

2015 Municipal Activities Report

2015 proved to be another year of challenges and achievements for the administration of the Village of Versailles.

In addition to meeting the day-to-day



operating needs of the municipal policies, programs, and projects



designed to promote growth and stability

in the Community. The Street, Utilities,

Police, Fire and Emergency Medical

Services departments all continue to

provide safe, reliable, and affordable service to a growing number of

citizens and customers. In summation, 2015 was a 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 the Ward Park Swimming Pool Parking Lot in October. This project consisted of a new parking section that added 36 new parking spots and the repaving of the old portion of the parking lot to create one large uniform parking lot with a total of 95 parking stalls. This project was contracted to Coate Construction at a bid price of \$138,773.



- II.** Construction was also completed on the E. Main Street sanitary lift station located behind John's IGA. The original lift station had outlived its useful life and has been on the Village's five year capital replacement plan for a few years. It was necessary to replace the lift station to ensure the proper pumping of sewage for the next 15-20 years. This project was bid to Kinnison Excavating at a price of \$374,342.



- III.** In cooperation with the Versailles Girls' Softball organization, the Village contracted with Mercer Group out of Troy, Ohio, to have Diamond #1 at Ward Park sloped and regraded to improve drainage. Cost of the project was \$11, 548.51 and was split between the Village and the Softball Association.
- IV.** Various parts of the Village saw annual street maintenance activities continue with the completion of the 2015 Street Maintenance Project. The project provided for asphalt milling and resurfacing along six village streets and three alleys. The project was completed by Walls Brothers Paving, Inc. at a cost of \$196,176. The 2015 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 2015 project were portions of W. Wood Street, Morgan Street, Stevens Street, Hickey Avenue, Harrison Street, and East Street.
- V.** Continuing with the established Urban Forest Program the Village planted 38 trees in both park and right of way areas. Additionally, over 450 trees were pruned at a cost of \$29,450. The Village has been named a Tree City USA for 17 consecutive years.



- VI.** The Village worked with the Poultry Days and Hometown Christmas committees to complete successful festivals along with Farefest a function organized by the Versailles Alumni Association in 2015.
- VII.** A 2015 Darke County Parks Grant for \$4622.54 allowed for the addition of aluminum bleachers and concrete pad at the Ward Park Diamond #2. Previously, no bleachers were available for spectator seating.
- VIII.** Vectren gas utility replaced over 3200' feet of old gas line in the northern section of the Village. The majority of the replacement project was between Warren Street and N. Center Streets along Wayne Street and W. Oak Street.
- IX.** The Village received a 2015 Nature Works Grant which provided a new shelter house at the Indian Creek Park. The grant totaled \$9739.99 and allowed the Village to construct a 12' X 36' shelter house near the left outfield fence.
- X.** Ribbon cuttings were held for a new restaurant, Best Bite Grill, and a new business downtown which sells mattresses called The Great American Sleep Shop. Additional business expansions included Weaver Brothers, Farm Credit, BNSF Logistics, and Direct Wire. In total, 42 Certificate of Zoning applications were approved in 2015.
- XI.** Outgoing Fire Chief Bob Frey was named Citizen of the Year in 2015.



- XII.** The purchase of a 2002 Hydro Vac truck will provide a tool to allow Village crews to quickly clear water and debris from work areas during both emergency and normal maintenance situations. Previously, Village workers would need to contact a Hydro Vac business and wait until the equipment would arrive before beginning work. The 2002 truck is expected to have a 15 – 20 year lifespan and will allow better service to citizens of the Village. The truck was purchased at a price of \$127,258 from Best Equipment.



- XIII.** Finishing up 2015, the Village recognized outgoing Council Member, Jeff R. Subler for his service to the Village of Versailles. Mr. Subler chose to leave Council after 18 years of service.