

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

February 8, 20¹⁸

CALL TO ORDER

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

Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Jesse J. Berry called roll.

PRESENT: Jason Lance, *Mayor*; Karla Harmon, *Council President*; John Archey, *Councilmember*; Chris Miller, *Councilmember*; Tim Bryan, *Councilmember*; Robert Williams, *Councilmember*; Jon Michael Shives, *Councilmember*; Jesse J. Berry, *Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator*; Matt Pierron, *Village Solicitor*

ABSENT: None

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger

GUESTS: Mike Rhoades, *Darke County Commissioner*; Jeff Unger, *Gettysburg Rural Fire Department*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Rocke Parkman, *Park Board Vice Chair and Zoning Officer*; Susan Parkman, *Village Employee and Park Board Member*; Jay Roberts, *Village Water Operator*

Before Agenda Review, Councilman Chris Miller motioned to elect Councilwoman Karla Harmon as Council President. Councilman John Archey seconded, the motion carried, and Councilwoman Karla Harmon retained her seat as Council President.

AGENDA REVIEW

Councilwoman Karla Harmon requested that a discussion regarding the water tower and the school be added to agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council read over the minutes of the January 11, 2018 Council Meeting. There were no questions or comments from Council. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Tim Bryan seconded and the minutes of the January 11, 2018 Council Meeting were approved.

BILLS REVIEW

Council read over the Payments Report for January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Chris Miller motioned that payments made in the month of January 2018 be approved. Councilwoman Karla Harmon seconded and expenditures for the month of January 2018 were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

Darke County Commissioner Mike Rhoades updated Council and attendants on the CBDG (grants) application process and hearings. Rhoades also updated Council on the Zerber Rd. sewage problem; stating the properties on Zerber Rd. will not tie into Gettysburg's sewer line running to Bradford. There was some discussion on grants.

Jeff Unger of the Gettysburg Rural Fire Department passed out the department's Annual Report, and then read over the report.

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COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lance spoke about the recent Mayor's Forums he hosted; stating he felt like they were successful. Mayor Lance then told attendants that he plans to host more Mayor's Forums. Mayor Lance then went on to express his desire to turn the women's restroom at the Council House into a Mayor's Office and continue to utilize the current 'Mayor's Office' as a file room. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve the idea. Councilman John Archey seconded and the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mathew Pierron informed Council that the Board of Tax Review can 'piggyback' on the Finance Committee; but the same Tax Board rules would apply. Pierron mentioned that recently questions were raised about a Mayor's Court. Pierron explained what it would take to establish a Mayor's Court.

FISCAL OFFICER/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Jesse Berry read over his report. Berry updated Council on the sewage increase efforts, explaining a change in the proposed Ordinance 2018-04. Berry then mentioned he drafted a Resolution to Return Advance Funds \$14,651.63 back from Water Fund to Sanitary Debt Retirement Fund, that is on the agenda in New Business. Finally, Berry presented a rough estimate for new Radio Water Meters. Berry mentioned he did not appropriate for such expenses for 2018, but would like to start planning the replacement of Gettysburg's outdated water meters with new, up-to-date radio meters.

Berry then went on to say that he has heard several rumors regarding his criminal background. One of the rumors he heard was that he had been prosecuted for felony embezzlement. Berry wanted to clarify that it was false, and wanted the record to show that he has a misdemeanor theft charge on his record from 20 years ago. He informed Council and attendants that he and some friends were going around taking down campaign yard signs as a game to see who could 'scalp' the most. Berry also informed Council that he has a phone harassment charge on his record from the same time period, stating he was young, someone owed him a large amount of money for a music equipment transaction, and in his young mind, thought he had the right to attempt to collect. Berry also stated that he recognizes that 'being young' is no excuse, and that he accepted, and accepts, responsibility and consequences for his actions. Finally, Berry stated he had heard other rumors regarding foreclosures. Berry mentioned that he was hit hard during the real estate collapse in '08, and that he was initially taken to court in an attempt to be foreclosed upon, but that he was able to settle out of court; clarifying that he has never been foreclosed upon – concluding that he has purchased one house in his life and that he still owns and resides there.

Mayor Lance then stated that these were obviously minor incidents from a long time ago, and that Berry has paid the consequences. Mayor Lance went on to say that he has complete confidence in Berry. Mayor Lance then informed Council and attendants that he had spoken with Solicitor Pierron and the Village's insurance representative on the matter and they all concluded that these petty, 'juvenile' incidents from 20 years ago does not compromise Berry's integrity, or ability to perform his duties for the Village of Gettysburg.

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OTHER REPORTS:

Water/Sewer: Water Operator Jay Roberts informed Council that the EPA is demanding Gettysburg close Well One at the water plant. Roberts stated that it must be done and he is waiting on a quote from Lane, Inc. (the company that did the well inspection last summer).

