

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.

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

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to accept the consent agenda which included approval of the following:

- Approval of Agenda as Amended.
- Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for May 26, 2026

Mr. Pepple seconded the motion to approve consent agenda. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Under Public Discussion nothing was planned, council had Jordan Luthman, 2026 Poultry Days Chairman present the location and fall out for the Firework display that was going to be voted on under new business.

Under Old Business:

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Ordinance No. 26-21 be read for the third and final time by title only, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Pierron read for the third time Ordinance No. 26-21, an ordinance establishing the Condemnation and Demolition code for buildings and other structures located in the Village of Versailles. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-21 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Ordinance No. 26-22 be read for the third and final time by title only, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Pierron read for the third time Ordinance No. 26-22, an ordinance adopting chapter 114 of the Village of Versailles, Ohio Codified Ordinance Regulations "Short-Term Rental Operations" in the Village of Versailles. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-22 as read, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-23 be read for the third and final time by title only, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried. Attorney Pierron read for the third time Resolution No. 26-23, a resolution approving the adoption of a reimbursement limit of \$500.00 for the Village of Versailles employees. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-23 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

Attorney Pierron read Resolution No. 26-27, a resolution authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose, for the second time.

On to new business:

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the request from Poultry Days, Inc. to have a fireworks display at dusk the evening of June 12, 2026 as part of the annual Poultry Days Festival, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-28, an ordinance amending the 2026 Annual Appropriation Ordinance and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Ordinance No. 26-28 read for a second and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 26-28 for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-28 as read, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution 26-29, a resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to execute a natural gas aggregation supply contract with Interstate Gas Supply (IGS Energy) and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution 26-29 read for a second and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution 26-29 for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution 26-29 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution 26-30, resolution to approve the form and authorize the execution of Bright Mountain Solar Schedule with American Municipal Power, Inc. and taking of other actions in connection therewith and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution 26-30 read for a second and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution 26-30 for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution 26-30 as read, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Resolution No. 26-31, a resolution declaring it necessary to install sidewalks on the north side of Reed Avenue from the intersection of Grand Avenue and Reed Avenue to the west of property line of 635 Reed Avenue and declaring it an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution 26-31 read for a second and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Resolution 26-31 for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution 26-31 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Pepple made a motion to approve the Change Order #1 for the Terry Street 500,000 Gallon Tower Interior Coating Improvements project with E&L Contractors, Inc. totaling \$16,400.00, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the new Liquor license for El Herradero and to waive the hearing, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend the Village Zoning Code and to create legislation, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read the first reading of Ordinance No. 26-32, an ordinance authorizing the lease-purchase financing of a fire truck and associated equipment; authorizing the lease-purchase financing of an ambulance and associated equipment; and authorizing the execution of lease-purchasing agreements for such financing and related agreements, certificates and instrument, and declaring it an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Ordinance No. 26-32 read for a second and third time by title only and declaring it an emergency, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read Ordinance No. 26-32 for a second and third time. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-32 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Steinbrunner 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 Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Time entered executive session: 7:35 p.m.

Time exited executive session: 9:07 p.m.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor – the Memorial Day services was very successful and the Bike Rodeo is June 6th.

Village Administrator:

1. Brian Bros. has began painting, caulking, and misc. exterior maintenance repairs on the Village Hall Building uptown. The existing color scheme will be utilized as this work is only geared for a few years until a full exterior renovation would take place. They are also working on making repairs to the trim and cornice blocks at the top of the building to prevent birds from entering the soffit areas of the building. I have reached out to Deb Pohl with the Versailles Historical Society and she has provided information on the original color scheme of the building when it was constructed in 1875-1876 as well as a black and white photo from 1907 that helps show that tone of the colors on the building at that time. Due to this building being on the national historic building registry, the original color schemes are to be followed. Additionally, we have obtained a price from Brian Bros. of \$3,250.00 to perform repairs and interior, flexible coating to the fountain on Village Square. The fountain was filled a few weeks ago with severe leaks found once again on it. The fountain design is not good for our Ohio weather with freeze-thaw cycles with the precast wall sections that move during the winter months. The intent with the flexible fountain coating is that it will be more forgiving and last longer than past repair work. A long-term solution on the fountain is needed that will likely include either a fountain liner or complete replacement of the fountain precast wall sections entirely.
2. A water service leak in the street in the 500 block of Park Blvd. was reported on 5/26. Street personnel will be excavating the area of the leak this week to make the necessary repairs and/or replacements.

