

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

Valinda Hammons, <i>Council president</i>	Cindy Shives, <i>Council member</i>
John Archey, <i>Council member</i>	Dan May, <i>Council member</i>
Susan Parkman, <i>Council member</i>	Bob Williams, <i>Council member</i>

CITIZENS: Hunter Clarkson, Laine McMaken, Matt Pierron

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Valinda Hammons makes a motion to approve November 2023 minutes. Bob Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

BILLS IN REVIEW: Susan Parkman makes a motion to approve bills. Dan May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

GUESTS: Hunter Clarkson wanted an explanation of why he was let go. Council decided to take it to an executive session at the end of the meeting and invited Hunter to the session. Matt Pierron attended the meeting to show his interest in the solicitor position for 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – None
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None
- c. **Village Administrative Report** – Jay Roberts let everyone know that we are up to \$9000 in damages from the accident with the fire hydrant. He is waiting for more reports from the Sheriff's Department.
- d. **Fiscal Officer Report** – Heather Canan just wanted to let council know about monies that are available from the county for demolition projects in case they had any properties in mind.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Water/Sewer:** Roberts said we could wait a little longer to come up with water rates for the new water tower. Access Engineering is applying for more grant money.
- b. **Park Board:** No meeting.
- c. **Zoning:** None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Bid Openings** – Hammons made a motion to table bids to look into the difference in rates. They will decide at January meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Solicitor – Hammons makes a motion to hire Matt Pierron as Solicitor for 2024. John Archey seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Parkman states that Matt is well worth the money he is asking for and that he provides answers when we have questions. Archey stated that we are lucky to have him. Council unanimously agrees. Welcome back Mr. Pierron.
2. Christmas Décor – Parkman makes a motion to allow Canan to spend \$2500 towards Christmas decorations. Cindy Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
3. Resolution 2023-5 – A resolution for accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission. Williams makes a motion to accept Res. 2023-5. Dan May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. Ordinance 2023-5 – An ordinance setting the temporary appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and declaring it an emergency.
Shives makes a motion to approve first reading of Ord. 2023-5. Parkman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second and third readings by title only. Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Hammons makes a motion to adopt Ord. 2023-5. Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman makes a motion to adopt the Ordinance as an emergency. Hammons seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

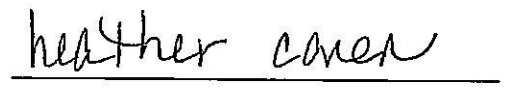
Archey lets council know that his neighbors are still carrying on. Children are laying in the street and blocking traffic. Council to revisit in January with new solicitor. It was suggested to invite the commissioner to a meeting.

Archey makes a motion to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. Hammons seconds it. Hammons invites Hunter Clarkson to executive session. May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Session ends at 8:53.

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

The meeting ends at 8:55 p.m.


JON MICHAEL SHIVES, MAYOR


HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER