

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 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*

ABSENT: William Brickler, Council member

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger

GUESTS: Craig Knapke, Access engineering

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

Dan May 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. Tim Bryan seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Guest Speaker: Craig Knapke, Access Engineering, brought application for CDBG allocation program. Cheryl Byers makes a motion to have Access Engineering submit our application and commit to \$13,000 being our portion if we are approved for \$65,000. Bob Williams seconded it. Motion is passed and carried. Knapke received a call earlier in the day saying we've already been approved for the program. (We were approved because application was already sent in with approval of council, but with Covid-19 we couldn't meet to get signatures until today)

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: A citizen wants to know if the tractor we bought last year has a back hoe. No, just a bucket. She wanted to know when the house that was burned down on Auld Street would be cleaned up. She also wanted to point out that some storm drains needed cleaned and wanted to know when the tree at the old school would be cut down. Mayor let her know these things are on the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Donnie Harmon informed council that he had positive feedback about the Sheriff's Patrol.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Pierron had nothing. Mayor asked if letter was sent to Leary Construction. He said it would be sent this week, he just wanted Susan and Jay to take a look at it first.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Susan Parkman wanted to know what council wanted to do for fireworks. We have three options, to change for a date this year would be free, to cancel would be \$1000, to reschedule for next year, it would be \$250. Mayor wanted to move date to Fourth of July if possible. Council voted to cancel the fireworks for 2020. Parkman is concerned about water bills not being paid and would like to send out friendly reminders to stay in contact with the office. She was told to wait.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Heather Canan informed council that RITA let us know that across the board they are 30% below the collections they had last year.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Water/Sewer:** Jay Roberts informed council that valves and some electrical work needed at the water plant. He already has people coming in to fix them. There was a hole in our air compressor and we need a new one. Mayor suggested we keep old one and patch it.
- b. **Park Board:** Nothing.
- c. **Zoning:** Cheryl Byers said that this is the time of year to get things straightened up and she wants to go harder to get things cleaned up in town. Byers also wants to add or create an ordinance about vicious dogs. She has been attacked twice this year.

OLD BUSINESS: Old Business:

1. Sheriff Patrol – Council was given Sheriff's report for the last two months so they can see what they have been doing.
2. Festival Updates/Fireworks – Cheryl Byers makes motion to cancel 2020 Fireworks and to pay the \$250 to go ahead to reschedule to June 2021. Bob Williams seconded it. Motion is passed and carried. Byers also let council know that she would not head the Community Days committee if she does not receive any help.
3. Trash contracts – Specs have been sent out to Best Way, haven't heard from Rumpke.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks/Garage Sales – Tim Bryan made a motion to cancel community garage sales. Dan May seconded it. Motion is passed and carried.
2. Cardinal Center/Valentine Building Use, Restrictions – Just follow the Governor's Rules as they come out.
3. 102 Auld Street – Dan May was wondering about the brush on that property and if we have any ideas on what to do with the lot. It was stated that if we wanted to sell the lot it would have to go up for bid.
4. Water meter read schedule – Parkman asked if council would allow the water meters to be read every three months. The first two months would be averaged and the third month would be any overage. Council decided to have the solicitor to look into it and to start an Ordinance to be passed.
5. Zoning – Byers brought up a situation where the zoning officer was working on permits for a resident, before telling them anything he talked with the solicitor to make sure things were being done correctly. The resident didn't like the answer and decided to go behind the zoning officer's back and contacted the

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mayor to get the answer they wanted. The mayor told them they could go ahead without discussing it with the zoning officer. Byers brought it to council to say that the proper protocol wasn't taken. The Mayor apologized saying he didn't mean to step on anyone's toes he just thought he was helping out since things have been so out-of-whack and unusual with the Covid-19 shut down. Byers made a motion to have the mayor send a letter to the resident saying he was in the wrong. Dan May seconded it. Tim Bryan did not vote. Motion was passed and carried.

6. RESOLUTION 2020-1: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO DARKE COUNTY FOR THE CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING OF THE GETTYSBURG WTP CONTROLS UPGRADE AND WELL #4 REHABILITATION PROJECT – Tim Bryan made a motion to pass as an emergency. Dan May seconded it. Motion was passed and carried. Bryan makes motion to accept the resolution. Cheryl Byers seconded it. Motion was passed and carried.
7. RESOLUTION 2020-2: 2020 DARKE COUNTY PARKS COMMUNITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM - Tim Bryan made a motion to pass as an emergency. Dan May seconded it. Motion was passed and carried. Bryan makes motion to accept the resolution. Cheryl Byers seconded it. Motion was passed and carried.
8. RESOLUTION 2020-3: A RESOLUTION TO CREATE ACCOUNT CODE 300 FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DELARING IT AN EMERGENCY - Tim Bryan made a motion to pass as an emergency. Mike Shives seconded it. Motion was passed and carried. Bryan makes motion to accept the resolution. Dan May seconded it. Motion was passed and carried.

Shives makes motion to adjourn meeting. Byers seconds it. Meeting ended at 8:43 p.m.



DONNIE HARMON, MAYOR



HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER