

# VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER

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

Fiscal Officer Heather Canan read roll call: all members listed below were present.

## PRESENT

Tim Bryan, *Council president*                      Dan May, *Council member*  
Cheryl Byers, *Council member*                      Jon Michael Shives, *Council member*  
Bob Williams, *Council member*

**CITIZENS:** Paula Harshbarger, Roger VanFrank-Steve Shaltry-Bill Hall: Darke Co Parks; Mike Bowers, Darke Co Economic Development; Craig Knapke, Access Engineering; Sheriff's Deputy Armstrong

**GUESTS:** None.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Susan Parkman, *Village Administrator*; Jay Roberts, *Water Superintendent*; John Archey, *Zoning Officer*; Heather Canan, *Fiscal Officer*; Matt Pierron, *Solicitor*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Bryan makes motion to approve minutes. Cheryl Byers seconded it. Motion is passed and carried.

## BILLS REVIEW:

Dan May makes a motion to pay the bills. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**Guest Speaker:** Craig Knapke, Access Engineering; Roger VanFrank, Darke County Parks

## COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mike Bowers from Darke County Economic Development offers his office as a resource for the village. A citizen was attacked by a neighbor's dog on January 13, 2020. She wants to know if we can create a new ordinance against dogs that have already bitten someone. She also wanted to put in a request for benches for the walking path.

Roger VanFrank spoke on behalf of the Darke County Parks and explained why they do not trim flower boxes over the winter because of the seeds they produce. The mayor made a request that the parks post signs explaining why they are not trimmed back. VanFrank also notified council that Darke County Parks will be offering grants again this year. He invited everyone to their Waffle breakfast fundraiser and explained the importance of the upcoming park levy. He said it would cost citizens about \$12 a year for the one mil levy on the March 17, 2020 ballot.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor wasn't aware that we had a 1% municipal tax and was surprised when he received a letter saying he owed money. Harmon also stated that he would prefer no one respond to negative comments made on Facebook.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Matt Pierron sent a letter to Leary Construction asking for any paperwork they have on inspections of the water tower. The hard part is to figure out the damages. He said he isn't overwhelmed to sue Leary. He said that it could cost half of what we ask for and he is looking at about \$40,000. Matt also met with the zoning board and looking into it we scrapped all zoning ordinances in 2004 except for one, property maintenance. He recommends looking at neighboring zoning ordinances to give us a place to start. We also need to designate zoning areas.

## VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Susan Parkman let council know that one of trees at the school needs cut down. She plans to go with the lowest bid with Fitzwater for \$200 to cut down the tree only. Bryan makes a motion to cut down the tree. Bob Williams seconded it. Motion is passed and carried. Parkman has been collecting monies from outdated water bills and has collected nearly \$2000. She also informed council that someone stole the top and the bench seats from the picnic table across the street from Lavy's Gas Station and the Greenville National Bank. She has also collected quotes

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for fireworks and feels we are going to go with Pyrotecnico again. Parkman has also found that a resident is stealing water and she keeps turning their water off and they turn it on. She has turned info over to the solicitor.

**FISCAL OFFICER's REPORT:** Financial Reports are available for 2019. Heather Canan also looked into how we wanted to address citizens that haven't paid their taxes. As of now, there is only one and the recommendation is to just let RITA continue doing it the way they have.

## **OTHER REPORTS:**

- a. **Water/Sewer:** Jay Roberts said that he has a quote of \$1500 to inspect the well. He recommends we get an inspection. It could cost up \$12000 to clean the well. He also said that we are going to have some hefty repairs at the lift station. Dan May makes a motion to have the well inspected. Bob Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
- b. **Park Board:** Nothing.
- c. **Zoning:** John Archey said that there were four letters out and only one is still non-compliant.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Canan let council know that she has a copy of the records retention schedule.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Cheryl Byers and Mike said they are interested in attending a training seminar for newly elected council members. They are to let Heather know ASAP if they would like her to register them.
2. Festival update: Byers said she is looking for help on June 27, 2020 at Community Days. She said there will be a meeting on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
3. Mayor Harmon would like to hire Craig Knapke with Access Engineering. Byers makes a motion to hire him. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. Ordinance No. 2020-1: An ordinance to employ legal representation for the Village of Gettysburg, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Bryan makes a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Byers seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Shives makes a motion to accept the ordinance. Bryan seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
5. Ordinance 2020-2: An ordinance approving the appointment and contract for Employment of John L. Archey as Zoning officer and declaring it an emergency. May makes a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Byers seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Williams makes a motion to accept the ordinance. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**Williams makes motion to adjourn meeting. Bryan seconds it. Meeting ended at 9:04 p.m.**

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DONNIE HARMON, MAYOR

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HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER