

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Valinda Hammons led attendants in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Dan May, *Council President*
Kelsey Chrisman, *Council member*
Jennifer Flora, *Council member*

Tim Rue, *Council Member*
Melissa Sargent, *Council member*
Shane Sargent, *Council Member*

CITIZENS: Scott Clark, Paula Harshbarger

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Valinda Hammons, *Mayor*; Aaron Flora, *Village Administrator*; Heather Canan, *Fiscal Officer*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dan May makes a motion to approve minutes for Feb. 12, 2026. Melissa Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

COMMENTS: A citizen said that the stop sign at George Street needs straightened up. Tim Rue had someone ask about the barn falling apart on Dorwin. It needs addressed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – Linda Hammons let council know that the park board needs volunteers. She also said Vanguard is still getting set up and is hoping to offer a tour in May. As of right now, they have two employees.
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None.
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora let council know that we received the water tower inspection back and there needs to be some work on it. Flora updated council on King Networks and after discussion council decided to give him use of the tower for free for one year and then review. Rue Bowman told Flora that he would like to make the bank, Rainbow Accounting and the Highway Room one business in order to not pay for meters for each one, as of right now there are only 2 meters. There were issues at the water plant after power went out. The generator was running but the wells weren't running and were empty. Another issue was the plant is supposed to send out calls but none were sent. Just an email was sent which wasn't read until later. Flora talked with Jay Roberts and he said that the plant is in need of a new service. Flora called Artisian for a quote. He said it would be around \$3500 for a new SCADA system with a yearly \$500 fee. Flora will also get a quote for a generator plug for the well field.
- d. **Fiscal Officer** – None.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Park Board** – Some discussion was had on putting a wireless or combination lock at the park and raising rates with a possible deposit.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Scott Clark – Tap Sewer Main** – Clark wants to build a garage and wants to tap into the sewer main. After discussion May makes a motion to waive the tap in fee. M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4 - AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 and DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY**

May makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-4
Kelsey Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

M. Sargent makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only
May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Tim Rue makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-4.
Shane Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

May makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-4 as an emergency
M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

3. **Ordinance 2026-05 - ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ADULT USE CANNABIS DISPENSARY OPERATORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

M. Sargent makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-5.
S. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

May makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only
M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

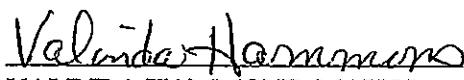
May makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-5.
M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

M. Sargent makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-5 as an emergency
Rue seconds it. Kelsey votes no. Motion is passed and carried.

S. Sargent wanted to know if it would be possible to bring back fireworks or a laser show. He was told that it was stopped after covid and after Norcold left town. The village was spending \$5000 a year for the fireworks. He just mentioned it would be nice to bring back if we were able too.

S. Sargent makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Rue seconds.

Meeting ends at 8:20 p.m.


VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR


HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER