

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jon Michael Shives led attendants in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Valinda Hammons, *Council president*
John Archey, *Council member*
Susan Parkman, *Council member*

Cindy Luedeke, *Council member*
Dan May, *Council member*

ABSENT: Bob Williams, *Council member*

CITIZENS: Chuck Rue, Ted Luginbuhl

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Susan Parkman makes a motion to approve May minutes. Dan May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

BILLS IN REVIEW: Cindy Luedeke makes a motion to approve bills. Valinda Hammons seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: A member of the Masonic Lodge came to the meeting to ask if there was anything we could do about the mulberry tree next to the post office. They have approached the owner with no luck. The mulberries that fall on the sidewalk make a mess for residents trying to go into the post office or to the lodge. The gentleman also offered to do any work that was required. Jay Roberts told him he would see what he could do.

A resident came to the meeting and asked council if they each took the oath for their positions. Then he asked each of them if they believed in God and he preceded to preach. Council eventually tried to ask him why he was there and he kept talking about God's Law. Heather had to interject to tell council that he received a zoning letter about his weeds and grass. The citizen proceeded to have outbreaks while the mayor tried to calm things down. Eventually it was mentioned to call the cops and the gentleman gathered his two young sons and left.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – None
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None
- c. **Village Administrative Report** – Roberts let council know that he has been successful with zoning letters that have been sent out. May asked Roberts for an update on the water tower. As of now, we are receiving a \$500,000 grant. We have qualified for a loan but we are still hoping for more grant monies.

Roberts let council know that he will be going to court on June 28th for the destruction at the park.

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- a. **Fiscal Officer Report** – The wish list for the Darke County Park grants has been sent in. We are requesting help with a new snail ride to replace the old one and for more blue mulch for the playgrounds.

OTHER REPORTS:

- b. **Water/Sewer:** None
c. **Park Board:** See Fiscal Officer's report.
d. **Zoning:** See Village Administrators report.

NEW BUSINESS:

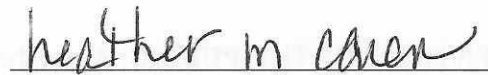
1. RITA Regional Council for Gov Delegate & Alternate delegate – Heather Canan was designated as delegate and Parkman agreed to be the alternate delegate.
2. Office safety – Council discussed different options for office safety. Roberts said he would look into cameras and it was suggested Canan get Bear Spray to keep in the office for a quick safety method.

Parkman makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Luedeke seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

The meeting ends at 8:01 p.m.



JON MICHAEL SHIVES, MAYOR



HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER