

# VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

August 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:** Claud Fenstermaker, Craig Knapke, Tom Bowman, Paula Harshbarger, Tom Hill, Jeff Unger, Dave Brewer

**GUESTS:** Craig Knapke, Access Engineering, asked council if they wanted to move ahead for applying for another grant to get started on a new water tower. Dan May makes a motion to suspend the three reading rule in order to make the deadline. Cheryl Byers seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. May makes a motion to pass Resolution 2020-5 for the grant. Byers seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Tom Hill, Fire Chief, wanted to let the Mayor and council know that he was unhappy that they were not notified of the speed bumps. He said that they will be horrible for the fire department and emergency medical services. He said they have new contracts that they won by their arrival time for emergencies. The speed bumps will cost valuable time. Don Harmon let him know that the speed bumps have already been purchased and that they are going up. He said they could revisit in a year to see how it works.

**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

Bryan makes motion to approve minutes. May seconded it. Motion is passed and carried.

## BILLS REVIEW:

Byers makes a motion to pay the bills. Tim Bryan seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Harmon notified council that the sink hole in Miller's woods is the property owners responsibility.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Matt Pierron said he has sent another certified letter to Leary Construction. He also has been working with John Archey, Cheryl Byers and Susan Parkman on zoning ordinances and hopes that it will be ready for next month's meeting.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Parkman let council know there was a complaint about a rock on the corner of George and Auld Streets. The owner of the rock explained why it's there but was asked to move it back so that it

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isn't in the way when cars have to make a sharp turn. Our tractor had a defective tire and is currently at the shop to be fixed. She also mentioned a water shut off on Bridge street that needs dug out. She has also moved forward on water bills and is now assessing late fees.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Heather Canan let council know she survived her first audit. She also notified council that Miami Valley Lighting has started the change of lights and should be finished by the end of the month.

## OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Water/Sewer:** Jay Roberts had nothing to report.
- b. **Park Board:** Next park board meeting is Sept. 14, 2020
- c. **Zoning:** John Archey said a resident has built a bigger deck without getting a permit. The resident said they would come in the following day to get one. Archey also sent out 20 letters and all complied except for 2.

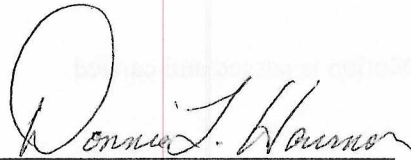
## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Auld Street** – They started this project today and said they cannot get the tree trunk out. Otherwise, the property already looks better.
2. **Speed Bumps** – Concern for residents on Bridge Street is why the speed bumps were purchased. The village is just trying to do something to slow speeders down.

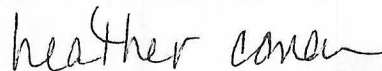
## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Stop signs at Main/Clay streets** – Pierron said he would draw up a resolution.
2. **Executive Session** – Bryan makes a motion to go into executive session. Byers seconds it. Council returns from executive session at 8:39 p.m.

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



DONNIE HARMON, MAYOR



HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER

# VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG SPECIAL MEETING

August 25, 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

Dan May, *Council member*

Cheryl Byers, *Council member*

Bob Williams, *Council member*

Jon Michael Shives, *Council member*

William Brickler, *Council member*

**CITIZENS:** Chris Miller, Dee Sander, Claude Fenstermaker, Jeff Unger, Mark Whittaker, Jack Preston, Jerry Reiman  
(some did not sign in)

**GUESTS:** Matt Aultman, Darke Co Commissioners Office

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Susan Parkman, *Village Administrator*; John Archey, *Zoning Officer*; Heather Canan, *Fiscal Officer*; Matt Pierron, *Solicitor (by phone)*

Matt Aultman shared his thoughts and information on putting speed bumps in. He said Wayne Lakes had put some in and have already taken them up because of several lawsuits. There are specific ways the speed bumps, signs and painting have to be done.

