

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of ~~VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING~~ Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ June 14, 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, <i>Mayor</i>	Chris Miller, <i>Councilmember</i>
Karla Harmon, <i>Council President</i>	Jon Michael Shives, <i>Councilmember</i>
John Archey, <i>Councilmember</i>	Jesse J. Berry, <i>Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator</i>
Tim Bryan, <i>Councilmember</i>	Matt Pierron, <i>Village Solicitor</i>
Robert Williams, <i>Councilmember</i>	

ABSENT: None

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger, Dee Sanders, Jim Sanders

GUESTS: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Roberts, *Water/Sewer Operator*, Two Sheriff Officers

AGENDA REVIEW

No changes or additions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council read over the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Council Meeting. There were no questions or comments from Council. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Karla Harmon seconded. The motion carried and the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Council Meeting were approved.

Council read over the minutes of the May 30, 2018 Special Council Meeting. Mayor Jason Lance objected to the validity and accuracy of the minutes; particularly regarding the *Vote of No Confidence* issued to him by Council. Solicitor Mathew Pierron did concur that an *executive session* should have been posted on the *special meeting* public notice. Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Jesse Berry stated that though the *executive session* may not have been executed correctly, the *Vote of No Confidence* issued to Mayor Lance happened after Council exited the *executive session*, and in open session. Council President Karla Harmon stated the minutes reflected exactly what the *Vote of No Confidence* was for, and motioned to accept the May 30, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman John Archey seconded, and the minutes of the May 30, 2018 Special Council Meeting Minutes were accepted unanimously. Mayor Lance refused to sign the approved minutes – which is protocol. Council President Karla Harmon signed them.

BILLS REVIEW

Council read over the Payments Report for May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. There were no questions or comments. Councilwoman Karla Harmon motioned that payments made in the month of May 2018 be approved. Councilman Jon Michael Shives seconded. The motion carried and expenditures for the month of May 2018 were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

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There were no guest speakers.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Villager Dee Sanders complimented the Flags that have been posted up and down Main St. and Bridge St. for patriotic holidays. She went on to question the purpose of the income tax. Mayor Lance stated the initial purpose was for law enforcement. Lance went on to explain that the taxes are not up to full capacity – meaning the Village is not collecting all of the taxes owed – and there is currently not enough revenue to support law enforcement yet. Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Berry informed attendants that RITA (the third party that handles the income tax) told him it could take up to four years to get to full capacity. Sanders then asked why the Village won't put out speed bumps or do something else about the speed of traffic on Bridge St. A discussion ensued.

Villager Paula Harshbarger complained Villagers are not getting informed; further sighting that Gettysburg is violating the open meetings act.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lance informed attendants of a confrontation between him and a Gettysburg resident, and a confrontation between the same resident and Water/Sewer Operator Jay Roberts. Lance explained that the resident was very hostile, and threatening; so much so that the Mayor was concerned the resident was going to come to the meeting and continue to be confrontational. Lance concluded by stating that is why there are two Sheriff Officers present.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mathew Pierron clarified some of the reasons for *executive sessions*. Pierron went on to inform attendants that Mayor Lance could not remove HR (personnel management) powers from Berry – as proposed by Lance. Pierron went on to state that Council, or an HR Board made up of the Mayor and Council Members – also proposed by Lance – could not manage personnel, as those responsibilities legally fall to the Village Administrator and/or Mayor.

Pierron then updated Council on the Village acquiring 104 Auld St., clarifying that Gettysburg would be responsible for taxes and leans if the County gives the Village the property, but would not be responsible for taxes and leans if the Village purchased the property at a Sheriff's Auction. A discussion ensued.

FISCAL OFFICER/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Jesse Berry read from his report. Berry informed attendants that Hupman's Lawn Care will be installing some evergreens at the Memorial Point as a backdrop, and some volunteers will be planting flowers around the memorial/flag pole in the near future. Berry updated Council on the state of the sewer fund; reminding Council that he informed them at the beginning of the year that the Sewer Fund may need some transfers later on in the year. Berry then stated the Sewer Fund is currently holding steady and he will continue to keep Council posted. Berry also informed Council there was a guard rail that needed replaced on the corner of Ohio and Adams; and that he was in the process of acquiring the guard rails. Berry also mentioned the fire hydrant may be leaking and need repair, and that he was going to look into it. Berry concluded by updating Council on the Audit, stating there was nothing to report as he has not heard anything from the auditor.

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Water/Sewer: Water/Sewer Operator Jay Roberts informed Council that a previous estimate to replace the aerator down at the water plant was \$7,000; but after taking the aerator down feels he can rebuild it for a fraction of that price. A discussion ensued.

Zoning: Council President Karla Harmon asked Mayor Lance if there would be a zoning meeting the following Saturday. A discussion about getting people to volunteer for committees ensued.

Streets: None

Finance Committee: None

PDI: None

ADA/Hospitality: None

Park Board: Councilman and Park Board Chair Chris Miller stated that quotes for demolition of Cardinal Center need to be forwarded to Kraig Knapke. Miller then spoke briefly about the Hayfield contract and clarified the size of the hayfields to be leased. Miller then said he is resigning from Council; stating that this administration is struggling to succeed, and a lot of the shortcomings and failures are a direct result of a lack of leadership from Mayor Lance. Miller went on to state that Lance is not pulling this administration together as a team, and further added that the reasons for the *Vote of No Confidence* are why this administration is not more successful. Miller concluded by stating 'things are not getting done' and he (Miller) doesn't want to be part of it. Miller got up and left at 7:53 PM.

Records Commission: None


OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Hay Field Lease** – Solicitor Mathew Pierron stated that this contract should be read, approved, and officially recommended by the Park Board. The Hay Field Contract was tabled until the next Council Meeting.
2. **Board of Tax Review** — tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION 2018-14 A Resolution For Supplemental Appropriations And Declaring An Emergency** – for discussion and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilwoman Karla Harmon motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman John Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon – yes; John Archey – yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives – yes; Bob Williams – yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to approve Resolution 2018-14. Councilwoman Karla Harmon seconded. **Roll Call:** Karla Harmon – yes; John Archey – yes; Tim Bryan – yes; Jon Michael Shives – yes; Bob Williams – yes; and Resolution 2018-14 was approved.
2. **Security Cameras** – for discussion. Mayor Lance informed Council that he has gotten quotes for various packages of a security camera system. Council President Karla Harmon expressed a desire to start with a system of two cameras, and then add additional cameras at later dates. A discussion ensued. Council decided that before they make a decision, they would like a representative to come and give a presentation.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Tim Bryan motioned that the June 2018 Council Meeting be adjourned. Councilman John Archey seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



JASON D. LANCE, MAYOR



JESSE J. BERRY, FISCAL OFFICER

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