

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 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*

Cindy Shives, *Council member*

ABSENT: None

CITIZENS: Mike Bowers, DCED

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Susan Parkman makes a motion to approve minutes for August 14, 2025. Dan May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: Mike Bowers from Darke County Economic Development passed out pamphlets with their annual report and a housing analysis.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – Linda Hammons has been in contact with Vanguard and they said they were going to begin hiring next week. Hammons brought up an email sent to the village about speeders on Bridge and Auld. May reminded council that speedbumps were not an option after past experience. Aaron Flora said he would call Kyle Francis from Versailles to see about a speed cart. It was also suggested that we talk to Sheriff Whitaker and Susan Laux for possible safety grants. Parkman suggested flashing lights?
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None.
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Flora updated council on potholes being fixed in the village. He said that we are still not on the schedule for Wagner Paving but we are on the list. He reminded that Sept. 14 is Jay Robert's last day with the village. He also said that John Vest, the new water guy, will be in the village on Sunday, Monday and Thursdays for testing. Flora also shared that he felt Matt Sheard has been doing a great job.
- d. **Fiscal Officer** – Heather Canan shared with council the Aggregation letter that would be going on with the next water bill.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Park Board** - None

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OLD BUSINESS

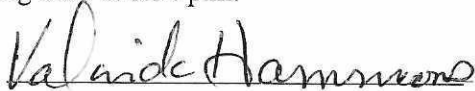
1. **Debt retirement** – Flora said that he and Matt Pierron are still looking into debt retirement for the village. Council would like Pierron to draw up an ordinance for Lazy R Debt retirement.
2. **New Truck/Plow** – Flora brought in quotes from Dave Knapp and Beau Townsend for a new truck and plow. Archey suggested retrofitting the old plow. Flora let him know that the plow was pretty rotted out. Parkman would like quotes from Mr. Plow for salt spreader. After discussion, council wanted to use a local company. Parkman makes a motion to buy truck and plow from Dave Knapp for \$60,184. May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. They would like the truck and plow funds to come out of the street fund and the salt spreader out of the general fund.

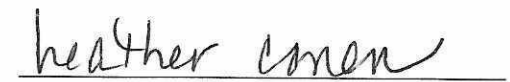
NEW BUSINESS

1. **Insurance** – May makes a motion to accept 2026 Ohio Plan. Kelsey Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
2. **Posts at the Park** – Deanna let us know that the Warner Family were the ones who fixed posts out at the park. John Archey would like to see them finish the project since it looks so good. Flora said he would find out if and when they would want to finish the rest.
3. **Ordinance 2025-06** – Ordinance prohibiting adult use Cannabis dispensary operators within the Village of Gettysburg, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Cindy Shives makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-06. Bob Williams seconds it. Parkman, Archey, Chrisman and Williams all vote No. No passage.
4. **Ordinance 2025-8 – Contract between the Village of Gettysburg, Ohio and for the performance of part-time street commissioner/grounds keeper.** Parkman makes a motion to give Matt Sheard a \$1 raise and to reevaluate in 3 months, and effective next pay cycle. Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. Parkman makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-8. Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Parkman makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Chrisman seconds.

Meeting ends at 8:34 p.m.


VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR


HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER