



Water and Sewer Rates

One of the tasks of a Village Administrator is to evaluate existing Village operations and determine how effective and efficient our operations are.

The most important thing that I want Village residents to know is that your Mayor, Village Council, and Village employees continue to do a great job in providing Village services to residents in a very efficient manner. Having said that, one of the areas that Village residents have told me that we can improve on is the current policy of billing water usage on a quarterly basis. This quarterly billing makes it more difficult for some residents to pay larger water and sewer bills by the due date. We have evaluated this request and have made a recommendation to Council to transition to monthly billing. Council evaluated this recommendation and decided that beginning with the February 2021 utility bill, which is due on March 10, 2021, the Village will begin billing water and sewer usage on a monthly basis instead of the current policy of quarterly billing.

Water and sewer minimum customer charges will be adjusted to reflect monthly billing instead of quarterly billing. The current water and sewer per cubic foot usage rates will remain unchanged. The quarterly minimum usage credit will be eliminated during this transition to water and sewer monthly billing, and all water and sewer usage will be billed at the current rates.

The Village's current meter reading system is quickly reaching its end of life. We are currently evaluating replacement meter reading systems and plan to make a recommendation for a replacement system to Council by mid-year.

If you have any questions about the transition to monthly billing or have any ideas for improvements to Village services please feel free to contact me at the Village Office or email me at mikebusse@versaillesoh.com.

Electric System GIS Mapping Project

The Village has hired GIS Landmark from Mount Vernon, Ohio to perform survey services to collect electric system component information throughout the Village's service area. The surveying will include locating and collecting information on utility poles, transformers, electrical cabinets, customer meter locations, and other electric system components. Electric customers may notice surveyors along roadways, alleys, and in rear yard areas. GIS Landmark will have vehicles marked with magnet decals stating "Utility Mapping Co." If anyone has any questions regarding this mapping project, please contact the Village Offices at 937-526-3294.

Virginia St. Reconstruction Project

The Village recently took bids and has awarded a contract for the Virginia St. Reconstruction Project. The project has been awarded to Tom's Construction, Inc. out of St. Henry for a contract amount of \$1,042,455.00. The project includes the complete reconstruction of the roadway, all underground utilities (water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer), new curb and gutter, new sidewalks, and new street lighting from S. Center St. to Franklin St. The project is being funded through an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant, OPWC 0% interest loan, the Village's 1/2%

Income Tax Fund, and the Village's Electric Capital Improvement Fund. The contractual completion date for the project is September 30, 2021.

Village Council Approves Updates to Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Following a public hearing prior to its November 23, 2020 meeting, Versailles Village Council, during its regular meeting, approved revisions and updates to the Village's Five Year Capital Improvements Plan. The Capital Improvements Plan continues to be a planning resource used by Village Officials in completing infrastructure improvements throughout the community. The updated plan approved by Council provides for a planning period of 2021 through 2025.

With continued strategic planning, coupled with the cooperation, patience, and support of Versailles citizens, the Village will be presented the opportunity of experiencing the benefits provided by the completion of capital improvement and street maintenance projects. Copies of the Five Year Capital Improvements Plan may be obtained by contacting or stopping by the Village Offices, or can be accessed at the Village's website www.versaillesoh.com under the *Forms/Other Info* section.

Downtown Fountain Square Granite Pavers and Bricks Remain

The Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce would like to remind local residents that it is not too late to become a part of the history surrounding the Downtown Fountain Square area. There are still granite pavers and bricks available for individuals to purchase by way of a donation.

The Fountain Square granite paver and brick fund-raiser provides a variety of options for donors to consider. Options offered are the gold, silver, and bronze levels of \$1,000, \$500, and \$100. The gold, silver, and bronze donors are commemorated by engraved granite stones (gold and silver level) or engraved paver bricks (bronze) depending upon the level of donation.

Any individual, business, civic group, or organization wishing to become a part of Versailles history, and would like to make a donation by purchasing a granite paver or brick are asked to contact the Versailles Administrative Building Offices for more information at 937-526-3294. All donations are to be made to the Greater Versailles Area Fund and are fully tax deductible. The Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce is very appreciative of the level of interest and support received towards the purchase of granite pavers and bricks for the Fountain Square area.

Village Council Organizes Committees and Representatives for 2021

During their January 13th meeting, Versailles Village Council began the New Year by announcing committees and representatives for 2021. Council Member, Kent Paulus, was elected as the Village Council President Pro-Tempore for 2021.

In other reorganizational action, Mayor Subler announced his appointment of Council committees and representatives for 2021. Appointed to the Finance & Audit Committee are Chairperson Kent Paulus, Jeff Beasley, and Mike Berger. Appointed to the Street & Safety Committee are Chairperson Cory Griesdorn, Todd Dammeyer, and Mike Berger. Appointed to the Personnel & Policies Committee are Chairperson Todd Dammeyer, Lance Steinbrunner, and Kent Paulus. Appointed to the Facilities Committee are Chairperson Jeff Beasley, Cory Griesdorn, and Kent Paulus. Appointed to the Town Hall Property Board are Treasurer Cory Griesdorn and Jeff Beasley. Appointed as representative to the Planning Commission is Jeff Beasley, representative to the Cemetery Board is Mike Berger, representative to the Park Board is Cory Griesdorn, and representative to the Tree Commission is Lance Steinbrunner.

Vectren Natural Gas System Improvements

Vectren and their contractor, Miller Pipeline, are currently starting on two of four total large-scale natural gas system improvements projects slated in the Village for 2021. The projects are for the replacement of bare steel and cast iron gas mains in areas of the Village as well as a system improvement project on the east side of the Village to bring additional gas volume and pressure into the existing gas network. Vectren is providing information to residents and businesses in the project area outlining the upcoming work. The Village has maps of the improvement areas available on our website at www.versaillesoh.com and clicking on the News icon towards the bottom of the main page.