

2018

Municipal Activities Report

While it seems every year is a busy year for projects and Village activities, 2018 was one of the busiest in recent history. In 2017, Midmark announced plans to build a \$25 million-dollar Research & Development facility with the expected creation of approximately 100 new high-tech jobs. To help provide the necessary land area for the Midmark expansion the Village of Versailles agreed to partner with Midmark and extend N. West Street north to Baker Road while vacating

Vista Drive to allow for the connection of the new Research & Development facility to the current office



building. In 2018 the construction of the new N. West Street extension was completed by Milcon Concrete, Inc. at a cost of \$1.9 million dollars. The project was funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), funding from Midmark, and use of the Village of Versailles ½% income tax monies. This expansion provides job growth,

additional tax revenues, and assures Midmark's commitment to the Village of Versailles for the foreseeable future.

Additionally, a much-needed residential subdivision off of Klipstine Road was officially approved by the Village and Phase One of the project, consisting of thirty (30) lots, began in 2018. Village personnel along with Bohman Excavating extended approximately 1380 lineal feet of water and sanitary sewer to the subdivision property in early 2018. This development will also bring additional taxes to the Village while providing necessary housing for continued growth of the Village. The new development is located southeast of the village on land that is planned for annexation into the village in 2019.

Also, two major projects in the south end of the village were completed in 2019, including the Phase II portion of the Woodland Drive reconstruction which



improved storm drainage, upgraded sanitary sewer and water main lines, and added curbs, gutters, and sidewalks to the area. In addition to street infrastructure improvements, the Village Electric Department

moved all existing overhead power to underground and installed new decorative LED street lights. This project was completed at a cost of \$897,319 by PAB Construction and was funded through an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant, and with use of the Village's ½% income tax fund. In addition to the Woodland Drive project, a waterline replacement project along S. Center Street replaced approximately 980 feet of old waterline that had been creating problems with line breaks for many years. This project was necessary to provide reliable water service to residents and was pushed to the forefront of projects to allow the construction to take place prior to ODOT repaving S. Center Street in that project area. Replacing the waterline in 2018, prior to the ODOT paving project, allows the Village to save thousands of dollars in pavement repair after the project. It was expected ODOT would complete the paving in 2018, however, the unseasonably cool fall weather cut the paving season short. Paving is now scheduled to take place in spring of 2019. This waterline replacement project had a cost of \$250,848 and was also completed with the use of the Village's ½% income tax revenue.

In August, the Village completed its 2018 Street Maintenance project consisting of the repaving of sections of five streets at a cost of \$140,213. The paving was completed by Buehler Asphalt out of St. Marys, Ohio.



The year saw the continuation of the rebuild and system upgrade of the downtown area 4kV electric service to 12kV. This work was completed in-house by the Village of Versailles Electric Department. In mentioning the Village's Electric Department, it should be pointed out the department achieved national recognition in 2018 from the American Public Power Association (APPA) with a certificate of "Excellence in Reliability." The Excellence in Reliability award is calculated by a reliability factor used by electric power utilities across the United States. Congratulations to the Village of Versailles Electric Department.

In an effort to always maintain and improve the Village park areas, the Village applied for, and was awarded, a grant from the Darke County



Parks for adding artificial turf around the merry-go-round in Ward Park. The grant amount was \$2500 making the total grant funding received from the Darke County Parks since 2010 over \$30,000.

2018 was one of our most active and successful years with both reconstruction and new construction projects. Village elected officials and employees appreciate the citizen support and cooperation that has been shown throughout the years. The Village of Versailles is truly a Village that believes in People, Pride, and Progress!

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- I. New members were appointed to Village Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Mike Darnell and David Subler became Planning Commission members and John Wagaman joined the BZA in 2018.
- II. Maintaining its Tree City USA status in 2018 the Village has been named a Tree City USA member for 20 consecutive years. The Shade Tree Commission planted a Red Oak tree in the Greenlawn Cemetery in celebration of National Arbor Day and approved the purchase of 31 trees in November to be planted in many areas of the Village. Additionally, in April, 25 trees were given away in the Village's annual Tree Lottery.
- III. The Village worked with the Poultry Days, Farefest, and Hometown Christmas Committees to complete successful festivals in 2018.
- IV. Ribbon cuttings were held for new businesses including, Versailles Vision on Marker Road and A Soothing Touch Massage on W. Main Street.
- V. During 2018, thirty-one zoning permits were issued for new home construction, remodeling, accessory buildings, fences, and signs.

