Versailles Village Council Meeting **November 11, 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, Mrs. Dieringer, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Pepple. Also, present were Village Administrator Francis, Fiscal Officer Apple, Attorney Tom Guillozet.
Absent: Mr. Steinbrunner.

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

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve the following:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes from the October 28, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for November 09, 2026.
- Approval of a recommendation from Fire/EMS Chief Dustin John to appoint Zackary Holsapple as a part-time EMT Paramedic for Versailles EMS
- Appointment of Mr. Justin Baechle, 31 Vertie Ln., to the vacant seat on the Village of Versailles Tree Commission.

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

No Public Discussion/Requests/Decisions:

Under Old Business:
Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-52 read for a third and final time, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read for the third and final 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. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-52 as read, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-53 read for a third and final time, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read for the third and final 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. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-53 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-54 read for a third and final time, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read for the third and final 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. Mr. Pepple made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-54 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-55 read for a third and final time, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read for the third and final 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. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-55 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-56 read for a third and final time, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Guillozet read for the third and final 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. Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-56 as read, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Guillozet read for the second time Ordinance No. 26-57, an ordinance prohibiting parking on the east side of South Second Street between Moore Parkway and East Ward Street within the Village of Versailles and proscribing the penalties for violation thereof.

Attorney Guillozet read for the second time Ordinance No. 26-58, an ordinance adopting regulations for the use of Bicycles, Electric Bikes. Electric Microbility Devices and Personal Assistive Mobility Devices within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Attorney Guillozet read for the second time Ordinance No. 26-59, and ordinance establishing an updated and comprehensive new replacement sidewalk improvement program.

Under New Business:
Mr. Pepple made a motion to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for the presentation of the Village's 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan on November 23,2026 at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Griesdorn. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion to accept ownership of the property located at 41 W. Water St, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the written recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the replat of a 21.061 Ac. property owned by the Village of Versailles along Baker Rd, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion accepting the written retirement notice dated October 26, 2026 of Mr. Shane Weaver effective November 11, 2026, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas, Abstained: Mr. Weaver. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion accepting the written resignation of Jared Elliott, Full-Time Paramedic, effective November 28, 2026, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to go into Executive Session for the following reason:

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

Seconded by Mr. Pepple.

Time In: 7:28
Time Out: 7:58

Administrative Reports:
Mayor – Informed Council he will be meeting with the Third Graders on the 20th.

Village Administrator:

1. McGreevey Rd. Substation Progress Update: The delivery date for the new substation transformer is slated for November 19th. Final testing of the transformer took place this week at the manufacturer. Conduit and vault installation continue at the substation site currently by the general contractor, Vaughn Industries.
2. W. Wood St. Reconstruction Progress Update: Retaining wall work will likely be complete this week. Backfill of the retaining wall areas will be starting on 11/11. Final lawn grading and restoration will be finished once the retaining wall backfill work is complete. There will be touch-up lawn restoration that will take place in the spring of 2027 due to the lateness of the completion of this project with regards to temperatures. Asphalt on the street was laid on 11/2 in one day. The asphalt rejuvenating agent, Biorestor, was installed on all of the new asphalt on 11/10. The new street lights are up and operational. Minor touch up work will be taking place in the sidewalk and driveway areas over the next week with regards to caulking of some joints and cleanup. The east alley entrance onto Columbia St. between Main St. and Wood St. will have further alley work done to it to make the exit from the alley onto the street smoother. The include currently is rather steep and will need addressed as lower-profile vehicles may scrap the concrete alley apron. Village personnel will handle this correction. The street was opened to motorists on 11/8. Wagner Paving is currently onsite 11/11 to address some minor corrections on the asphalt surface in some areas where they got too high on the curb with the surface course.
3. Western Ohio Fence & Supply has installed the new backstop net at the Indian Creek Park Ball Diamond on 11/10. They are working to re-connect the chain-link fence to the new backstop end poles today. This installation will mark the completion of the project as all concrete work has also been completed. This project was made possible by an $8000 grant from the Darke County Parks and a $6000 donation pledge from the Versailles Youth Baseball Association. Youth baseball has also completed the placement of 25 tons of field conditioner on the diamond as part of their routine maintenance program.
4. Well #1 and #8 have been capped at the Grand Ave. Wellfield. Well #1 was retired two years ago and well #8 was retired several years ago when well #11 was drilled directly adjacent to it after Well #8's condition was found to be beyond repair.
5. The Hometown Christmas event took place on 11/6 and was well attended by the community. A special thank you to all of the volunteers, donors, volunteer firemen, and Village personnel who help make this free, public event possible.
6. We have provided the N. West St. Phase II construction drawings and layout of the Baker Rd. area industrial development area to National Fuel for their review to have natural gas service provided to the area. We are awaiting their review currently for next steps.
7. The N. West St. Phase II Project contracts have been signed and returned. We have not yet been provided a potential project schedule yet by the project contractor, Outdoor Enterprise. I look for such information to be provided in the coming weeks.
8. We are looking to cancel our Post Office Box at the Versailles Post Office at the end of November. The annual fee will be due again this month and upon further review, we do not see where having a PO Box is helping our operations. I checked with the Post Master here in town and they said it would be no issue to deliver all mail to the Admin Building each day just as they do for other such businesses. The Post Office would hold our mail on Saturday's when we are not open, just as they do for other such facilities around town who receive such delivery. All mail currently comes through the Admin Building, including Police and Fire/EMS mail, that is sent out in inter-office delivery each day.
9. Treatment plant operators have discovered an open weld seam on the soda ash silo at the water plant. This seam structurally is not hurting anything, but it is letting soda ash material leak out at times into the soda ash feed room. We are reaching out to a local welding/fabricator to make arrangements for repairs to the silo.