Streets: None

Storm Sewer: None

Finance Committee: None

PDI: None

ADA/Hospitality: None

Park Board: Park Board Chair and Councilman Chris Miller updated attendants on the upcoming Park Grant process. Vice Chair Rocke Parkman gave a briefing on Park Board discussions regarding the school. A lengthy discussion regarding the school ensued.

Records Commission: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2017-10 An Ordinance Updating Membership of the Village of Gettysburg, Ohio Planning Commission** – for final reading and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-10. Councilman Chris Miller seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and Ordinance 2017-10 was approved.
2. **Ordinance 2018-04 An Ordinance Amending The Base Rate Charges For Sewer For The Residents Of The Village Of Gettysburg, Ohio** – for discussion and first reading. An update and change to this Ordinance was explained during the Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator report. Due to changes to the Ordinance, the first reading needed re-approved. There was no questions or comments. Councilwoman Harmon motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance 2018-04. Councilman Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and the first reading of Ordinance 2018-04 was approved.
3. **Ordinance 2018-05 An Ordinance Adopting A Social Media Policy For Village Employees And Contractors** – for discussion and second reading. There was no discussion or comments. Councilman Bryan motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance 2018-05. Councilwoman Harmon seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and the second reading of Ordinance 2018-05 was approved.
4. **Board of Tax Review** — tabled
5. **Annexation of West Main Street** — tabled
6. **Rental Registration Program** — tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Blanket Certificates** – for review and approval. Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator passed around a sign-off sheet for Councilmembers to sign for approval of Blanket Certificates for the year 2018.
2. **Ordinance 2018-06 A Ordinance Setting The Final And Permanent Appropriations For Fiscal Year 2018, And Declaring An Emergency** – for reading and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Bryan motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman Shives seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller – yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and the three reading rule was suspended.

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Councilman Williams motioned to approve Ordinance 2018-06. Councilman Miller seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and Ordinance 2018-06 was approved.

3. **Resolution 2018-03 A Resolution To Create A Program Code 920 Advances-Out In Water Fund 5101, And Declaring An Emergency** – for reading and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Miller motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller – yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2018-03. Councilman Bryan seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and Resolution 2018-03 was approved.
4. **Resolution 2018-04 Resolution To Create A Revenue Code 941 Advances-In In Sanitary Debt Retirement Fund 5202, And Declaring An Emergency** – for reading and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Miller motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller – yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Miller motioned to approve Resolution 2018-04. Councilman Williams seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and Resolution 2018-04 was approved.
5. **Resolution 2018-05 A Resolution For The Return Advancement Of \$14,651.63 From Water Fund 5101 To Sanitary Debt Retirement 5202, And Declaring An Emergency** for reading and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Miller motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman Bryan seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller – yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Archey motioned to approve Resolution 2018-05. Councilwoman Harmon seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon - yes; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives - yes; and Resolution 2018-05 was approved.
6. **Employee Policy** – Mayor Lance explained the need to have an employee policy. Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator informed Council that he received a draft copy from Solicitor Pierron, and that he read over the draft, updating everything that he could. Berry went on to say a lot of it involved policy decisions and felt that Council should decide those. It was decided that Berry would email drafts to some Council members, and make hard copies for the other Council members, and Council would read and make recommendations to the employee manual.
7. **Farm Lease Agreement Renewal for Hay Field at Park** – for discussion and approval. Solicitor Pierron stated the lease needed to go through a bid process. Berry stated he'd post the Lease Open Bid in the Early Bird.
8. **Council Training Awareness** – Mayor Lance informed Council of upcoming Local Government and Newly Elected Officials Training seminars. He then passed around a sign-off sheet, having Council members sign the sheet stating they were made aware of Council and Local Government Training opportunities.
9. **Discussion Regarding Water Tower, and School** – Councilwoman Harmon asked about water tower maintenance. Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Berry informed Council that he has already been in contact with the company on contract to do water tower maintenance this spring. Harmon then raised questions regarding the school, and the demolition there-of. A lengthy discussion ensued.

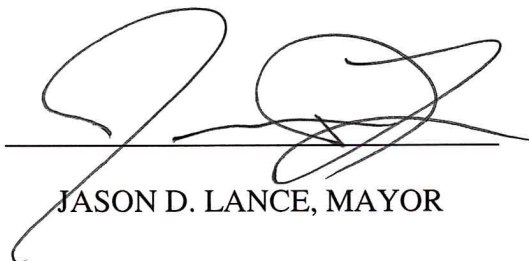
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ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Karla Harmon motioned that the February Council Meeting be adjourned. Councilman John Archey seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.



JASON D. LANCE, MAYOR



JESSE J. BERRY, FISCAL OFFICER

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