The following represents the major, legislative, executive, and administrative activities undertaken in 2018:

1. On January 10th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-38, authorizing limited exceptions to section 446.03 of the Municipal Code which prohibits the operation of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles on Village streets.
2. On January 24th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-02, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the Woodland Drive Reconstruction project.
3. Also, on January 24th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-03, approving, adopting and enacting the 2018 edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code – Administrative Code, as revised through July 18, 2017, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter.
4. On January 24th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-04, approving, adopting and enacting the 2018 edition of the Ohio Municipal Code – Traffic Code, as revised through July 18, 2017, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter.
5. Finally, on January 24th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-05, approving, adopting and enacting the 2018 edition of the Ohio Municipal Code – General Offenses Code, as revised through July 18, 2017, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter.
6. On February 14th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-07, authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a Jobs and Economic Development Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation.
7. Also, on February 14th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-08, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2018 Street Maintenance Project.
8. On February 28th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-01, directing the Village Administrator to effectuate a change to the Village Zoning Map as a result of a vote by Village Council on December 27, 2017.
9. Also, on February 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-06, authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.
10. Again, on February 28th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-10, adopting a new Income Tax Code of the Village of Versailles, Ohio effective January 1, 2018.
11. Finally, on February 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-11, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the North West Street Extension project.
12. On March 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-12, declaring it necessary to improve Woodland Drive from Elmwood Drive to South Center Street in the Village of Versailles, Ohio by reconstructing the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches.

13. Also, on March 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-13, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
14. Again, on March 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-14, authorizing the Village's participation in the Treasurer of Ohio's Market Access Program; authorizing the preparation and filing of an application for that program and the execution and delivery of a standby note purchase agreement with the treasurer, and other necessary and appropriate documents.
15. On March 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-09, authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.
16. On April 11th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-15, authorizing the Village Administrator to file a grant application with the Darke County Park District for the purpose of acquiring grant funds through the Community Parks Improvement Grant Program.
17. Also, on April 11th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-16, authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a loan agreement with the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority and deliver a related note in the maximum principal amount of \$1,600,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of certain public improvements for the development of the Research and Development Facility of Midmark Corporation, authorizing the execution of any additional documents related thereto, which may include a Cooperation Agreement and a Tax Agreement for Certificate.
18. On April 25th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-18, approving the Agricultural District Application of Michael Schmitmeyer.
19. Also, on April 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-19, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
20. On May 9th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-20, authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (18-19) for road salt.
21. On May 23rd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-17, adopting a new Shade Tree Ordinance for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
22. Also, on May 23rd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-21, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
23. On June 27th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-24, approving a donation of a Mini-Ambulance from the Darke County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency and authorizing the use of the same by the Mayor and/or Director of the Versailles Emergency Medical Services Department.
24. On July 11th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-25, authorizing the Village Administrator of the Village of Versailles to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required.
25. On July 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-23, creating the Versailles Downtown Redevelopment District (DRD) within the Municipality; declaring the improvements to real property within the Downtown Redevelopment District to be a public purpose; exempting fifty percent (50%)

of the value of such improvements from real property taxation for a period of up to a maximum of thirty years; requiring the owners of parcels for which improvements are declared to be a public purpose to make annual service payments in lieu of taxes during the period of exemption; establishing a Municipal Downtown Redevelopment District Fund for the deposit of such service payments; and approving related matters.

26. Also, on July 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-26, certifying the Referendum Petition as submitted March 19, 2018, to authorize and direct the submission of Ordinance 18-01 to the electorate of the Village of Versailles.
27. Again, on July 25th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-27, approving an updated Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
28. On July 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-28, approving a contract for employment between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Rodd A. Hale, as Village Administrator for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
29. Also, on July 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-29, approving a modification of the job description duties and compensation of Marie Rose as Income Tax Collection Administrator/Administrative Assistant for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
30. Finally, on July 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-30, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.
31. On August 22nd, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-32, authorizing assessment of cost by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
32. On September 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-31, authorizing the purchase of real estate located within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
33. Also, on September 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-33, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.
34. On, October 10th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-34, authorizing the transfer of funds from the Economic Development Fund to the North West Street Bond Retirement Fund.
35. Again, on October 10th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-35, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.
36. On October 24th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-41, authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Dayton-Montgomery County Port Authority and Midmark Corporation for the construction of a technical design center containing a research and development facility.
37. Also, on October 24th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-42, reclassifying the zoning district designation for lots 960 thru 966 in the Village of Versailles.
38. Again, on October 24th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-43, amending The Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

39. Finally, on October 24th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-44, amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
40. On November 15th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-48, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
41. On November 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-36, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection.
42. Also, on November 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-37, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Richland Township for fire protection.
43. Again, on November 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-38, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for fire protection.
44. On November 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-39, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for Emergency Medical Services.
45. Also, on November 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-40, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with The Village of Russia, Shelby County, Ohio for Emergency Medical Services.
46. Again, on November 28th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-50, vacating a portion of Vista Drive.
47. Finally, on November 28th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-53, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the W.J. Bohman Water Tower Coating Project.
48. On December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-45, establishing the compensation for the Emergency Medical Services Personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
49. Also, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-46, adopting adjusted rates, terms, and conditions for water and sanitary sewer services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
50. Again, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-47, levying special assessments for the reconstruction of the roadway, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and approaches in connection with the Woodland Drive Reconstruction Phase II project.
51. On December 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-49, authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.
52. Again, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-54, establishing the salary and benefits for the Utilities Administrative Assistant.
53. Also, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-55, establishing the salary and benefits for the Police Chief.
54. Additionally, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-56, establishing the salary and benefits for the Fiscal Officer.

55. On December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-57, establishing the salary and benefits for the Emergency Medical Services Department Administrator/Paramedic.
56. Again, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-58, setting the pay schedule and benefits for the Income Tax Collection Administrator.
57. Additionally, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-59, establishing an updated Hourly Employees Compensation Program for the Village of Versailles.
58. Also, on December 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-60, amending Ordinance No. 17-41 The 2018 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
59. Finally, on December 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-61, approving the annexation agreement for the Rosecomb Subdivision.
60. On December 26th, Council adopted Resolution No. 18-66, initiating an amendment to the Village's Zoning Ordinance to rezone the properties located at 706 East Main Street, 732 East Main Street and 45 Maple Street, all within the Village of Versailles, Ohio to B-1 classification.

Other 2018 Summary Items

- During 2018, the Village of Versailles received a total of \$487,303.00 in grant monies.
- Income Tax Administrator, Marie Rose, reported a total of \$2,412,767.66 in municipal income taxes were collected in 2018.
- The Fire Department reported a total of 140 emergency runs during 2018, with the dollar amount of damage totaling \$1,007,114.78.
- The Emergency Medical Services Department reported a total of 327 emergency runs during 2018.
- The Police Department reported a total of 3111 calls for service throughout 2018.
- During 2018, Ward and Indian Creek Parks continued to provide recreational opportunities for Village residents of the surrounding area. A total of 23 reservations were reported for the use of park shelter houses.
- The Village's Greenlawn Cemetery reported a total of 23 burials throughout 2018.
- The Village's Swimming Pool reported a total of 189 season passes being purchased during 2018.

2018 was a very active and productive year for the administration and employees of the Village of Versailles. These accomplishments are evidence of the employees and Village Council's commitment to maintain a vibrant and progressive community in 2019 and beyond. **PEOPLE-PRIDE-PROGRESS** is more than just a motto in the Versailles community; it is a way of life. We look forward to a successful 2019.