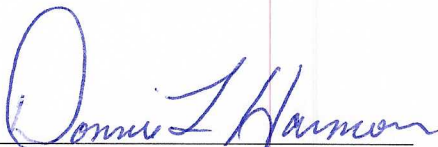
Cheryl Byers shared her information she had collected over the speed bumps. Citizens asked questions and thoughts on the speed bumps. There were some for them and some against. Some felt there wasn't enough data collection to warrant the speed bumps. The fire department and EMS reminded council how this is not just as simple as a speed bump. EMS has to be paying attention to what is going on in the back while driving. Minutes saves lives.

Matt Pierron said that the village should get an engineer's approval to put down the speed bumps.


Don Harmon suggested putting the speed bumps staggered instead of one complete across the road so Emergency vehicles could drive around them. Even though the fire department and EMS do not agree with the speed bumps, they did appreciate this change.

Mark Whittaker, Sheriff, said that he would get the speed trailer to collect some data on Bridge Street.

Mike Shives made a motion to end the meeting. Bob Williams seconded it. The meeting ended at 8:17.



DONNIE HARMON, MAYOR



HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER



# VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 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*

## ABSENT

William Brickler, *Council member*

Bob Williams, *Council member*

Susan Parkman, *Village Administrator*

**CITIZENS:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** 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. Bryan seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Donnie Harmon has had complaints and witnesses himself the way people speed up and down Bridge Street. He recommends putting two speed bumps on Bridge Street to force vehicles to slow down. After discussion, Bryan makes a motion to purchase 2 speed bumps and signs to put on Bridge Street. Mike Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

The mayor asked the solicitor what the proper channels were to sell a property in the village. The village must take bids but are not obligated to take the highest bid. He also asked if there was any type of regulation for parking anything with a motor in the garage at the park. Harmon would also like all the extra chairs in the garage at the park to be moved to the school.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** No report.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

## OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Water/Sewer:** Jay Roberts informed council that the tank at the water plant is being rerouted.
- b. **Park Board:** No report.

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- c. **Zoning:** John Archey let council know about an issue with 241 Factory Street. Archey had a conversation with the owner of the home. He let the resident know that if he was putting a pool up that was more than 30" deep that it needed a fence put around it. The resident now has the pool up and filled with no fence. Archey went back to the resident to see why his fence wasn't up and the resident showed his receipt that the fence has been ordered but it was on back order. Byers is concerned about the village's liability if something horrible would happen. Matt Pierron, solicitor recommends draining the pool. After discussion, the solicitor felt a temporary fence would suffice if council was against draining the pool. Bryan makes a motion to allow the resident to erect a temporary fence until his permanent one comes in, with the stipulation, the permanent fence is up by August 1, 2020, if not, the pool will need to be drained. May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
- Byers let everyone know that they are nearly half way through revising the zoning ordinances. She says they are hoping to wrap it up by the end of August. Byers also had a variance meeting about a resident wanting to put a pool in. There was only one negative

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Miami Valley Lighting - Bob from Miami Valley Lighting said that Gettysburg is on the plan to get lights changed out in August.
2. Auld Street Property - Archey brought up the property on Auld Street. He had a conversation with Ron Lynch. Lynch said he would be willing to bust up the concrete and remove it at no charge to the village, since he could use it for fill. Archey then said we could use the dump truck to bring in dirt that the village has at the water plant to fill it. The mayor told John to move ahead with this project. If the village wants to put the property up for bid, they must put a bid for property in the newspaper.
3. Sheriff's Report - Mayor says he has been thanked several times for bringing back the Sheriff's department. May says he has been satisfied with the work they are doing.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Handicap Sign - A new resident in town has asked if she could have a handicap sign put in front of her house. Byers makes a motion to have a sign put up and curb painted if necessary. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
2. Ohio Plan Renewal - Council was given packets to look over the new plan for 2021. Council asked to have a representative come to the September meeting.
3. Ordinance 2020-4 - Setting temporary appropriations for fiscal year 2021 and declaring it an emergency. Bryan makes a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Mays seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Bryan makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-4. Mays seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. Resolution 2020-4 - Requesting the village's share of funds from Coronavirus Relief Distribution. Byers makes a motion to suspend the three reading rule. Mays seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Mays makes a motion to accept Resolution 2020-4. Bryan seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**Bryan makes motion to adjourn meeting. Byers seconds it. Meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.**



DONNIE HARMON, MAYOR



HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER