a Lineman I position for a one-year probationary period, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the W. Wood St. Area Reconstruction Project, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried

Ms. Shaffer made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Cruiser to replace a 2020 Ford Explorer Cruiser per the Five-Year CIP, Item #26-E2 with a budget of \$82,000.00, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase a Kenworth chassis with the truck dump body and accessory build through W.A. Jones to replace a 2009 International Dump Truck per the 2026 Five-Year CIP, Item #26-E14 with a budget of \$250,000.00, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the recommendation from Fire Chief Dustin Johns to allow Mr. Jarred Shimp to become a member to the roster of the Versailles Fire Department as a firefighter, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Council entered executive session at 8:33 p.m.
Council exited executive session at 9:14 p.m.

Administrative Reports
Mayor was absent.

Village Administrator reported:

1. Tom's Construction will be beginning the Steffin St. water line replacement project the first week of March. This project will be replacing approximately 300 feet of existing 10" cast iron water main with 8" PVC main, main valves, one fire hydrant, and two water services. This section of existing water main has had two breaks in the past five years.
2. Tom's Construction will also be in town starting the first week of March to start on the Greenlawn Cemetery Area Waterline Replacement Project. This project will see the installation of a new 12" water main from the football practice field area to Greenlawn Ave. Once complete, the existing 10" cast iron water main in the area that was installed in the 1960's will be retired.
3. New overhead garage doors have been installed at the former Life Squad building at 220 W. Main St. The Police Dept. will begin this week moving their materials and cruisers to this building and out of the former Street/Electric garage at 137 N. Center St. We met with SecurCom on 2/20 to obtain pricing for security cameras at the 220 W. Main St. location.
4. The new black dugout fence has been installed at the Indian Creek Park Ball Diamond. This work was completed by Western Ohio Fence Supply out of Piqua.
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. 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. 27th.
7. We are soliciting proposals currently for the 2026 Electric Line Clearance Tree Trimming Project. Proposals are due back by February 25th. 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.
8. The Electric Dept. has finished the new electric service at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
9. Electric Dept. personnel will be beginning on another underground primary power extension and new 1500 kVA padmount transformer installation at the Weaver Bros. Dew Fresh Farm for two new, replacement egg laying barns.

10. Christmas light removals continue in the downtown streetscape area. Numerous compliments were received this year from the Village about the Christmas lights.
11. Electric Foreman Scott Riley and Lineman AJ Magoto will be visiting Mrs. Wuebker's FFA class on Feb. 25th to discuss electricity.
12. Street Dept. personnel continue to install truck/business directional signage around the Village on main thoroughfares.
13. Street Dept. personnel have been working to exercise water main valves in sections of the Village. We attempt to exercise approximately 20-25% of our total main line valves each year in conformance with OEPA guidance and regulations.
14. We will be bringing in a leak detection company soon to check over our water distribution system for any leaks. Our water system loss percentage has crept upwards over the winter months and we are concerned that there could be a leak somewhere out on the system. We would much rather locate that leak before there would be a water main break that would cause a larger disruption for the system and customers.
15. Electric Dept. personnel began work this week on another primary electric extension and new electric service installation for new barns #4 and #5 at their Dew Fresh Farm on Christian Rd. that will see a new 1500 kVA transformer be installed for a three-phase 480/277V service.
16. Four new street lights have been installed and are in service along N. Center St. from the Carry-Out to Groff Mowing in this recently annexed roadway area.
17. The Street Dept. has taken down a damaged Bradford Pear tree along the frontage of Greenlawn Cemetery near the West end of the property along Greenlawn Ave.
18. We have received back one quote on Electric Line Tree Trimming Work as part of the 2026 project. Fitzwater Outdoor Maintenance was the lone quote with a price of \$13,350.00 on Base Bid #1, and a price on Alternate #1 of \$14,875.00. No response was provided from Nelson Tree Service and Tree Care, Inc. who were provided an invitation to quote. This year's electric tree trimming project focuses on areas inside of the Village corporation limit on Base Bid #1. Alternate #1 areas include areas outside of the Village corporation limits. This work was planned for in the Five-Year CIP for 2026 under CIP Item #26-P22 with a budget of \$40,000.00.
19. I was made aware of a recent WDTN Channel 2 news story on Village dissolutions per Ohio House Bill 331. They listed Versailles in the article as a potential Village that could dissolve. I replied to their request to comment on House Bill 331 awhile ago and informed them that House Bill 331 doesn't really apply to us. In the House Bill, a Village has to provide for so many services (or contract for) in addition to some election matters. We are well above all of the minimum criteria contained in the House Bill that was approved and signed into law.
20. We have implemented some further cyber security measures with Reliable Business Solutions as part of a best practice procedure in addition to meeting compliance with a State of Ohio mandate that will become effective July 1st.
21. I attended the 2026 APPA Legislative Rally in Washington, DC 2/23-2/25 as part of the AMP Board of Trustees. During the rally, meetings and informational sessions were had with congressman with folks from Public Power Communities from across the US. For our community, meetings were had with US Sen. Husted, US Sen. Moreno, and US Rep. Davidson's Office on Capitol Hill in their respective office buildings. All travel expenses for the rally were handled by AMP.
22. Quotes for the 2026 Greenlawn Cemetery Mowing and Lawn Treatment Services are due 2/27 by 4:00PM.
23. I plan to attend the Southwest Ohio Floodplain Manager's Training in Lebanon March 11th.
24. We just received the first zoning permit application for a Rosecomb Estates Phase II lot for a new home.
25. We are meeting with MidNet media next week to kickoff the website reconstruction project to meet ADA compliance for the site as well as getting off a website platform program that is currently obsolete. This project was budgeted for in the Five-Year CIP Plan under CIP Item #26-P13 with a budget of \$8,000.00.
26. We continue to work with Sawvel & Associates and AMP for setting up financing for a portion of the new McGreevey Rd. Substation Project. More information will be provided on this at the March 11th regular council meeting.
27. We will be having a Preconstruction Meeting on the Terry St. 500,000 Gallon Water Tower Interior Recoat Project 2/26.

Fiscal Officer reported that the Annual Financial Statement is due at the end of the week, everything is done just waiting on Notes from AMP. YMCA Memberships for Full Time Employees is set up and has started.

Village Attorney had nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:

Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)

Met February 19, 2026

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Meeting March 2, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)

Met February 19, 2026

Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)

Will have a meeting in April

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)

Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver) – 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Met February 17, 2026

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)

Meeting March 4, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)

Meeting February 27, 2026 12:00 p.m.

Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting

March 11, 2026

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

No other announcements.

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

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.