

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 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: Tom Hill, Craig Knapke, Mike Bowers

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 March 12, 2026. Melissa Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

GUEST: Craig Knapke, Access Engineering – Craig spoke to council about a street reconstruction project. His recommendation was George Street. He said there will be a process that we will have to go through but he will continue looking into it and preparing for grant requests. The village will need to decide what projects they would like worked on. Since Craig was a part of the new water tower project, May asked him about the adhesion issue inside the tank. Knapke said that is why there are warranty inspections for issues like this. He said it wasn't uncommon to have some issues. He also said the company has acknowledged the issue and it will be closer to Summer before they get in there and fix it. The water tower will have to be emptied in order for the repair.

COMMENTS: Tom Hill, Chief of the Gettysburg Fire Department, shared reports of their runs for 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – Linda Hammons thanks everyone who has been helping with the park and the park board. She also said Vanguard is still not up and running but they are open to doing a Saturday tour for those interested.
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None.
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora let council know they held a zoning meeting. Tim Rue said that it comes down to how picky council really wants to be. As of right now, they have decided to focus on the worst properties. Letters will be prepared.
- d. **Fiscal Officer** – None.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Park Board** – Flora was designated as head of the park board. A local 4-H club, Jerod Elliot, has asked to use the park once a month on the third Monday of the month for 2 hours. They have also offered to help clean or do other projects in the park in return. It was decided to purchase a code lock for the park so renters can let themselves in, instead of someone sitting around waiting for them to show up. A cover for the lock was also suggested. There was discussion of getting a new light on the north side of the building. They also discussed items to ask for from the Darke County Parks Grant Committee. Some ideas were: water fountain, benches, trees, gravel and steps for the playground equipment. Next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 6 p.m. at the council house.

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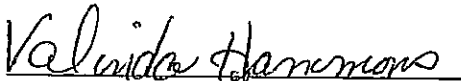
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NEW BUSINESS

1. SCADA upgrade at the water plant – Flora let council know it would be about \$3500 for a new SCADA system which is needed since calls aren't being sent out like they should. He said it would be about a \$720 annual fee as well. Council said to go ahead and get the new system.
2. Dates for Dumpsters – Dumpsters will be set at the council house on May 15 – 17, 2026.

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

Meeting ends at 7:58 p.m.


VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR


HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER