

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Donnie Harmon led attendants in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Residents interested in being on council were given time to speak on why they would like to join or stay on council. Residents were Patsy Riley, Paula Harshbarger, Cindy Luedeke and Bob Williams. Council voted then welcome Bob Williams back to council and welcomed Cindy Luedeke to council.

PRESENT

Tim Bryan, <i>Council president</i>	Valinda Hammons, <i>Council member (over phone)</i>
Mike Shives, <i>Council Member</i>	Bob Williams, <i>Council member</i>
Cindy Luedeke, <i>Council member</i>	Cheryl Byers, <i>Council member</i>

CITIZENS: Mike Bowers, Paula Harshbarger and husband (did not print on sign in sheet, cannot read his name), Patsy Riley, Brad Canan, Susan Parkman, Rocke Parkman

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Heather Canan, Fiscal Officer, Jay Roberts, Village Administrator and Water Superintendent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tim Bryan makes a motion to accept December minutes. Mike Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

BILLS REVIEW: Cheryl Byers makes a motion to pay the bills. Bryan seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: Mike Bowers, Darke County Economic Development, updated council on what is going on with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and gave us some information on possibilities of help on run down properties and grants.

Susan Parkman thanked council for all they have done for her. She spoke to council saying how much she loved her job for the village but the last two years have been tough. She worked hard and did the best of her ability. She always did what was asked of her. She has always went above and beyond to do what is best for the village. She has saved the village thousands of dollars. She said she has been harassed and bullied and treated very unfair by some elected officials. She had her Village Administrator position taken away from her for no reason. She had her pay cut for no reason. And the love she had for the job was taken from her. She had to fight on a weekly basis to keep her job. She had to ask council to fight for her every month to keep her job and the list goes on and on. It wasn't just her that has been treated that way. All the women that work for the village has been treated this way as well as a council member. It has to stop. We have been treated so unfair. And now that she is only a citizen and business owner in town she asked the mayor to resign.

Patsy Riley wanted to talk about village garage sales and see if we could align it with Oakwood Church, June 29, 30 & July 1. They are expecting The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure to ride through the area.

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Paula Harshbarger wanted to know if there was going to be a Festival this year for the Fourth of July.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Donnie Harmon said the heater went out at the park. Larry Green and Heather Canan took care of it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Chance Cox brought in a new resolution to cover him for 2022.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Jay Roberts just came back to work. There were some issues at the water plant but everything is up and running.

FISCAL OFFICER: Heather Canan let council know that she needs back all the forms that she gave them. The information needs updated. She also stated that the temporary budget was also given to them, so now is the time to plan what they would like for the year.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Water/Sewer:** Goes with Village Administrator info
- b. **Park Board:** Nothing
- c. **Zoning:** Cheryl Byers said her and Jay have talked about a few things and hope to get things back to normal once someone is hired.
- d. **PDI/ADA/Hospitality/Holiday Prep:** None
- e. **Finance Committee –** None
- f. **Street Committee –** None
- g. **Records Commission –** None

Harmon designated council to the various committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nomination of new Council President – Shives nominates Bryan. Byers seconded it. Motion is passed and carried.
2. Committee designations
3. 2022-1 Resolution to decrease estimated revenue Appropriations for 2101 Permissive Motor Vehicle Fund and declaring an emergency – Bryan makes a motion to waive the three reading rule. Bob Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Bryan makes a motion to pass Resolution 2022-1. Cindy Luedeke seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. 2022-1 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO RESIDE OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE – Shives makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-1. Byers seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
5. 2022-2 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, and declaring an emergency – Bryan makes a motion to waive three reading rule. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Williams makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-2. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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6. 2022-3 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE HIRING OF A VILLAGE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO – Shives makes a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-3. Luedeke seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
7. Executive Session – Personnel – Bryan makes a motion to go into executive session. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Council goes into executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Meeting resumes at 8:43 p.m.

Council discusses the open position. It is decided to get an ad together to hire a Street Supervisor stating compensation will be based on qualifications.

Shives makes a motion to make a vote of no confidence against the Mayor, Donnie Harmon, for his handling of Susan and for the treatment of women. Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Luedeke asks Cox if the village itself has any liability due to the mayor's actions.

Bryan stated that there has been a lot of things that happened in the meeting the Mayor had with Him and Byers last year. There were things that were said to Byers, like writing her up, and getting her removed from council with no authority to do so. The mayor has made comments where contracts are being threatened. He reminds council that they are the ones with the authority. Not the Mayor. The only time he gets a vote is when there is a tie. Otherwise, council is the one with power. He said this needs to end.

Bryan makes a motion to end meeting. Byers seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

The meeting ends at 8.50 p.m.



JON MICHAEL SHIVES, MAYOR



HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER