

# VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2025

## CALL TO ORDER

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

Susan Parkman, *Council President*

Dan May, *Council member*

Kelsey Chrisman, *Council member*

John Archey, *Council member*

Bob Williams, *Council member*

**ABSENT:** Cindy Shives, *Council member*

**GUEST:** Majeed G. Makhlouf, Vanguard

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Susan Parkman makes a motion to approve minutes for July 17, 2025. Bob Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**BILLS IN REVIEW:** Parkman makes a motion to approve bills. John Archey seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:** None

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – None
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – Matt Pierron is here to answer questions.
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora brought up looking at what streets should be looked at first to be fixed and different options we could try. He will continue to look into what will be the best and most cost effective for the village.

## OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Park Board** - None
- b. **Water Superintendent** – None

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Debt retirement** – Kelsey Chrisman talked with Pierron about looking into properties not paying debt retirement. Pierron said that he doesn't think the village should go retroactive. He suggested creating a new ordinance. After discussion, council tabled this until more information is found.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Vanguard** - Majeed G. Makhlouf attended the meeting with his Director, Oscar, from Vanguard on the phone to talk about their business they are wanting to bring into the village by renting space from

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Shurgreen. Vanguard works with renewables. They use food waste that will be broken down and then trucked out. Product is usually in and out within 24-48 hours. They plan to hire locally and hope to increase production. They plan on renting all available space through Shurgreen. May asked how many years their lease will be. Makhlouf said they are usually for 20 years. They hope to become well established in Gettysburg. Parkman makes a motion to approve of Vanguard bringing their business to the village and renting from Shurgreen. May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

2. **Shurgreen Water Bill** – Aaron Flora said that there was a line broke and fixed at Shurgreen and he ran a lot of water through the system to make sure it was cleaned out. Shurgreen would like the sewer billed adjusted. Parkman stated that they need to pay the bill. Flora said he would call them.
3. **Asphalt Patching** – Flora presented a quote from Wagner Paving to fix holes around the village. He said there are around 16-17 of them. John Archey makes a motion to accept the bid. Parkman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. **New Truck/Plow** – Flora informed council that he would like to look into purchasing a new truck, plow and salt spreader for the village. Council told him to bring quotes to the next meeting.
5. **Approve Payment to Advanced Demolition Services** – Parkman makes a motion to approve final payment for demolition of the old water tower, which ends the new water tower project. Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
6. **RESOLUTION 2025 – 7 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG TO CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO THE DARKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED AS DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER/REFUSE/DEBT RETIREMENT RENTS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FEES TOTALING \$13,343.75 AS SET FORTH HEREIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
Parkman makes a motion to approve first reading of Resolution 2025-7.  
Dan May seconds it. Motion passed and carried.  
Parkman makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only  
May seconds it. Motion passed and carried.  
May makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-7.  
Kelsey Chrisman seconds it. Motion passed and carried.  
Parkman makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-7 as an emergency  
May seconds it. Motion passed and carried.
7. **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO, AND AARON FLORA, AS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND ZONING OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** – Parkman makes a motion to pay Flora \$1,800 a month. Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.  
Parkman makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2025-5.  
Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.  
Chrisman makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only  
Parkman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.  
Parkman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-5.  
Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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May makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-5 as an emergency

Parkman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

8. **ORDINANCE 2025-7 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO AND LARRY J. VEST DBA LJV SERVICES, LLC AS WATER OPERATOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** – There was confusion on what the correct number was for this ordinance but this was the correct number. Parkman wanted the contract read out loud. Canan read Vest's contract.

Parkman makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2025-7.

Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

May makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only.

Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Parkman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-7.

May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

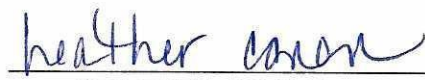
Chrisman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-7 as an emergency

May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Parkman makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Chrisman seconds.

Meeting ends at 9:08 p.m.

  
VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR

  
HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER