

VILLAGE OF GETTYSBURG COUNCIL MEETING

July 17, 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: Aaron Flora, *Village Administrator*; Jay Roberts, *Water Superintendent*

CITIZENS: Dee Sander

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Valinda Hammons, Mayor; Heather Canan, *Fiscal Officer*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Susan Parkman makes a motion to approve minutes for June 12, 2025. Cindy Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

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

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: A resident wanted to know who to call when something is going on in the village. She was told that the phone number is on the answering machine for any emergencies. She was under the impression that was only for water. So that was cleared up for her.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. **Mayor's Report** – Valinda Hammons and Aaron Flora attending a Mayor's meeting in Darke County. She said they didn't find out all the information they were hoping for but did learn some new things.
- b. **Village Solicitor's Report** – None
- c. **Village Administrative/Zoning:** Aaron Flora was absent but provided a list of items that they have been taking care of the last month.
Zoning – A list of properties was presented that need zoning attention. John Archey and Parkman said they would help Flora with this process. Heather Canan offered to prepare a template package for zoning letters. Archey feels that complaints need to be kept private.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a. **Park Board** – None
- b. **Water Superintendent** – Jay Roberts was absent. Council was reminded that his contract will be up on Sept. 14, 2025 and he will be done.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Council Meetings Park/Council House** – Archey presented the idea of moving the meetings back to the council house. He feels it is difficult to hear. Hammons and May like the meetings at the park. After

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discussion, it was suggested to set the tables up differently to see if that will help with people being able to hear.

2. Adopt midyear tax budget for 2026 – May makes a motion to accept the midyear budget. Bob Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
3. **RESOLUTION 2025-4 -A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A 0.9 MILL RENEWAL LEVY TAX IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.02, 5705.19, 5705.19 (I), 5705.03 (B), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Parkman makes a motion to approve first reading of Resolution 2025-4.
Kelsey Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman 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 Resolution 2025-4.
Parkman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-4 as an emergency
Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
4. **RESOLUTION 2025-5 - A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A 1.9 MILL RENEWAL LEVY TAX IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.02, 5705.19, 5705.19 (I), 5705.03 (B), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
May makes a motion to approve first reading of Resolution 2025-5.
Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Chrisman makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only
Parkman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-5.
May seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-5 as an emergency
Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
5. **RESOLUTION 2025-6 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO AFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE DARKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**
Parkman makes a motion to approve first reading of Resolution 2025-6.
Shives seconds it. Archey votes No. Motion is passed and carried.
Parkman makes a motion to suspend the rules and give second & third Readings by title only
Shives seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Shives makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-6.
Williams seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.
Shives makes a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-6 as an emergency

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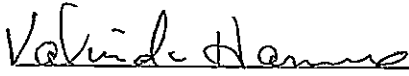
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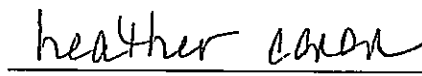
Chrisman seconds it. Motion is passed and carried.

Archev missed adding something to agenda at the beginning of the meeting. He wants to look into properties in the village that should be paying debt retirement. Chrisman said she would reach out to the solicitor for more information.

Shives makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Williams seconds.

Meeting ends at 8:35 p.m.


Valinda Hammons, MAYOR


HEATHER CANAN, FISCAL OFFICER