10. We have received some calls from utility customers that they had not yet received or that their utility bill was much later than normal via the mail. This month has been by far the worst ever in regards to this issue. We use SmartBill, a third-party utility bill printer and places all of the invoices into the mail for delivery. Upon further investigation, we do not feel that this is an issue with SmartBill, but rather the US Mail service itself as all invoices are printed and mailed at the same time each month.
11. Electric personnel are working to install the metal street light poles and foundations out at the Rosecomb Phase II residential subdivision. This work is ongoing. In addition, during a rain day last week Village lineman worked with plant operators to replace six explosion proof light fixtures in the WWTP screen room building.
12. Dielectric testing of our bucket trucks and digger trucks was completed for the year this week. Repairs were identified on several of the vehicles such as worn hydraulic hoses and other various leaks were noted. All trucks passed dielectric testing itself. UTE and Terex will be contacted in regards to scheduling repairs on these pieces of equipment.
13. Veteran's banners and flags will come down starting later this week and into next week for the installation of the Christmas seasonal banners.
14. I hosted Mr. Adam Miller's DIY High School class at the WWTP and E. Water St. Substation the morning of 11/10 to help the students understand out wastewater treatment plant operates in addition to our electric distribution system.
15. Scott Riley and Luke Schlater attended the Versailles High School Career Day on 10/30 to discuss careers pathways as an electric lineman.
16. We have been notified by the Darke County Grants Office that we have been awarded a $500,000 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant for the North Central Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project. This project is to replace and reline sanitary sewer mains, line sanitary sewer manholes, and replace customer sanitary sewer laterals. We have also applied for OPWC funding for this project as well and we will not hear back on that funding officially until May of 2027. The engineer's estimate for this project is currently $1.6 million. The overall project is needed due to the sanitary sewer facilities in this area being from the original 1939 sanitary system installation with the mains and laterals being in poor condition with heavy storm water inflow and infiltration that is taking capacity away from the wastewater treatment plant and increasing treatment costs.
17. Committees:
    a. Planning Commission: Meeting held Nov. 4th at 6:30PM to review Planning Commission Case No. 26-04, a replat of multiple Village-owned properties totaling 21.061 acres near the north water tower related to the Baker Rd. industrial development area with these properties currently zoned I-2 General Industrial District. Planning Commission recommended to council to approve the replat as presented. In addition, discussion was had in regards to drafting regulations in regards to data centers and other such related industries. We will be starting on working on such regulation going forward and it will be reviewed and further discussed by planning commission at a future planning commission meeting as a zoning code revision. We are currently looking into recent information provided by the Ohio Municipal League (OML) and other municipalities from around Ohio to tailor such regulation for use by the Village that would be incorporated into the zoning code.
    b. Tree Commission: Meeting scheduled 11/13 at Noon. We were contacted by Mr. Justin Baechle who reached out expressing interest in filling the open Tree Commission seat left by Virginia Moorman who recently resigned from the position.
    c. BZA: Meeting held Nov. 4th at 6:00PM to review BZA Case No. 26-11, a rear setback variance request filed by Randy and Angie Didier, 219 E. Wood St. The variance request was to permit a reduction in the required rear setback distance of 6' for an accessory building to 2.3' for additions onto the existing accessory building. This property is zoned R-2 Single-Family Residential. The variance was granted as presented.

Fiscal Officer – Informed Council that we are still waiting on the Auditors office to finish the Audit.

Village Attorney – Nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:
Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)
Met November 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)
Nothing to report

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)
Nothing to report

Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)
Met November 4, 2026

Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)
Met November 4, 2026

Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver)
Meeting November 17, 2026

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)
Noting to report

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)
Meeting November 13, 2026

Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)
Nothing to report

Announcements
Upcoming Council Meeting

November 23, 2026
7:00 pm
Versailles Fire/EMS Station

December 16, 2026
7:00 pm
Versailles Fire/EMS Sation

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

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

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.