



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
January 22, 2007**

On Monday, January 22, 2007 the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Present

Tom Hopper, Mayor
Roberta Miller, Council Member
Jim Slifko, Council Member
David Simmons, Council President

Nancy Feole, Council Member
Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer
Chris Underwood, Council Member
Ed Karn, Council Member

Also Present

Kenneth Molnar, Village Solicitor
Dave LaValle, Public Service Director
Scott Jammison, WWTP
Bob Jablonski, PDG
Stacey Martin
Travis Eifert

Joseph Schmansky,
Rick Helwig, Realtor for GUMC
Michelle Dearth, Assistant to Fiscal Officer
Susie Kossman
Silas Boehler

Meeting Minutes

Dave Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2006 as corrected. It was noted the Sewer Plant Design report was made by Dave LaValle in the absence of Bob Jablonski. Jim Slifko seconded the motion. All said Aye in a 6-0 voice vote to adopt December 18, 2006 minutes as corrected.

Roberta Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2007 Organizational Meeting as corrected. There was an error in the wording under "Next Meeting". Dave Simmons seconded the motion. All said Aye in a 6-0 voice vote to adopt January 4, 2007 Organizational Meeting minutes as corrected.

Police Report

Chief of Police, Pat Bennett, reported the traffic in town has increased since the Mud Flats Restaurant and Bar has opened. He explained the police department's new 800 megahertz radio system and how it relates to the sheriff's office, BST&G Fire Department, and emergency medical services.

Payment of Invoices for January

Ed Karn moved to pay the invoices for January and Roberta Miller seconded the motion. All said Aye in a 6-0 voice vote.

Guests

Guest, Stacy Martin, said she didn't know that she had to pay R.I.T.A. taxes and asked that we make some consideration. After discussion with council members it was agreed that since she didn't actually live in the house until February 14, 2005 that some consideration could be made for the one month.

Guest, Silas Boehler, said he didn't know that he had to pay R.I.T.A. taxes and asked that we make some consideration. After discussion with council members it was agreed that since he has always lived in the

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village from a child that he should have known and parents should have been there for him to give him guidance. Council agreed to inform local residents through the newsletter that at age 18 they will be required to pay R.I.T.A. taxes. Council also agreed to support a payment plan to help delinquents catch up and stop the penalties.

Fiscal Officers Report

End of year/beginning of year reports were completed and W2 and 1099 forms sent to employees. There was a discussion concerning the delinquent sewer bills and some possible remedies.

Resolution No. 2006-27 (3rd Reading)

A Resolution establishing procedures for insuring the prompt availability of public records.

Dave Simmons made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2006-27. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes

Ordinance 2007-3 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2007 edition, as the code of ordinances for the Municipality of the Village of Galena, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Jim Slifko made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading and Dave Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes

Ed Karn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-3 declaring an emergency. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes

Ordinance 2007-4 (1st Reading)

Authorizing the issuance of notes in the amount of not to exceed \$300,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of acquiring land and interests in land located at 109 Harrison Street, known as the Galena United Methodist Church, Galena, Ohio, including all improvements and appurtenances thereon to be used for municipal purposes, and declaring an emergency.

Dave Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading and Ed Karn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes

Ed Karn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-4 declaring an emergency. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-0 roll call vote.

Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes Simmons- Abstain

Sewer Plant Design

Bob Jablonski reported the check and documentation for the sewer plant design were received and he will be making submittal this week to OEDA for plan review.

Wastewater Treatment Report

Scott Jamison submitted a written report. (Attached) He also reported there was four times more flow than normal and that high rain fall was a contributing factor.

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Public Service Director's Report

Dave LaValle submitted a report.(Attached) He suggested that the Village could get a good deal on mulch for the Parks and Village if we ordered next month. The Village needs to work to get street lights turned on at Walnut Creek and Blackhawk.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)

Tom Hopper had nothing to report.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko reported that they approved a renewal levy to be on the May ballot.

Parks & Special Events Committee Report

No one was present from the committee to give a report.

Zoning and Planning Commission Report

Mayor Hopper discussed the variance on mail boxes at Heathermere that have the cedar wraps which are an upgrade. They will be taking out the mail boxes at Walnut Creek and going back to the regular metal ones because they do not wish to pay the extra amount of money for the cedar wraps.

Eastern Delaware County Recreation District

Roberta Miller reported at the January meeting they discussed where to buy land for the Community Center building and to have it decided before they submit a levy on the ballot in May. A committee was formed to raise \$500,000 to fund an outdoor swimming pool at the facility. The regular monthly meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday.

Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial

Ed Karn made a motion to donate \$450.00 for a cross at the Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial in Sunbury, in honor of Anthony Kinslow. Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote

Committee for Facilities

A Facilities Committee was created to plan for the use of the Galena United Methodist Church building. Council members Dave Simmons, Chris Underwood, and Ed Karn volunteered to serve on the committee. It was suggested that this information should be put in the news letter to invite Village residents to serve on this committee. Eventually the committee will review all Village facilities. Dave Simmons made a motion to establish a Facilities Committee. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Big Walnut Community Leadership Council

Mayor Hopper reported he attended the first meeting of the Big Walnut Community Leadership Council which replaces the old Leadership Advisory Council. This is a committee of the superintendent's office. The Leadership Advisory Council was a committee of the school board. There will be another meeting on the 30th. He had an opportunity to meet the new superintendent, April Domine.

Executive Session

Dave Simmons moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation. Jim Slifko seconded the motion. All agreed in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

Dave Simmons moved to reconvene and Ed Karn seconded the motion. All agreed in a 6-0 roll call vote: Slifko-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Underwood-Yes Karn-Yes Miller-Yes

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Council returned to regular session at 9:39 p.m.

Adjournment

Chris Underwood made a motion to adjourn. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2007, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Mayor