

# VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2026

## CALL TO ORDER

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

Swearing in of new officers

Appoint new council president – Kelsey Chrisman nominates Dan May. May seconds. Motion and passed and carried.

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

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CITIZENS:** Mike Bowers

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May makes a motion to approve minutes for November 13, 2025. Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**BILLS IN REVIEW:** May makes a motion to approve bills. Flora seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

**COMMENTS:** None.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – Linda Hammons introduced Matt Sheard to the new council members.
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None.
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora let council know that the heater has been fixed at the water plant. Leaf pick up went well. He did dig up some of the sinkholes by Parkman's. It looks to be possible broken clay pipes in the storm drain. They dug 7-8 feet. Flora plans to go in with a camera in the spring. He said that waterway needs cleaned out. May asks about hard water. Flora said that he was unsure what was going on. Flora also met with Craig Knapke and started discussions about streets in Gettysburg. Knapke said it could cost around 1.3 million. Christmas lights will be taken down next week. He also said that chlorine was down at the water plant. We may have to purchase a new chlorinator. Flora also let council know that all the speed signs are in. May asks about water tower inspections. Flora said he would look into it. Council would like to have dumpsters brought in May for Spring Cleanup.
- d. **Fiscal Officer** – None.

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## OTHER REPORTS:

- a. Park Board – Tim Rue, said that when he rented the building that the bathrooms needed cleaning and that he mopped them before his event. Flora, Canan, and Matt Sheard said they could help keep up with the building as needed. Council would like to have a meeting with the park board before the next council meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NOT NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE Second & Third Reading. May makes a motion to suspend the rules and to approve Resolution 2025-9 for second and third reading. Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Bids for Hay Field – Only one person sent in a bid. Joshua Rolle entered a bid for \$62.50 per acre, a bid at \$1000 per year on the grass land to be hayed only. Rue makes a motion to accept. Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
2. Ziebart Truck – Council said Flora didn't need approval for this but agreed to getting the truck Ziebarted.
3. Text My Gov – Council felt this wasn't necessary and not worth the money.
4. Raises – May makes a motion to give Canan a 3% raise, Flora a 5% raise and to bring Sheard up to \$18.50 an hour. Chrisman seconds it. Jennifer Flora abstains from vote. Motion is passed and carried.
5. ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 1 - AN ORDINANCE TO EMPLOY LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

May makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-1.

Missy Sargent 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.

May makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-1.

Rue seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Chrisman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-1 as an emergency

May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

6. ORDINANCE 2026-2- AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

M. Sargent makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-2.

J. Flora seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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Chrisman 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 Ordinance 2026-2.  
Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Chrisman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 as an emergency  
May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

7. ORDINANCE 2026-3 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY IN THE VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG, DARKE COUNTY, OHIO TO PURCHASE AMENITIES, and declaring an emergency.

May makes a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2026-3.  
M. Sargent 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.

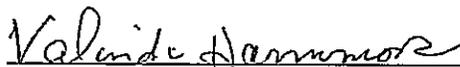
Chrisman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-3.  
M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Chrisman makes a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-3 as an emergency  
May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Hammons lets council know she could like to start a volunteer group to help others around town.

Shane Sargent makes a motion to adjourn meeting. J. Flora seconds.

Meeting ends at 8:16 p.m.

  
VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR

  
HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER