

Mayor Dammeyer 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 Matt Pierron.

Absent: Mr. Steinbrunner

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
- Approval of Minutes from the August 26, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of List of Expenditures for September 8, 2026

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

No Public Discussion/Requests/Decisions on to Old Business.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-41 for a third and final time, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote; yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read for a third time Resolution No. 26-41, a resolution authorizing the Fire/EMS Chief to auction a 1997 Freightliner-Pierce Fire Engine and a 2010 Chevrolet Medtec Ambulance no longer needed for any municipal purpose. Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-41 as read, seconded by Ms. Shaffer. Vote: yeas. Motion carried

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to have Resolution No. 26-42 for a third and final time, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote; yeas. Motion carried. Attorney Pierron read for a third time Resolution No. 26-42, a resolution authorizing the Utilities Superintendent to auction a 2009 International Dump Truck no longer needed for any municipal purpose. Ms. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-42 as read, seconded by Mr. Pepple. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Attorney Pierron read for the second time Ordinance No. 26-47, an ordinance adopting a new shade tree ordinance for the Village of Versailles.

Under New Business Mrs. Dieringer made a motion to approve the written recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the Legacy Court of Versailles Final Plat contingent on the delivery of a performance bond for the residential subdivision, seconded by Mr. Weaver, vote; yeas. Motion passed.

Ms. Shaffer made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into an agreement with Weaver Bros., Inc. for the extension of sanitary sewer collection system facilities to the A-1 Egg Processing Facility located at 10638 State Route 47, seconded by Mr. Weaver. Vote: yeas. Motion carried.

Ms. Shaffer exited meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Next, under New Business was the consideration of a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to provide comments to GridGrowth in regards to their proposed 765 kV Electric Transmission Line Project in the vicinity of the Village. Mr. Francis provided those in attendance a view of the online mapping website showing the proposed GridGrowth West transmission line route options that are set to cross Darke County. He explained and showed that there is a route option that shows the 765 kV transmission line crossing directly north of the Village, potentially within as little as a quarter of a mile or less of our northern corporation limit. This crossing location would jeopardize further growth and development of the Village to the north being that close to the current corporation limits. Mr. Francis and Mayor Dammeyer stated that during two earlier Teams meetings with GridGrowth in the spring of 2026, the Village asked GridGrowth to please stay at least two miles away from the Village corporation limits as that is the potential 20-40 year growth rate projection for the Village. During those earlier meetings, representatives with GridGrowth had asked about potential complications with economic development priorities. With the proposed route map, these lines could hamper or deter development to areas north of the Village.

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion authorizing the Village Administrator to provide comments to GridGrowth in regards to their proposed 765 kV Electric Transmission Line Project in the vicinity of the Village, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote; yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the employment of Jared Elliott to an EMS Full-Time EMT-Paramedic position for a one-year probationary period, seconded by Mrs. Dieringer. Vote. Yeas. Motion carried

Ms. Shaffer returned to meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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

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

Time entered: 7:39 p.m.

Time exited: 8:36 p.m.

Administrative Reports:

Mayor: Informed council that he attended the ribbon cutting for The Porch Bakery, American 250 Celebration is this weekend September 11 & 12th.

Village Administrator:

1. McGreevey Rd. Substation Progress Update: The security fence is now all up and conduit installation continues. Major equipment pieces continue to be delivered. We are looking to move forward with a proposed change order to install additional conduits now for the additional peaking units to be added to the site in the future along with the foundation for the necessary electrical riser that would connect the generators to the main substation buss. This work now will pay huge dividends later as we would need a much shorter outage at the substation to make the necessary connections at that time in addition to not having to dig through the ground grid with the conduits.
2. W. Wood St. Reconstruction Progress Update: All underground utility work is complete and street base excavation is underway. Segments of the project area will see the aggregate base installed and compacted starting today. Curb installation will be starting the week of Sept. 21st once all street subbase is placed, compacted, and set to rough grade.
3. Street Striping: We were told last week by the Darke County Engineer that street striping (centerline and white line) will begin this week. A portion of Center St. was striped last week as the county striping contractor was in the area.
4. The former 4 kV bay of the East Water Street Substation has now been cleared of all equipment. The 4 kV bay of the East Water Street Substation was taken off line and de-energized in November of 2020 and has slowly been disassembled. The remaining voltage regulators, and individual substation transformers have been removed from the site by Trans-Cycle Industries of Ohio, LLC. After the cost of rigging, oil removal, and transportation the Village will receive a \$5000 payment for the scrap material. We had no cost in the removals of these items from the site. These removals have been planned for some time, but have been placed on hold due to ongoing electric system extensions for customers over the past several years. Smaller distribution transformers and other such distribution equipment that was damaged and could not be repaired was also sent out with Trans-Cycle Industries for scrap.
5. The Water Plant spent lime holding tank has been emptied for the year after land application performed by DCW Farms.
6. Treatment plant operators have started land applying WWTP biosolids material onto area farm fields that are cleared and ready for such applications.
7. Electric personnel continue to build the new feeder connection out of the East Water Street Substation for Circuit #1 which will allow the core part of the Village to be split up onto two different circuits. Once complete, the West half (Center St. is the approximate division point) of the core part of the Village will be fed from the Greenlawn Substation, while the East half will come out of East Water Street Substation. By splitting this area up, it will help with loading as well as cut down on the potential for larger outage areas in the event of a severe storm, lightening, or other such system damage causing event.
8. A ribbon cutting event with the Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce took place at The Porch Bakery and Café located at 12 S. Center St. on Monday, August 30th. The grand opening for the location to the public took place on September 4th.
9. The new Rooster Joe's Coffee Shop and Made Apparel at 5 E. Wood St and 39 S. Center St. is looking to open to the public sometime during the first few weeks of October this fall. They are currently working on the interior finishes of the facility currently.
10. The Ward Park Swimming Pool has been winterized and the pool tarp installed for the off-season.
11. The new Village website went live the morning of September 4th. We continue to make small tweaks as needed, but everything appears to be working well and have received good reviews thus far from the public.
12. Electric Dept. personnel worked with NKTelco to make a repair to a Village-owned fiber optic main that runs between the Admin Building and the Water/Wastewater Plants on August 31st. These fiber optic mains were originally constructed by SecurCom, but they have since backed out of the exterior fiber optic line business.
13. All utility and street department personnel participated in the monthly AMP Safety Training Meeting August 25th.
14. New Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control (OMUTCD) compliant No Truck Signs have been installed at Main St. and Center St. Semi-trucks are prohibited by Village Ordinance from turning at this intersection.
15. Street Dept. personnel last week began excavation for a new dumpster pad at Ward Park as well as the pad for the second new drinking fountain to be installed near the Ward Park playground area. Crews previously have installed a new water meter pit at the park for the restrooms and drinking fountains and are now waiting on a water line knifing contractor to install the new water supply lines across the park to the new drinking fountain and shelter house spigot locations.

16. We are currently working to obtain pricing to sandblast and recoat the decorative railing panels on the N. West St. bridge as planned for the in the 2026 Five-Year CIP. The intent is to get this work completed yet this year if possible. However, the panels will likely need to be removed and taken offsite to be refinished as the company we originally reached out to about doing it onsite no longer has their mobile unit.
17. We have received a price from Carl Bensman to construct three additional sections of wrought iron fencing along the Center St. side of 39 S. Center St. We already have wrought iron fencing in this area from the 2001 Downtown Streetscape Project. These additional sections would finish the corner out where we eliminated the former driveway apron on the Center St. side to allow for additional curbside parking. The cost for these fence sections to be fabricated, sandblasted, painted, and installed is \$4,250.00. Adding this fencing was discussed in 2024 when the decision was made to improve the curb in the area and add the additional parking spaces along the street.
18. We are currently reviewing the Statement of Qualifications in regards to the RFQ for the Police Dept. Addition Project onto the existing Fire/EMS Station facility. A Facilities Committee meeting will be called soon to review the provided information.
19. Committees:
 - a. Planning Commission: Met 9/2/2026 to review Planning Commission Case No. 26-05, Legacy Court of Versailles, a residential subdivision submission filed by Ivy Communities of West Ohio, LLC. The planned residential subdivision includes nine (9) building lots along Monet Lane. This property is currently zoned R-2 Single Family Residential District. Planning Commission moved to approve the final plat and construction drawings as presented contingent on the performance surety being provided in advance of any start to construction on the development.
 - b. BZA: No meeting in September as there was no business to conduct.

Fiscal Officer: Informed council that assessments have been sent into the county and the 2027 EMS & Fire Contracts have been sent out to the Townships & Russia.

Village Attorney: Nothing to report.

Committee & Board Reports:

Finance & Audit (Mr. Griesdorn)

Meeting being scheduled

Street & Safety (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Nothing to report

Personnel & Policies (Mr. Griesdorn)

Nothing to report

Planning Commission (Mr. Griesdorn)

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Board of Zoning Appeals (Village Administrator)

Nothing to report

Cemetery Board (Mr. Weaver)

Nothing to report

Park Board (Mr. Pepple)

Meeting being scheduled

Tree Commission (Mr. Weaver)

Nothing to report

Facilities (Mr. Steinbrunner)

Meeting being scheduled

Announcements

Upcoming Council Meeting

September 23, 2026

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Station

October 14, 2026

7:00 pm

Versailles Fire/EMS Sation

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

Mr. Griesdorn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pepple.

Mayor Dammeyer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.