

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

July 13, 20¹⁷ _____

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 Jesse J. Berry called roll.

PRESENT: Jason Lance, *Mayor*; Karla Harmon, *Council President*; Chris Miller, *Councilmember*; Norman Warner, *Councilmember*; Robert Williams, *Councilmember*; John Archey, *Councilmember*; Tim Bryan, *Councilmember*; Jesse J. Berry, *Fiscal Officer*; Matt Pierron, *Village Solicitor*

ABSENT: None

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger, Susan Parkman, Osa Maxwell, Eric Cook, Patsy Riley, Michael Shives

GUESTS: Lauren Bowen from the State Treasurer's Office

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Roberts – Gettysburg Water/Sewer Operator, Attorney Travis Flichman

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Lance read over the agenda. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve the agenda; Councilman Bob Williams seconded, and the July 13, 2017 agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council read over the minutes of June 8, 2017. There were not questions or comments from Council. **Motion:** Chris Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman Robert Williams seconded and the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Council Meeting were approved.

Council read over the minutes of the June 22nd Special Council Meeting. There were no questions or comments from Council. **Motion:** Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 Special Council Meeting. Councilman Robert Williams seconded and the minutes of the June Special Council Meeting were approved.

BILLS REVIEW

Council read over the Payments Report for June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017. There were no questions or comments. **Motion:** Councilman Chris Miller motioned that payments made June 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 be approved. Councilman John Archey seconded and expenditures for the month of June 2017 were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

Lauran Bowen of the State Treasurer's Office handed out a packet and gave a brief presentation on linking the Village's UAN accounting software to the Village's website for the convenience of public access to all bookkeeping records. Council informed Mrs. Bowen they'd review the packet and have Fiscal Officer Berry follow-up with her at a later date.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Paula Harshbarger commented about the ongoing travel of semi-trucks on Adams and Auld Street.

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A Villager asked if the Village was going to address a residential proper that had trash, appliances and broken down vehicles on the premises. Council informed the Villager that the Village was working hard to clean-up her neighborhood and all Village neighborhoods.

Attorney Travis Fliehman addressed Council on behalf of Villager Brett Clark (not present), expressing concerns for the legality of the Council's Zoning and Ordinance enforcement policies, as well as the accuracy and legitimacy of some of the recent Council Meeting Minutes. Mayor Lance, as well as other Council members informed Fliehman they are aware of the Zoning and Ordinance Enforcement errors and went on to state corrections were already in process. Village Solicitor Mathew Pierron also stated that the minutes in question were going to get amended.

Patsy Riley informed Council of a couple other properties that are in clear violation of Zoning.

Eric Cook told Council that Fiscal Officer Jesse Berry had his vehicle towed for not having license plates. Cook complained that Berry was supposed to deliver a receipt to his home, and when he (Cook) finally went to retrieve it from the Office, Berry had already closed and locked the door for the day, though it was prior to closing time. Berry informed Council that he (Berry) and another Village employee had locked up at the posted closing time and were finishing up end-of-the-day tasks when Cook arrived (post-closing time) and pounding on door aggressively and was shouting inappropriately.

Mike Shives questioned Council possibly installing speed bumps on Auld Street at both ends of the school property to control speeders. A small discussion ensued.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lance stated most of what he had to report ultimately got discussed in the dialog with Attorney Fliehman. The Mayor expressed his confidence in Fiscal Officer Berry and went on to accept a great deal of responsibility for some of the technicalities in the Zoning and Ordinance enforcement Attorney Fliehman had brought to Council's attention. The Mayor went on to state his commitment to better educate himself on local government duties and law, and encouraged members of Council to do the same. The Mayor took the opportunity to remind members of Council the necessity of Committees and the importance of meeting regularly.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mathew Pierron followed-up on the combination of the Fiscal Officer and Village Administrator into one position. Pierron informed Council that he found nowhere that state's the combination is illegal, and went so far as to contact Attorney General; but is still waiting on reply. Pierron went on to reiterate that the technicalities brought up by Attorney Fliehman were simple fixes — many of which were already in process.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer Berry read over his report informing Council that he had ordered ten water meters as there are at least eight that are long overdue to be replaced. Berry went on to brief Council on other tasks he's in process of completing — including a 'No Semi' sign for Adams street Council had approved in the June Council meeting.

OTHER REPORTS:

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Water/Sewer: Water Operator Jay Roberts gave a brief report on his ongoing maintenance/updating of the water plant and lift stations; including the replacement of chlorine distribution system at the water plant, some minor electrical updates to an outside light, and the completion of the annual Consumer Confidence Report.

Streets— nothing

Storm Sewer— nothing

Finance Committee- nothing

PDI—nothing

ADA/Hospitality— nothing

Park Board—Park Chair and Councilman Chris Miller informed attendants that Darke County Civics Theater toured the Cardinal Center and wants to enter a three year contract for two weekends a year.

Zoning Board— nothing

Records Commission—nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Committee Meetings Follow-up** — this was discussed in the Mayor's report.
2. **Rental Registration Program Follow-up** — Solicitor Pierron explained in a little more detail how a Rental Registration Program works, and what it would take to institute one. A small discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2017-06 Amending Ordinance 2015-03 The Village's Right to Abate, Enforce, and Give Notice of Violation — first reading and approval.** There were no comments or questions. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to approve the first reading. Councilman John Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner, no; Karla Harmon, yes; Chris Miller, yes; Robert Williams, yes; John Archey, yes; Tim Bryan, yes.
2. **Resolution 2017-08 For the Advancement of Funds and Declaring an Emergency Due to Insufficient Balances in the School Fund 4901**—there was little discussion on the topic as it was explained in previous Council Meetings by Berry that until the Cardinal Center started generating more revenue, he would have to advance funds every month to cover expenditures. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to suspend the three reading rule; Councilman Bryan seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner, yes; Karla Harmon, yes; Chris Miller, yes; Robert Williams, yes; John Archey, yes; Tim Bryan, yes. Councilman Miller then motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-08; Councilwoman Harmon Seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner, yes; Karla Harmon, yes; Chris Miller, yes; Robert Williams, yes; John Archey, yes; Tim Bryan, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to enter *executive session* for the purpose of legal matters required to be kept confidential. Councilman Chris Miller seconded. Councilman Chris Miller also requested Village employee Susan Parkman stay for the *executive session*. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner, no; Karla Harmon, yes; Chris Miller, yes; Robert Williams, yes; John Archey, yes; Tim Bryan, yes.

Council exited *executive session* at 9:10 pm.


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ADJOURNMENT: Councilwoman Karla Harmon motioned that the Council Meeting be adjourned. Councilman Robert Williams seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



JESSE J. BERRY, FISCAL OFFICER



JASON D. LANCE, MAYOR