VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 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*
Tim Rue, *Council Member*
Melissa Sargent, *Council member*
Shane Sargent, *Council Member - Absent*

ABSENT: Jennifer Flora, *Council member*

CITIZENS: None

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 August 13, 2026. Shane Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Mayor's Report – Linda Hammons attending a mayor's meeting and met some new people she hasn't met before. They talked about openings for demolishing houses and different zoning issues. She learned a lot. There was discussion on looking into what can be done with 111 W. Main and 213 Short streets.

b. Village Solicitor's Report – None.

c. Village Administrative/Zoning: Aaron Flora let council know 4 critters were caught by Barnes Wildlife Control, a groundhog, 2 racoons and an opossum. Wagner Paving has completed the patching of streets around town, gravel and grass has been seeded at the water tower. Flora would like to get fencing around the black topped area around the water tower. He will get some quotes.

d. Fiscal Officer – None.

OTHER REPORTS:

a. Park Board – Flora let council know that the floors in the bathroom and hallway will be completed next week.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TNR Program – Council decides to not participate in this program and feels this is something the community can handle on their own.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Roosters & Chickens – After discussion, council felt there was no need to make any changes.
2. Trash Bid – Council went over the last bid specs. They wanted to request a recycling bin with a lid and 3 roll off dumpsters to be placed in Gettysburg two times a year and asked for quotes with recycling and without, and different bin sizes.

3. Insurance – May makes a motion to accept insurance for 2027. Kelsey Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. Data Centers – After the mayor's meeting, Hammons said there was discussion and about data centers and recommended that we have the solicitor draw up something to keep them out of Gettysburg.
5. Water Tower/Dixon Engineering – A. Flora talked to Artisian and they recommended a pressure tank to keep our pumps from running 24/7 while the water tower is being worked on. They wanted to charge $7500 and A. Flora felt that we should not have to pay it but was willing to pay a portion of it and it was reduced to $4500. McGuire is to split the bill. A. Flora also suggested we have the water tower inspected again by Dixon Engineering to make sure everything is how is should be. Inspection will cost $5400. May makes a motion to have Dixon inspect the water tower. M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
6. Leaf Pick Up Schedule – Leaf pick up is scheduled for Oct. 23 and Nov. 20, 2026.
7. Fall Clean up Schedule – Dates chosen were Oct. 16 & 17, 2026.
8. Trick or Treat – Council changed this year's trick or treat day to Oct. 31, 2026, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Meeting ends at 7:45 p.m.

Valinda Hammons
VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR

Heather Canan
HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER