

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 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 - Absent*

Jennifer Flora, *Council member*

Tim Rue, *Council Member*

Melissa Sargent, *Council member*

Shane Sargent, *Council Member*

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger, Chuck Rue

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tim Rue makes a motion to approve minutes for May 14, 2026. Shane Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

COMMENTS: Chuck Rue, representing the Masonic Lodge, asked the village to address the properties next to their building. They are having dignitaries come to town and would like things to look nice for them. There are mattresses rugs, a grill and miscellaneous items strewn about. They also complain each year about the berry tree that drops fruit on the sidewalks and makes a mess for people who attend the lodge and the post office.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – Linda Hammons gives an update about Vanguard. They are hope to be up and running in the next month with a possible 2 shifts and 3-4 employees. Hammons also asks council if they think it would be in the village best interest to attend a mayor's conference. She had been invited to attend a meeting with Japanese businesses that may be interested in investing in the area. Council agrees that she should attend.
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None.
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora let council know that the new speed signs are up. He has purchased a brush attachment and has swept Bridge Street to see how well it works. He also mentioned a Firewall quote for the Water plant. It was \$1,490. Tim Rue asked if there was a yearly charge and asked for a quote. Violation letters are to be sent out to three properties in the village.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Park Board** – Flora shared with council that the park board is moving ahead with getting the rest of the posts replaced and straightened around the park. Rue fixed the light pole out back that had an open hole in the bottom.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Leaf machine** - Flora has purchased a leaf machine for \$5,300 and a brush for \$2,300 for the village but has paid out of pocket. Council needs to decide if we would like to keep the items.
2. **Sell tractor, chipper** – Dan May asked Flora to get quotes for a trade in if we do not sell it out right.
3. **Market Stand** – A resident called in wanting to know if they were allowed to have a market stand outside their home. After discussion, council said there were no issues as long as it is kept decent looking.

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4. Resolution 2026-2 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR THE DARKE COUNTY PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

May makes a motion to approve first reading of Resolution 2026-2

M. Sargent 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.

May makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-2.

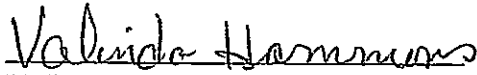
S. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

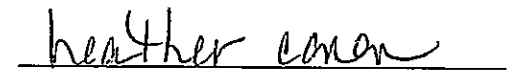
M. Sargent makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-2 as an emergency

S. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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

Meeting ends at 7:49 p.m.


VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR


HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER