Versailles Village Council Meeting **October 14, 2026**
Held at Fire/EMS Facility

President Mr. Griesdorn 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 Tom Guillozet.

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
- Approval of Minutes from the September 23, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for October 12, 2026.

Mrs. Dieringer seconded. Vote: yeas. Motion Carried.

No Public Discussion/Requests/Decisions:

In Old Business Attorney Guillozet read for the second time Resolution 26-50: a resolution approving the celebration of Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

Council discussed how they felt the transition was handled and the concerns they have and have heard from the people of Versailles. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to continue with Darke County Building Department for building construction plan review and building inspection services for residential and commercial applications within the Village, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: 4 yea/2 no. Motion carried.

Under New Business:
Attorney Guillozet read for the first time Resolution No. 26-51, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-51 read by title only for a second and third time and declared an emergency, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read Resolution No. 26-51 for a second and third time and declaring an emergency. Mr. Steinbrunner made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-51 as read, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read for the first time Resolution No. 26-52, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection.

Attorney Guillozet read for the first time Resolution No. 26-53, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Richland Township for fire protection.

Attorney Guillozet read for the first time Resolution No. 26-54, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for fire protection.

Attorney Guillozet read for the first time Resolution No. 26-55, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with the Village of Russia, Shelby County, Ohio, for Emergency Medical Services.

Attorney Guillozet read for the first time Resolution No. 26-56, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Pepple made a motion approving Change Order #2 of the 2026 Street Paving Program with Tom's Construction, Inc. resulting in a deduction of $(13,247.80) for a final adjusted contract amount of $381,753.95, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to contract with Post Excavating and Landscaping, LLC for the demolition of the condemned homes at 31 and 41 W. Water St., seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Street & Safety Committee to restrict curbside parking on South Second Street between Moore Parkway and East Ward Street along the East side of the street and for legislation to be created, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Street & Safety Committee to create legislation for regulations for the use of Bicycles, Electric Bicycles, Electric Micromobility Devices, and Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to accept the Village's apportionment of the Local Government monies for 2027 as allocated by the Darke County Budget Commission, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a three-year contract with the City of St. Mary's, Ohio, Income Tax Division to collect income tax on behalf of the Village of Versailles, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with Garmann Miller for architectural and engineering design services for the Police Department Addition Project at a cost of $212,200.00 per Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Item #26-26-P8, seconded by Mr. Steinbrunner. Vote; yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Street & Safety Committee to create legislation for a replacement sidewalk installation and replacement ordinance, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports:
Mayor – Attending Rooster Ribbon Cutting.
Village Administrator –

1. McGreevey Rd. Substation Progress Update: Conduit installation and vault installation continues. In discussion with the contractor and the engineer, we have agreed to some additional subdrainage tiles at the bottom of several substation vaults to alleviate ground and surface water from entering the vaults and submerging connections. The substation transformer is currently planned to leave the production facility in Virginia on October 30th. A date of arrival has not been completely set yet as it will show up on a date with a crane onsite to set the unit onto its new foundation pad at the substation site. We have started to have discussions with GPD Group and Sawvel & Associates, our electrical engineers, in regards to the feeder circuits that will be coming out of the new McGreevey Rd. Substation. The two nearby circuits to the McGreevey Rd. Substation are currently fed from the East Water Street Substation, but will be transitioned to McGreevey once the station is up and running. Engineering and construction of these feeder circuits will be needed and included in the 2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.
2. W. Wood St. Reconstruction Progress Update: The concrete subcontractor started this past week Thursday in pouring sidewalks throughout the project. Pending wet weather this week, they may be done with all concrete flatwork by the end of this week potentially. Retaining wall installation prep work began on 10/12 with wall placement hopefully starting the middle of this week. Asphalt installation is tentative the week of October 26th. The schedule on this project has been pushed some due to the rain storms in August and September. We will be discussing with the contractor on lawn restoration plans this week.
3. The downtown fountain on Village Square will be drained and winterized this week. Roger Frey has pulled all of the flowers from the various flower pots throughout the Village for the season. Roger has once again done a terrific job of tending to and watering the flowers again in 2026. Park restrooms will be closed for the 2026 season on October 19th and winterized. The advertised closing date was listed as October 12th, but we will leave them open until the 19th due to the warmer temperatures.
4. We have been informed by Pelton Environmental that our damaged main (Grand Ave.) lift station pump at the wastewater treatment plant will be repaired under warranty. This 27 HP, 1600 GPM pump was purchased in 2025 at a cost of $23,729.59 and experienced the impeller becoming damaged as the shaft came apart inside of the pump housing. The pump is currently in Detroit being repaired. The Grand Ave. lift station contains three total pumps of this size.
5. I hosted all of the Versailles 8th graders at the Water Plant on Oct. 7th and 8th as part of the school's career exploration. We shared how the water plant worked as well as career paths in the public sector.
6. The centerline and white edge line painting is complete for the year with the exception of Hickey Ave. centerline that was missed. I have contacted the Darke County Engineer's Office, who headed the project, and they will have their painting contractor come back into town to complete Hickey Ave. yet this fall.
7. The concrete curb walls have been installed by Bob Drees Construction at Indian Creek Park as part of the baseball diamond backstop project. Street Dept. personnel will now be backfilling and working to wrap up the remaining concrete flatwork at the location. Once the new backstop net is installed, we will submit to the Darke County Parks for the project grant reimbursement that will cover $8000 of the expenses for the project.
8. Plant operators will be capping the raw water transmission main lines from Well #1 and #2 in the Grand Ave. wellfield near the wastewater treatment plant. Once the transmission lines are capped, Quinter Well Drilling will be coming in to plug Well #1 and Well #8. Well #1 was identified to be retired several years ago as this well was originally drilled in 1963, has been relined, and is in very poor condition with water output of approximately 8 gallons per minute. The flood protection mound around Well #1 will be completely removed and the well capped below grade. Well #2 will be outfitted with a water level sensor to record water table information for this wellfield area. Well #8 was retired several years ago when a replacement Well #11 was drilled adjacent.
9. A ribbon cutting event took place with Rooster Joe's and Made Apparel on October 7, 2026 with Mayor Dammeyer and I attending. The new businesses opened downtown to the public on Saturday, October 10th.
10. Street personnel have worked with FlowMasters to knife in new water supply lines in Ward Park for spigots located at shelter houses in the park as well as the new drinking fountain near the playground. In addition, Electric Dept. personnel worked with FlowMasters to bore a new street light conduit along Klipstine Rd. in the Rosecomb Estates subdivision.
11. Hometown Christmas Ez-Up tents have been ordered. Hometown Christmas will purchase three of the tents, while the Village will purchase one for use not only during the event but for other utility needs that arise.

12. Virginia Moorman has informed me of her intent to step off the Village's Tree Commission. We will be looking for a new Tree Commission member to replace her role once a written resignation is provided.
13. Darrin Mumaw and I attended the annual AMP Conference 10/12-10/14 in Columbus.
14. Street Dept. personnel set out barricades for use during the annual Versailles Band Invitational that was held Oct. 10th at HB Hole Field.
15. Street personnel poured a replacement handicapped ramp at the NW corner of W. Ward St. and Pearl St. the week of Oct. 5th. The existing ramp was damaged while Electric personnel worked to locate a street light conduit run under the area that was damaged by the W. Wood St. project contractor. Upon inspection, the handicapped ramp had raised joints where it met the walks going in both directions that were a trip hazard.
16. Electric personnel have resumed work on the Rosecomb Estates Subdivision Phase II primary electric installation and street light conduit installations. Personnel are also continuing with the Circuit #1 feeder connection point work that will allow the central portion of the Village to be split into two separate circuits reduce the number of customers out in the event of an outage situation.
17. I have submitted a demolition grant application to the Darke County Grants Office for the former Street & Electric Dept. Garage at 137 N. Center St. The Grants Office is working on a county-wide grant application for such demolitions in 2027. The grant will require a local 25% local matching contribution towards the demolition since this is viewed as a commercial-type property. This demolition was included in the 2026 Five-Year CIP, and will be moved into 2027 to take hopefully take advantage of this grant.
18. The annual tornado warning siren testing and maintenance is set to take place in the month of October by Federal Field Services.
19. The North West Street Phase II Street Extension Project is set to have a bid opening on October 21st at 2PM. There are currently 13 total contractors who have plans on the project according to Access Engineering Solutions' bidders list.
20. The Village's comment letter on the proposed Grid Growth Ventures, LLC 765 kV Transmission Line Project was submitted October 5th to both Grid Growth Ventures and the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). This comment letter dealt with the Village's concerns regarding the proposed transmission line routing close proximity to the Village for transmission line segments #35 and #39. Both of these line segments are shown as being within two miles of the Village corporation limits. Copies of this letter were also sent to State Senator Susan Manchester, State Representative Angie King, and the Darke County Commissioners.
21. Committees:
    a. Planning Commission: No meeting scheduled for November as of this writing as there is no business to tend to.
    b. Tree Commission: Meeting slated for 11AM on 10/16 to review 2026 Tree Lottery Tree Planting Installation Quotes.
    c. BZA: Meeting held Oct. 7th at 6:00PM for BZA Case No. 26-10, a front setback variance request filed by Erin Shaffer, 304 S. Second St. The variance request was to permit a reduction in the required front setback distance of 25.00' to 17.8' for a front porch addition onto the home. This property is zoned R-2 Single-Family Residential. The variance was approved as submitted.

Fiscal Officer – Nothing to report.
Village Attorney – Nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:

<u>Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)</u>
Meeting Coming in the future, Nothing to report as of now.

<u>Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)</u>
Met October 7, 2026

<u>Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)</u>
Nothing to Report

<u>Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)</u>
Nothing to report

<u>Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)</u>
Met October 7, 2026

<u>Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver)</u>
Nothing to report

<u>Park Board (Mr. Pepple)</u>
Lifewise banners are still up, and need taken down.

<u>Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)</u>
Meeting October 16, 2026 at 11:00

<u>Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)</u>
Nothing to report

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting

October 28, 2026
7:00 pm
Versailles Fire/EMS Station

November 11, 2026
7:00 pm
Versailles Fire/EMS Sation

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

Adjournment

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Shafer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.