3. Street Dept. personnel continue to work on yellow curb painting around the Village. Western Ohio Asphalt Sealing is performing the white line striping this year once again that includes stop bars, railroad emblems, crosswalks, and parking stall striping.
4. Poultry Days has reached out in regards to replacing their Poultry Days banners that are displayed each year. We will be working with them to provide them an updated light pole count and further coordination. Poultry Days, Inc. supplied and paid for the current banners many years ago.
5. Asphalt crack sealing of Village streets is ongoing by Western Ohio Asphalt Sealing. Streets slated for asphalt crack sealing this year include N. Center St. from Baker Rd. to the North corp. limit, E. Main St. from West St. to McGreevey Rd., Williamson St. from Water St. to Ward St., and Chestnut St. from Greenlawn Ave. to Morgan St. Oak St. was also slated for crack sealing this year, but will no longer be performed due to the pending CDBG and upcoming OPWC funding application for sanitary sewer main improvements in the area. Due to the hard winter, the amount of crack sealing needed in these areas has increased resulting in us using additional half-percent income tax money to get these targeted areas completed. Additionally, the cost for the sealing material has also increased in cost.
6. We will be looking to order a replacement pole-mount recloser for the Midmark Plant A Office facility. The existing recloser controller has malfunctioned and Cooper will not replace the controller without replacing the entire recloser unit above. We will be looking to order a replacement Southern States pole-mount recloser and controller at a cost of \$26,153.00 through Power Line Supply.
7. As part of the 2026 Five-Year CIP (item #26-P32), we will be ordering a new triple-single pole-mount recloser to be installed on a riser pole at 1086 S. Center St. where three fuses are currently located. We have dealt with multiple electric outages at this location over the past several years on Circuit #9 south of this location from wildlife and tree damage. Areas downstream of this location include Klipstine Rd., Barnes Rd. SR 185, St. Peters Rd., and Barnes Rd. This new recloser will only trip one of the tree phases if damage/contact takes place instead of blinking or knocking out all power on all three phases as our substation reclosers operate. This will cut down on the number of customers who may experience an outage due to a squirrel attack on just one phase. Additionally, this section of Circuit #9 is a backup power supply circuit for other portions of the Village system and with the customer loading in this area greatly increasing over the past ten years, the recloser will add when switching operations take place and reduce the risk of unintended outage events from overloading fuses. The cost of this recloser is \$33,556.00 through Power Line Supply.
8. The Ward Park Swimming pool began its 2026 season on Memorial Day 5/25. There hasn't been many warm days since the pool was filled to allow for the water temperature to improve much. The pool is operating on modified hours on 5/26 and 5/27 this week opening at 3:30PM due to school still being in session. Normal hours will commence on 5/28.
9. The Darke County Parks grant application for funding of a new baseball diamond backstop at Indian Creek Park was hand-delivered on May 15th. We will likely hear back on this funding in late June, early July.
10. Construction activity will be starting likely next week on the McGreevey Rd. Substation Project. The site sub-contractor will be starting first on the driveway improvements and then dirt work for the actual substation area off McGreevey Rd.
11. The Village was contacted by representatives from Grid Growth Ventures, a joint venture between Transource Energy (itself a partnership of American Electric Power and Energy) and FirstEnergy Transmission in regards to a planned 765 kV electric transmission line that is planned to cross somewhere in the north third of Darke County. Mayor Dammeyer and I met via a Teams meeting with the transmission line developer, AEP, on 5/26. They stated that they do not have a route established yet. They stated that the 765 kV line is set to be constructed from Guernsey County to the Ohio/Indiana line. We asked them for further information on where in Indiana this line is set to connect to in Indiana. The AEP representative could not tell us where in Indiana the line would be terminating as the line would continue into Indiana and would be handled by Indiana/Michigan Power (who is an AEP subsidiary). Preliminary information provided to us showed a connection point nears Marysville and then heading west. It is believed based on news articles that this 765 kV line would continue into central Indiana where other large transmission lines are located. We asked if this new line would interconnect with the Dayton (AES Ohio) transmission system that supplies transmission power in our area of West Central/SW Ohio. AEP stated that this line would not connect to the Dayton transmission system, it is only carrying power across our area. This meeting was an early stakeholder reach out meeting and they stated that they would have their technical folks reach back out to us in the near future. They stated that information would be sent out to property owners in the potential crossing areas within the next few weeks advising of the project. They also stated that public open-houses and other means of information would be available to residents in the area as the project continues in the summer and early fall. They further stated that route finalization and ultimately construction are still a ways out for this project. During the meeting they stated that they had met with the Darke County Engineer and County Commission Aultman the Friday prior as well. It should be noted that this new 765 kV project is not a part of the AMP Transmission 69 kV project that is already in motion to loop around Versailles and provide improved capacity, reliability, and redundancy.

12. Electric Dept. personnel began last week on electric installations for Poultry Days. This work will continue on and off up until the festival starts and will conclude with tear down. It takes approximately 2-3 weeks for setup and two weeks for tear down each year for the festival.
13. Summer help and street personnel have been working the past several weeks on mulching all Village facilities, tree plantings, and parks.
14. On the morning of 5/27, approximately 2.5" of rain fell in an hour resulting in high water and flooding in areas around the Village. Street personnel placed high water signs in standing water locations as well as pictures being taken of certain high-water areas to study for further storm water improvements that may be needed.
15. We are currently working to finalize the loan with Greenville National Bank on the new fire department aerial ladder truck. This should be wrapping up later this week or early next week.
16. I attended the monthly AMP Board Meeting in Columbus on May 20th and virtually on May 21st.
17. Committees:
 - a. Planning Commission: No June meeting as there is no business to tend to currently.
 - b. BZA: Meeting scheduled 6/2 @ 6:00PM to review BZA Case No. 26-04 and BZA Case No. 26-06. BZA Case No. 26-04 is rear yard setback variance request filed by Charles and Krista Krueger, 150 Pearl St. The variance is for a reduction in the rear yard setback requirement for the construction of an attached garage. This property is zoned R-2 Single-Family Residential. BZA Case No. 26-06 is a variance request filed by Kenneth Kremer, 247 Wayne St. The variance request is for a reduction in the front yard setback requirement for the construction of a detached garage. This property is zoned R-2 Central Business District.
 - c. Tree Commission: Meeting scheduled 5/29 @ Noon
 - d. Street Committee: Need to schedule a meeting in June.

Fiscal Officer- Audit is still in progress and the Tax budget process will start next month.

Village Attorney – Nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:

Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)

Nothing to report.

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Meeting in June.

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)

Nothing to report.

Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)

Nothing to report.

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)

Meeting June 2, 2026

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

Met May 19, 2026

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)

Nothing to report.

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)

Meeting May 29, 2026 12:00

Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Nothing to report.

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting

June 10, 2026

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

June 24, 2026

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

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

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

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.