

2017

Municipal Activities Report

2017 was another year of successful projects and growth for the Village of Versailles. During 2017, Midmark announced plans to build a \$25 million-dollar Research & Development facility with the expected creation of



approximately 100 new high-tech jobs. The Village of Versailles agreed to partner with Midmark by extending N. West Street north to Baker Road and eventually vacating Vista Drive to allow for the connection of the new Research & Development facility to the current office building.



Additionally, a much-needed residential subdivision consisting of approximately 70 lots is under design with construction to begin in 2018. The new development will be located southeast of the village

on land currently in Wayne township. The land is planned to be annexed into the village so utilities can be provided for residents.

Many infrastructure improvement projects took place in 2017 including the replacing of the sanitary sewer siphon that runs under the N. Center

Street Bridge. The original double siphon system was constructed in 1939 and had one siphon line blocked. With a recent abandonment of a Sanitary Sewer Overflow outlet on the active siphon line it became necessary to replace the system to ensure the Village had adequate capacity to service the northern areas of the village. The project was completed by Shinn Brothers out of Celina for a cost of \$231,000. The project began in September and was completed in November on time and within budget.



The Village also completed its 2017 Street Maintenance project



consisting of the repaving of sections of eight streets and five alley areas at a cost of \$235,827.

The paving was completed by

Wagner Paving out of Laura, Ohio.

The year saw the continuation of the rebuild and system upgrade of the downtown area 4kV electric service to 12kV. This work was completed in- house by the Village of Versailles Electric Department.

In 2017 the Village Electric Department earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)[®] Diamond designation, the highest honor possible, from the American



Public Power Association (APPA). The RP3 designation, which lasts for three years, recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvement. Additionally, the Village saw completion of the 1.7 MW solar field constructed on the grounds of the Village Water Plant. This 8.4 acre project is a partnership with American Municipal Power (AMP) and Next Era and will provide the Village with low cost sustainable energy for the next 25 years.

In an effort to always maintain and improve the Village park areas, the Village applied for, and was awarded, a grant from the Darke County Parks for replacing the roof on shelter house #3 at Ward Park. The grant amount was \$3000 making the total grant funding received from the Darke County Parks since 2010 over \$27,000.

As is always our goal, 2017 was a successful year in which the Village Administration and Employees continued to actively respond to both the current and future needs of the Versailles Community.

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- I. Construction was completed on 4kV electrical system as it was upgraded to a 12kV system. This allows the Village to have redundancy within the system which means better reliability for consumers.
- II. New members were elected to Village Council with Cory Griesdorn and Lance Steinbrunner beginning terms in January of 2018.
- III. Continuing with the established Urban Forest Program, the Village purchased 22 trees in November to be planted in many areas of the Village. Additionally, During April, 2017, Foster's Tree & Landscaping Service pruned 263 trees located along street right-of-way within the Village at a cost of \$7765. The Village has been named a Tree City USA for 19 consecutive years.
- IV. The Village worked with the Poultry Days, Farefest, and Hometown Christmas Committees to complete successful festivals in 2017.
- V. Ribbon cuttings were held for new downtown businesses, Brown Chiropractic, Swift Gilly Boutique, Bowlerstore.com, Pick Six Drive-Thru & Pizza, and Styles on Main.

The following represents the major, legislative, executive, and administrative activities undertaken in 2017:

1. On January 11th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-61, accepting the annexation of 1.537 acres, more or less, owned by Jackie J. McEldowney into the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
2. Also, on January 11th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-01, reclassifying the zoning district designation for 1.780 acres of land located within the Village at 763 East Water Street.
3. On January 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-02, approving, adopting, and enacting the 2017 edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code - Administrative Code, as revised through November 1, 2016, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter.
4. Also, on January 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-03, approving, adopting and enacting the 2017 edition of the Ohio Municipal Code - Traffic Code, as revised through November 1, 2016, published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter.
5. On January 25th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-04, approving, adopting and enacting the 2017 edition of the Ohio Municipal Code - General Offenses Code, as revised through November 1, 2016,

published by American Legal Publishing for the Village of Versailles, Ohio; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; publishing the enactment of new matter.

6. Finally, on January 25th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-05, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2017 Street Maintenance Project.
7. On March 22nd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-06, prohibiting retail dispensaries, cultivators, or processors of medical marijuana within the Village of Versailles.
8. Also, on March 22nd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-08, ordinance authorizing the Village's participation in the Treasurer of Ohio's Market Access Program; authorizing the preparation and filing of an application for that program and the execution and delivery of a standby note purchase agreement with the Treasurer, and other necessary and appropriate documents.
9. Too, on March 22nd, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-09, approving the Village of Versailles as a host community in the AMP Phase II Solar Project.
10. Finally, on March 22nd, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-10, approving the Agricultural District classification renewal for East Wind Farms.
11. On April 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-07, authorizing the sale of certain vehicles and equipment not needed for any municipal purpose.
12. Also, on April 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-11, authorizing the Village Administrator to file a grant application with the Darke County Park District for the purpose of acquiring grant funds through the Community Parks Improvement Grant Program.
13. On April 26th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-13, authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-18) for road salt.
14. Also, on April 26th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-14, amending Ordinance No. 16-64, The 2017 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
15. On May 3rd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-12, adopting adjusted rates, terms and conditions for Electric Service provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
16. On July 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-15, adopting new Subdivision Regulations, Construction Standards, and Design Criterial for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
17. Also, on July 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-16, establishing the compensation for the Fire Department Personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
18. Lastly, on July 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-17, authorizing the Village Administrator of the Village of Versailles to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs(s) and to execute contracts as required.
19. On July 26th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-18, declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the Village of Versailles, Ohio, on behalf of the State of Ohio to reimburse its ½% Income Tax Fund for the Woodland Drive Reconstruction Project No. CT18U with the proceeds of tax exempt debt of the State of Ohio.

20. On August 23rd, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-19, authorizing assessment of cost by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
21. On September 13th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-21, accepting the monies and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.
22. On September 27th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-20, adopting an amended Chapter 905 of the Village Code regarding provisions related to Water and Sewer Services.
23. On October 11th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-21, authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$1,550,000 for the purpose of currently refunding a portion of Emergency Services Facility Construction and Improvement Bonds, Series 2007, dated June 7, 2007, originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,790,000 for the purpose of constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping an Emergency Services Facility with related facilities and site improvements thereto; authorizing and approving related matters.
24. Also, on October 11th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-22, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Versailles to enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement with Medicount Management, Inc. for billing services for the Village's Emergency Medical Services Department.
25. On November 8th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-27, approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Midmark Corporation.
26. Also, on November 8th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-28, approving a Written Post-Issuance Compliance Policy in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
27. On November 20th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-23, ordinance adopting adjusted rates, terms and conditions for Water and Sanitary Sewer Services provided by the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
28. Also, on November 20th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-24, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with York Township for fire protection.
29. Likewise, on November 20th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-25, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Richland Township for fire protection.
30. Similarly, on November 20th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-26, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for fire protection.
31. Finally, on November 20th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-29, establishing the compensation for the Fire Department personnel for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
32. On December 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-30, granting an exception to certain property owners to Ordinance 16-16 and Sections 905.02 and 905.19 of the Village Code pertaining to water and sewer service.
33. Also, on December 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-31, establishing the salary and benefits for the Utilities Administrative Assistant.

34. On December 13th, Council also adopted Ordinance No. 17-32, establishing the salary and benefits for the Police Chief.
35. Again, on December 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-33, establishing the salary and benefits for the Fiscal Officer.
36. On December 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-34, establishing the salary and benefits for the Emergency Medical Services Department Administrator/Paramedic.
37. Also, on December 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-35, setting the pay schedule and benefits for the Income Tax Collection Administrator.
38. Similarly, on December 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-36, establishing an updated Hourly Employees Compensation Program for the Village of Versailles.
39. On December 13th, Council also adopted Ordinance No. 17-37, amending Ordinance No. 16-64 The 2017 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.
40. Also, on December 13th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-39, authorizing antenna tower lease.
41. Lastly, on December 13th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-40, approving an updated Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
42. On December 27th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-41, providing for the Annual Appropriations for 2018.
43. Also, on December 27th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-42, authorizing the transfer of funds to various funds as provided for in the 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.
44. Also, on December 27th, Council adopted Resolution No. 17-43, authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village to enter into a contract with Wayne Township for Emergency Medical Services.
45. On December 27th, Council also adopted Resolution No. 17-44, 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.
46. Finally, on December 27th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-45, to employ Legal Representation for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.

Other 2017 Summary Items

- During 2017, the Village of Versailles received a total of \$68,707.04 in grant monies.
- Income Tax Administrator, Marie Rose, reported a total of \$2,338,043.12 in municipal income taxes were collected in 2017.
- The Fire Department reported a total of 112 emergency runs during 2017, with the dollar amount of damage totaling \$38,900.
- The Emergency Medical Services Department reported a total of 313 emergency runs during 2017.

- The Police Department reported a total of 2812 calls for service throughout 2017.
- During 2017, Ward and Indian Creek Parks continued to provide recreational opportunities for Village residents of the surrounding area. A total of 27 reservations were reported for the use of park shelter houses.
- The Village's Greenlawn Cemetery reported a total of 20 burials throughout 2017.
- The Village's Swimming Pool reported a total of 203 season passes being purchased during 2017.

2017 was a very active and productive year for the administration and employees of the Village of Versailles. These accomplishments are evidence of the employees and Village Council's commitment to maintain a vibrant and progressive community in 2018 and beyond. **PEOPLE-PRIDE-PROGRESS** is more than just a motto in the Versailles community; it is a way of life. We look forward to a successful 2018.