

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSMinutes of **VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING** Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

December 21, 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/Village Administrator Jesse J. Berry called roll.

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

ABSENT: Karla Harmon, *Council President*

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger, Travis Pearson

GUESTS: None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parkman, *Village Employee and Park Board Member*; Jay Roberts, *Village Water Operator*

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no questions, comments, or changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council read over the minutes of November 9, 2017. There were no questions or comments from Council. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve the minutes. Councilman John Archey seconded and the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Council Meeting were approved.

BILLS REVIEW

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

GUEST SPEAKER

None

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Travis Pearson asked if the Village was interested in selling the school (Cardinal Center), and expressed interest in buying it. A lengthy discussion on the topic of selling the school ensued.

Paula Harshbarger expressed her interest in the Council seat that becomes vacant in 2018. It was explained to her and others present, the seat cannot be filled until the January Council Meeting, and that three other citizens (in addition to Harshbarger) have submitted letters of interest in the open Council seat.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lance spoke about the drug and crime rate in Gettysburg, going into length and citing examples. The Mayor then went on to express his frustration that in the face of Gettysburg's ever growing crime rate, drug problem and other obstacles, we have Villager's negatively criticizing the administration, Village employees, and Village volunteers over petty, inconsequential things – constantly creating hostile work conditions; and in some cases

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compromising Village progress. Mayor Lance went on to mention a social media site in which these particular Villagers are constantly utilizing to ultimately bully all those who are working to improve the Village. Resident Paula Harshbarger attempted to interrupt but Mayor Lance stopped her. Resident and Village employee Susan Parkman, who works as an administrative assistant/office back-up, utility meter reader, Park Board member, and volunteer, gave a passionate speech about the negativity she has witnessed, experienced, and has recently seen her husband Rocke (who is Park Board Vice Chair, and volunteers as the Village Snow Plow Driver) experience. Resident Paula Harshbarger again interrupted in an attempt to defend some of the negative statements she has made, and again Mayor Lance stopped her, stating the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting was over. The Mayor went on to state that there was no excuse for the kind of negative statements and constant criticisms she (Harshbarger) and others are making. Harshbarger shouted a profanity and stormed out of the Council Meeting. A small discussion on positive language vs. negative language ensued. A further discussion regarding crime rate ensued and Councilman John Archey asked about the Rental Registration Program that was introduced a few Council Meetings ago. The Mayor concluded by reminding Village Officers and Employees not to get involved in disputes on social media.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mathew Pierron updated Council on Zoning Board and Zoning Officer efforts, and explained the relative Ordinances that will be presented in New Business.

FISCAL OFFICER/VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Fiscal Officer/Village Administrator Jesse Berry read over his report, informing Council of his Year End UAN efforts. Berry informed attendants that he met with the Finance Committee to review temporary appropriations for 2018. Berry mentioned some discrepancies in a couple of the funds that will need worked out before final revenue and expenditures can be submitted to the County Auditor – due by January 31, 2018. Berry then informed Council that Karen Stubbs was coming over the following week to assist in those efforts.

Berry also included in his report details of a salt supplier change at the water plant, and pointed out that he gave most of the details during the Water Operator report.

Finally, Berry updated Council on the upcoming state audit; noting that he'd received some paperwork, filled out a questionnaire, and participated in a Q and A teleconference with the State Auditor's Office and potential third party auditing firms.

OTHER REPORTS:

Water/Sewer: Water Operated Jay Roberts explained a change in salt suppliers for water operations; which will result in an approximate annual savings of \$12,000.00. Berry read further details from his report; crediting Roberts for finding the savings. Roberts went on to brief Council on complications with the park sewage lift station.

Streets: nothing

Storm Sewer: nothing

Finance Committee: nothing

PDI: nothing

ADA/Hospitality: nothing

Park Board: nothing

Records Commission: nothing

OLD BUSINESS:

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1. **Board of Tax Review** — Mayor Lance asked Council if they had any appointments – there were none. The Mayor mentioned the Board of Tax Review needed a resident and asked Norman Warner, who’s Council term expires December 31, 2017, if he was interested. Warner expressed no interest, and no action was taken. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to table Appointments for Board of Tax Review. Councilman Robert Williams seconded, and the motioned carried.
2. **Ordinance 2017-10 An Ordinance Updating Membership of the Village of Gettysburg, Ohio Planning Commission** – for review and first reading. Solicitor Mathew Pierron explained the ordinance. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-10. Councilman Norman Warner seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the first reading of Ordinance 2017-10 was approved.
3. **Ordinance 2017-11 An Ordinance Approving the Appointment and Employee Contract for Zoning Officer** – for review and first reading. Solicitor Mathew Pierron explained that the Mayor made the appointment and did not need approval from Council. No action was taken.
4. **Annexation of West Main Street** — tabled
5. **Rental Registration Program** — tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Contract Renewal for Jesse J. Berry as Fiscal Officer** – for review and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve renewal contract for Jesse J. Berry as Village of Gettysburg Fiscal Officer. Councilman Robert Williams seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the renewal contract between the Village of Gettysburg and Jesse J. Berry as Fiscal Officer was approved.
2. **Contract Renewal for Jesse J. Berry as Village Administrator** – for review and approval. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve renewal contract for Jesse J. Berry as Village of Gettysburg Village Administrator. Councilman Tim Bryan seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the renewal contract between the Village of Gettysburg and Jesse J. Berry as Village Administrator was approved.
3. **Resolution 2017-15 A Resolution for the Reallocation of Funds for Year Ending 2017 and Declaring an Emergency** – for discussion and approval. Fiscal Officer Berry explained the resolution. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman John Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to approve Resolution 2017-15. Councilman Norman Warner seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller - yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and Resolution 2017-15 A Resolution for the Reallocation of Funds for Year Ending 2017 and Declaring an Emergency was approved.
4. **Resolution 2017-16 A Resolution for Supplemental Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency** – for discussion and approval. Fiscal Officer Berry explained the resolution. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman John Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Chris Miller motioned

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- to approve Resolution 2017-16. Councilman Tim Bryan seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and Resolution 2017-16 A Resolution for Supplemental Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency – for discussion and approval was approved.
5. **Ordinance 2017-12 Temporary Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency** – for discussion and approval. Berry talked about temporary appropriations during his report and offered little more information here. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Norman Warner motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman Chris Miller seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Norman Warner motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-12. Councilman Chris Miller seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and Ordinance 2017-12 Temporary Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency was approved.
6. **Ordinance 2017-13 Backflow Protection and Declaring an Emergency** - for discussion and approval. Berry gave a brief description of this ordinance. There were no questions or comments. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman Chris Miller seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman Chris Miller motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-13. Councilman Robert Williams seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and Ordinance 2017-13 Backflow Protection and Declaring an Emergency was approved.
7. **Ordinance 2017-14 An Ordinance Approving A Contract For Employment Between The Village Of Gettysburg, Ohio, And Stanley (Jay) Roberts, As Water Operator For The Village Of Gettysburg, Ohio and Contract, and Declaring An Emergency** - for discussion and approval. Berry explained this ordinance, along with his desire, as well as reasons, for increasing Water Operator Jay Robert’s salary to \$1,500.00 monthly. There was a small discussion. Councilman Tim Bryan motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Councilman John Archey seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and the three reading rule was suspended. Councilman John Archey motioned to approve Ordinance 2017-14. Councilman Chris Miller seconded. **Roll Call:** Norman Warner - yes; Karla Harmon - absent; Chris Miller -yes; Robert Williams - yes; John Archey - yes; Tim Bryan – yes; and Ordinance 2017-14 An Ordinance Approving A Contract For Employment Between The Village Of Gettysburg, Ohio, And Stanley (Jay) Roberts, As Water Operator For The Village Of Gettysburg, Ohio and Contract, and Declaring An Emergency was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman John Archey motioned that the December Council Meeting be adjourned. Councilman Tim Bryan seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.



 JESSE J. BERRY, FISCAL OFFICER



 JASON D. LANCE, MAYOR