VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 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*	Tim Rue, *Council Member*
Kelsey Chrisman, *Council member*	Melissa Sargent, *Council member*
Jennifer Flora, *Council member*	Shane Sargent, *Council Member - Absent*

CITIZENS: Paula Harshbarger, Lori Dorn, DC Humane Society, Patsy Riley

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Melissa Sargent makes a motion to approve minutes for July 9, 2026. Dan May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Paula Harshbarger shared with council that she attended the Data Center meeting in Darke County. She said she doesn't feel Gettysburg has anything to worry about it. She has also noticed people driving fast on motor bikes in town with no lights? Can sheriff's help with this? Council said we have been told there are not enough sheriffs to cover small villages.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. **Mayor's Report** – Linda Hammons said Vanguard is up and running.
b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None.
c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora let council know that water tower repair is to start in September. A. Flora has been working on the gravel at the water tower, he noted the old school lot has been regraded and is looking better, he wants to trim on Factory and if we see other spots to let him know, he has a meeting set up with Parkman's on Monday to talk about the culvert by their property, the lift station has been cleaned out, the new pump at the park is ready to be installed, he has looked at storm drains and he would like to bring in a vac truck to get them cleaned out, there is a ground hog issue at the water plant and critters at the lift station, Barnes Wildlife is coming in on Aug. 24. May asked about the water test at the park that was missed. John Vest told A. Flora he missed it and has taken care of it. But we may have a $150 fine from it. The Zoning committee has decided to meet monthly May through September.
d. Fiscal Officer – None.

OTHER REPORTS:

a. Park Board – Jen Flora let us know that she did get a key to the corner closet in the Valentine Building that the Missionary Co Op uses. We have received the fountain for the park and trees still need to be ordered.
b. Water Superintendent – None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Street Repair – Pot holes – May makes a motion to move ahead with Wagner Paving fixing spots in the streets. M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. John Vest Contract – S. Sargent makes a motion to accept John's contract for another year. M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
2. 205/207 E Main Street – Can they split the parcel? Council says that are ok with it but all costs will go to the owner.
3. Sewer Tie In – 9735 New Harrison – Bradford Road – Council said no.
4. Concrete of school – There was concrete needed by the culvert. Flora felt we should pay for this since it is party of the village and 260 Main took care of all other expenses of the work, gravel and added cement pipe. May makes a motion to pay the cement bill. M. Sargent seconds it. Motion is passed and carried. (After this ruling, we had the bill sent directly to the village.)

NOTES

Council wants to asses the stolen water meter at 111 W. Main.
Need to follow up on Debt Retirement and Sewer
May wants to know if we can figure out how much sewage is going through the system and if we are near capacity.
A. Flora said he will call the solicitor about sewer tie ins for Bradford.

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

Meeting ends at 8:23 p.m.

Valinda Hammons
VALINDA HAMMONS, MAYOR

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HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER