

Mayor Dammeyer 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, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Pepple. Also present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Apple, Attorney Matt Pierron, and Fire Chief Dustin Johns.

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 March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for March 23, 2026

Ms. Shaffer seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

No Public Discussion/Requests/Decisions:

On to Old Business:

Attorney Pierron read all of the following by title only for the second time;

- Second reading of Ordinance No. 26-09, an ordinance revising the rates for the collection of refuse within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
- Second reading of Ordinance No. 26-10, an ordinance adopting amended policies and procedures for the provisions of refuse, recycling, and cardboard collections service by the Village.
- Second reading of Resolution No. 26-11, a resolution approving the adoption of a cybersecurity program in accordance with Ohio House Bill 96.
- Second reading of Resolution No. 26-12, a resolution approving the adoption of a Social Media Policy for the Village of Versailles.
- Second reading of Ordinance No. 26-15, an ordinance establishing new emergency medical services billing rates for the Village of Versailles

On to new business a motion was made by Ms. Shaffer to approve the Annual Report and recommendation submitted by the Darke County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) and the Versailles CRA Housing Council concerning a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) with: Midmark Corporation (12-001, 17-001, 20-001, 23-001), Mash Investments, LLC (10-001, 21-001), Versailles Savings & Loan (11-001), Renaissance Corporation (21-002), Kings Command Foods (16-001, 22-001), and Darnell Investments, Inc. (16-002), seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote; yeas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dieringer to approve the recommendation from the Cemetery Board to award the 2026 Greenlawn Cemetery Lawn Care Maintenance & Weed Control Project to Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc. as part of a three-year agreement that includes 2026, 2027, and 2028 services, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the First Reading of Ordinance No. 26-16, and ordinance establishing one-way traffic heading north on Columbia Street from West Ward Street to West Main Street and eliminating parking on the west side of Columbia Street in said one-way travel area.

Attorney Pierron read the First Reading of Ordinance No. 26-17, and ordinance establishing one-way traffic heading south on Franklin Street from West Main Street to West Ward Street and eliminating parking on both sides of Franklin Street in said one-way travel area.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the following reasons:

- A. To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official
- B. To consider the purchase of property or to consider the sale of property.

Seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried

Time entered into executive session: 7:15

Time exited executive session: 8:23

On to the Administrative Reports:

Mayor had nothing to report.

Village Administrator report:

1. Tom's Construction has completed the water main replacement project on Steffin St. between E. Water St. and E. Main St. Once asphalt plants open for the season, Street Dept personnel will temporarily patch the street with hot mix asphalt until the full street reconstruction takes place later this year as part of a separate project. We are currently working with Access Engineering Solutions on the Steffin St. Reconstruction plans for this segment that will be part of the 2026 Street Maintenance Project.
2. Tom's Construction is wrapping up pipe installation on the Greenlawn Cemetery Area Waterline Improvements project. All pipe installation will likely be completed today. Once the new main has been pressure tested and bacteria tested successfully, the new main will be placed into service. The existing 10" cast iron water main will be disconnected and abandoned in place as well as part of this project. The entire cemetery driveway running north/south where the new main is installed adjacent to the mausoleum will be repaved once asphalt plants open for the year and Tom's paving subcontractor is available. Tom's is making the final water main connection today along Greenlawn Ave. for the project.
3. E&L Contractors mobilized to the Terry St. Water Tower over the weekend and have begun the work related to the interior recoat project on the tower. The water tower was drained down yesterday and will be out of service for approximately three weeks while the interior work takes place.
4. On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> the area experienced a high-wind event that caused substantial damage to many properties in and around the Village as well as damage to Village electric infrastructure and some Village-owned buildings. The afternoon that day started with a tree falling out of a woods on Kelch Rd. and knocking power out to customers in the area in the early afternoon. Damage continued that afternoon with five broken utility poles before supper time. Two poles were broken on Christian Rd., one on Long Rd., and two at the former Water Plant site. Electric personnel with the help of some Street Dept. personnel replaced and rebuilt the broken pole on Long Rd. that fed power to one home that night, disconnected and isolated the two broken poles at the former water plant site to restore power to Circuit #9 that feeds power to the southwest and south portion of the system that was taken out, and set back up one of the broken poles on Christian Rd. to restore power to customers on Circuit #10 that feeds power on the SE side of the Village along Versailles-Southeastern Rd. and Christian Rd. Lineman worked to isolate damaged areas as much as possible that afternoon and evening to restore power to as many customers as possible while repairs were made. The two broken poles on Christian Rd. were replaced on that Saturday 3/14. The Village's electric system saw repeated flickering and power fluctuations throughout the day on 3/13 due to the AES Transmission's system breaker and switching activity during the event as their system took a beating that day. AES had 36 transmission poles go down alone in Mercer County that day between St. Henry and Coldwater. Roof shingle damage took place to the Village's salt shed, swim team shed at the pool, dugouts at Ward Park, and the entire south side of the Indian Creek ball diamond restroom building had to be replaced. Siding damage also took place on the west gable on the pool house amongst some fascia damage at the WWTP lab building. Shingle damage also took place at the Admin Building above the drive thru area of the building. Village Contractors has began making shingle repairs and we have reached out to Bob Drees Construction for pricing on replacing the gable siding at the pool house that lacks proper subsiding underneath it as well as putting a new metal roof on the swim team shed.
5. Due to the high winds on March 13<sup>th</sup> and again on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Village's internal fiber optic line was broken in two locations between the Admin Building and the Fire Dept. SecurCom has made repairs to the line to get it back in service.
6. AMP Transmission is nearing being complete with the finalization of the planning transmission system routing for the Versailles loop project. Further information on this will be forthcoming in the coming weeks and they will be providing information to those who they reached out to regarding which routes have been selected and which ones have not. AMP Transmission will be handling all communication and coordination directly on the project with regards to routing, easements, and questions.

7. The Village and GPD Group held the McGreevey Rd. Substation bid opening on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Three bids in total were received for the project. The apparent low bid for the project was from Vaughn Industries (Carey) with a bid of \$2,722,122.01 for material and labor to construct the substation. With the prior major equipment that has already been bid and awarded, this project is under the original engineer's estimate. GPD Group is currently working to review all of the submitted bids and is planning to have a recommendation to us for award in advance of the April 8<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.
8. The water leak detection survey was completed last week of the Village's water system. A fire hydrant near the Village Court Apartments was found to be leaking and was taken out of service until it can be further investigated. Additionally, a water service leak was found under E. Main St. between S. Second St. and Main St. The plan is to close Main St. for a day to replace the bad water service line and detour traffic onto E. Wood St. similar to what we do for other downtown events. The water service replacement will take place the week of March 30<sup>th</sup>. Notice will be placed out in advance of the work to advise motorists to use the provided detour to traverse the Village.
9. Ryan Heins began with the Village as a Lineman I on March 16th.
10. I attended the Darke County CIC Strategic Planning Meeting in Greenville on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
11. I attended the AMP Board Meeting in Columbus on Wednesday 3/18 and virtually on 3/19. A tour was provided to board members of the renovated and expanded lineman training facility that has been constructed adjacent to the headquarters in Columbus. The expansion included the addition of a 60' tall building onto the existing training facility in which poles are erected inside and lineman can train year-round, regardless of the weather outside at the time of the training. This is a much-welcomed improvement over the prior facility to ensure lineman continue their training on a lineal path regardless of the weather outside. Additionally, during the AMP Board Meeting on 3/18, the board approved the Versailles Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) Application for the McGreevey Rd. Substation. We have applied for \$2 million in financing through AMP to access the Ohio Market Access Program (OMAP).
12. Concrete was poured today at Indian Creek Park for the new pedestal drinking fountain/bottle filler next to the ball diamond. This unit will be ready to use when the parks open this spring. At this time, we are looking to potentially open the park restrooms the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>, weather depending. Temperatures continue to drop below freezing at times over the next week, and with the plumbing being in the block walls at both parks, we have to be very careful of not opening too early with low overnight temperatures. We have had problems in the past regarding frozen pipes and having to cut out wall block to access for repairs.
13. We opened bids for the W. Wood Street Area Street Reconstruction Project on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. Five bids were received for the estimated \$1,450,000 project. The apparent low-bid was from Brenneman Excavating, Inc. (Elida) with a bid of \$1,397,561.67. Access Engineering Solutions will be reviewing all of the bids and provide a recommendation for award at the April 8<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.
14. I have reached out to Greenville National Bank, Park National Bank, and Versailles Savings and Loan for available rates and terms for loans related to the new Fire Dept. Aerial Truck and new Ambulance. We will look to discuss and review this information further at an upcoming Finance Committee Meeting in the first half of April.
15. Tree removals have begun on W. Wood St. in the street reconstruction area.
16. Spring banners are currently being installed in the downtown streetscape area by electric personnel. Christmas light inspections are now complete and all strands have been put away for the season at the Municipal Services Facility. Most of the inspection and repair work this year was completed by VHS Capstone student Mason Smith.

Fiscal Officer informed council of some records retention matters that was brought to her attention at the Local Government Officials Conference.

Village Attorney had nothing to report.

#### Committee & Board Reports:

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

Scheduled a meeting for April 8, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.

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

Nothing to report

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

Met March 25, 2026 6:15 p.m.

##### Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)

Meeting April 1, 2026

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)  
Meeting April 1, 2026

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

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)  
Nothing to report

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)  
Nothing to report  
Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)  
Nothing to report

Announcements  
Upcoming Council Meeting  
April 8, 2026  
7:00 pm  
Versailles Fire/EMS Station

No Final Comments from the Mayor, Council, Fiscal Officer, Village Administrator, and/or Village Attorney

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

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.