

2016 Municipal Activities Report

2016 was a year of successful projects and growth for the Village of Versailles.

Early in the year the Village worked with Kings Command, (AKA American Foods



Group), on a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) project consisting of a \$23 million dollar plant expansion with the expected creation of 160 new jobs. By the end of 2016 many of those expected jobs had been filled. Additionally, two new businesses began operation in the WJ Bohman Industrial Park in 2016. Books by the Bushel, a children's book



distributor, and Voisard Specialties, an aluminum manufacturing business. In total, 45 Certificate of Zoning applications were approved in 2016.

One project that improved infrastructure within the Village, but was not a Village managed project, was the reconstruction of the N. Center Street Bridge. The original bridge was constructed in 1930 at a cost of \$14,284.

The new structure is wider, includes sidewalks on both sides of the street, and cost just over \$750 thousand to construct with the Village's share being less than 10% at approximately \$74,000. The project, which was managed by the county, began in mid-July and was completed at the end of October. The bridge project made it necessary to close N. Center Street for a three and a half month period during the late summer.

The Village also completed its 2016 Street Maintenance project



consisting of the repaving of four streets and four alley areas at a cost of \$161,859.

The year likewise saw the completion of the rebuild of both electric substations. The Greenlawn rebuild was due to a major arc-fault fire in the fall of 2015 and the E. Water Street substation rebuild was part of an ongoing system upgrade from 4kV to 12kV in the downtown area.

Through a partnership with the Versailles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Village was able to purchase the building at 43 N. Center Street and

demolish the building to create additional parking for downtown businesses. The building was purchased in July for \$25,000 with the entire project being completed



on November 4th. The project total cost was approximately \$77,425 with the Chamber of Commerce providing \$15,000 towards the project.

As is always our goal, 2016 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 both the Greenlawn and E. Water Street electric substations which provides the Village with a more efficient modern electrical system that will benefit the community for years to come.
- II. Construction consisting of replacing water and sewer lines was completed on Hickory Drive in May. The project was completed by Shinn Brothers Inc. out of Celina, Ohio, at a cost of \$172,140.
- III. New members were appointed to council, boards, and commissions. New Council Member Jeff Beasley was sworn in in January. Sharon Henry accepted a position on the Tree Commission. Billie Platfoot accepted positions on the Tax Review Board along with the Board of Zoning Appeals, with John Wagaman also accepting a spot on the Tax Review Board. Darin Whittington was sworn in as a member of both the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission.
- IV. Various parts of the Village saw annual street maintenance activities continue with the completion of the 2016 Street Maintenance Project. The project provided for asphalt milling and resurfacing along three village streets and four alleys. The project was completed by Walls Brothers Paving, Inc. at a cost of \$161,859. The 2016 street maintenance was paid for with monies collected from the Village's local ½% income tax. The streets that received asphalt milling and resurfacing as part of the 2016 project were portions of Klipstine Road., N. Olive Street, and Hickory Drive, in conjunction with the water/sewer line replacement project.



- V. Continuing with the established Urban Forest Program, the Village purchased 32 trees in November to be planted in many areas of the Village. Additionally, over 180 trees were pruned at a cost of \$23,250. The Village has been named a Tree City USA for 18 consecutive years.
- VI. A 2016 Darke County Parks Grant for \$7000 allowed for the reconstruction of the basketball court in Ward Park. The previous court was considered a danger due to the original curb type edge created to allow the area to be filled with water for ice skating. The new court has no edge and the project included refurbishing the old goal post and adding new acrylic backboards and benches for seating. Benches were graciously donated by PEPCON.
- VII. The purchase of a new Freightliner bucket truck for the Electric Department along with a Caterpillar mini excavator for all departments provides equipment that make repairs quicker and more efficient. The Freightliner truck is expected to have a 15-20 year lifespan and will allow electric department employees to make service repairs in a much safer modern piece of equipment. The truck was purchased at a price of \$182,792 from Terex Utilities Inc. The mini excavator allows workers to work in smaller areas with less damage to surrounding pavement or sod when completing work. The excavator was purchased from OHIO CAT for a price of \$56,646.



- VIII. The Village worked with the Poultry Days and Hometown Christmas committees to complete successful festivals along with the annual Farefest a function organized by the Versailles Alumni Association in 2016.
- IX. In an effort to create sustainable energy, the Village committed to a 2090 Kilowatt Solar Energy project. Utilizing 3.18 acres near the Village water plant, 3240 solar panels will be constructed to create the energy that is anticipated to be in service for a minimum of 25 years. This project helps provide low cost energy while being environmentally friendly. Construction is estimated to begin in early 2017.
- X. Ribbon cuttings were held for new downtown businesses, Platty's Sports Bar & Grill, Social Graces, a business selling home furnishings and décor, and the Sweet Shop which went under new ownership in October

The following represents the major, legislative, executive, and administrative activities undertaken in 2016:

1. On January 13th, Council adopted Ordinance 16-01, authorizing the sale of real estate owned by the Village of Versailles which was no longer needed for any Municipal purpose.
2. On January 27th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-03, 16-04, 16-05; enacting the 2016 editions of the Ohio Municipal Code, Administration , Traffic, and General Office Codes respectively.

3. Also, on January 27th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-06, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the Hickory Drive Storm Water Replacement Project.
4. Finally, on January 27th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-07, approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and King's Command/American Foods Group LLC.
5. On February 10th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-09, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advertise for bids for the 2016 Street Maintenance Project.
6. On February 24th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-12, approving a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Darnell Investment Group, LLC.
7. On March 23rd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-11, approving an agreement between the Village of Versailles and the Community Improvement Corporation, Inc. of Versailles, Darke County, Ohio in regard to real estate no longer needed for any municipal purpose.
8. Also, on March 23rd, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-16, authorizing the Village Administrator to file a grant application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks program.
9. On April 13th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-18, 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.
10. On June 8th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-22, amending the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement hereinbefore executed between the Village of Versailles, Ohio and MASH Investments, LLC.
11. Also, on June 8th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-23, authorizing the purchase of real estate located within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
12. On June 22nd, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-24, approving a contract for employment between the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and Kyle R. Francis, as Village Utilities Superintendent for the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
13. On July 13th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-17, consenting to the abolishment of the Versailles Enterprise Zone.
14. Also, on July 13th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-29, authorizing the purchase of real estate located within the Village of Versailles, Ohio.
15. On August 10th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-34, approving an agreement between the Village of Versailles and the Community Improvement Corporation, Inc. of Versailles, Darke County, Ohio in regards to real estate no longer need for any Municipal purposes.
16. On September 14th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-31, regulating the opening, undermining and repairing of the public streets and alleys of the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.
17. Also, on September 14th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-33, regulating the construction and repairing of sidewalks, curbing, gutters and/or driveway approaches within the Village of Versailles, Ohio, and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

18. On October 12th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-39, authorizing the Village Administrator to enter into a contract with American Municipal Power, Inc., for participation into the Efficiency Smart Program.
19. Also, on October 12th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-45, allowing the Village Administrator to submit a grant application to the ODNR Land and Water Conservation Fund.
20. On November 9th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-42, authorizing the sale of real estate owned by the Village of Versailles and which real estate is no longer needed for any municipal purpose.
21. On November 9th, Council adopted Resolution No. 16-54, authorizing the Police Chief to enter into a new Mutual Aid Agreement with Montgomery County and other political subdivisions.
22. On December 28th, Council adopted Ordinance No. 16-52, prohibiting the deposit or discharge of excrement, garbage or other objectionable waste.
23. Also, On December 28th, Council adopted Resolution 16-62, approving an annexation agreement between the Village of Versailles and Wayne Township, Darke County, Ohio for the proposed annexation of a certain 2.611 acre tract, more or less, owned by Wayne Hospital Company.

Other 2016 Summary Items

- During 2016, the Village of Versailles received a total of \$50,559.52 in grant monies.
- Income Tax Administrator, Marie Rose, reported a total of \$2,474,856.31 in municipal income taxes were collected in 2016.
- The Fire Department reported a total of 107 emergency runs during 2016, with the dollar amount of damage totaling \$273,500.
- The Emergency Medical Services Department reported a total of 359 emergency runs during 2016.
- The Police Department reported a total of 3081 calls for service throughout 2016.
- During 2016, Ward and Indian Creek Parks continued to provide recreational opportunities for Village residents of the surrounding area. A total of 23 reservations were reported for the use of park shelter houses.
- The Village's Greenlawn Cemetery reported a total of 21 burials throughout 2016.
- The Village's Swimming Pool reported a total of 210 season passes being purchased during 2016.

2016 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 2017 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 2017.