



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
February 23, 2004**

On Monday, February 23, 2004, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Present

Ed Collinsworth, Village Clerk
Tony Hamilton, Council Member
Betsy Hildebrand, Council Member
Tom Hopper, Mayor

Roberta Miller, Council Member
Jim Slifko, Council Member
Chris Underwood, Council Member
David Simmons, Council President

Also Present

David LaValle, Public Service Director
David O'Neil

Mike Hamilton

Meeting Minutes

David Simmons asked that "organizational" be dropped from the opening sentence of the minutes. Betsy Hildebrand moved to accept the January 26, 2004 Council minutes as corrected and David Simmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

Payment of Invoices for February

Roberta Miller moved that the Village pay invoices for February. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

Police Report

Police Chief Pat Bennett was present but had nothing to report and asked if there were any concerns. The tickets have been received. Mayor Tom Hopper relayed a complaint about parking in yards during auctions.

Ordinance 2004-03 (1st reading)

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Withdraw the Territory of the
Village of Galena from Delaware County Sewer District No. 1.**

David Simmons asked if this was passed as an emergency, would it go into effect without the right to referendum and if it has three readings, then would there be a 30 day referendum period? Mayor Hopper said that is correct. Betsy asked if we withdraw from the sewer district tonight, does it really change anything? Mayor Hopper said the County would still own the plant but the Village could set up its own sewer district. David Simmons clarified that more legal action would be needed after this. Betsy asked if Galena withdraws, would that encourage the County to sell the plant? Mayor Hopper said that would be part of a legal settlement. The ordinance was drafted on advice from Galena's legal counsel and special counsel he is consulting with. A special meeting may be needed at some point. This is the first step in an effort to move on the sewer plant. The sewer district is not working for Galena and our concerns are not being addressed.

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Mayor Hopper has had meetings with County Commissioners since the January Council meeting, but no progress was made. After three years of discussion with the County, the new Delaware County Sewer Master Plan Preliminary Report does not call for the Galena plant to be expanded. It calls for both Galena's plant and Sunbury's new plant to be torn down. Membership in the district is not serving Galena's needs. Jim Slifko stated he felt this direction was appropriate.

Ordinance 2004-04 (1st reading, emergency)
An Ordinance Authorizing and Adopting Streetlight, Mailbox, Street Signs, and House Number Standards for the Village of Galena, Ohio, and Declaring A Real and Present Emergency.

Mayor Hopper introduced the ordinance and explained that the green selected for the streetlights was unacceptable so a new green was selected. The wattage of bulbs in the streetlights is not available in the type of fixture we selected. David Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules. Chris Underwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 in a roll call vote: Miller: Yes Hildebrand: Yes Slifko: Yes Simmons: Yes Underwood: Yes Hamilton: Yes.

Betsy Hildebrand made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2004-04 and declare an emergency. Chris Underwood seconded the motion. Jim Slifko noted that on Page 3, section 4 - house numbers should say "contrast" rather than "contract". He also asked if the streetlights are standard and won't go out of style in a couple years. David Simmons said this style has been around for 25 years. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 in a roll call vote: Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Slifko-Yes Simmons- Yes Underwood- Yes Hamilton-Yes

Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reviewed his report (attached). The Administrative Assistant's monthly report was distributed (attached).

It was agreed to send a thank you note to AEP for being so responsive this time to streetlight repair concerns.

Mike and Pam are proposing tree limb pick up and chipping days on the last Friday of each month May through September. The existing chipper is old and needs repair. A new, smaller chipper would cost \$3,500. Dave would like to have Adam Roof inspect the chipper to determine if it can be repaired.

Providing a key for the polling official was discussed for election day.

The Nestle property rezoning was discussed. This abuts the Fuller Davis property in Galena and connectivity issues are a concern to the Village.

David Simmons said he was pleased to see other news besides Village news in the newsletter last month.

Clerk Ed Collinsworth asked about overtime on Mike Hamilton's time sheet and how that should be handled. It was discussed that Mike is salaried and the time sheet is an effort to better determine how many hours he is working in order to evaluate his pay.

Ed also asked about the new Worker's Comp program since he has a \$5,363.34 annual bill for the existing plan. Twenty percent of that is discounted back for annual payment. Dave LaValle said we cannot join the new program until March for next year's coverage. Betsy Hildebrand mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce also offers a program we could check into.

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Dave LaValle said we need to work out an every two weeks pay schedule. Ed said right now we are on a bi-monthly basis but that can be changed.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk Ed Collinworth had nothing to report beyond the issues already discussed.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)

Tom Hopper said there was nothing pertinent to the Village at the RPC meeting.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko said the Fire Board is evaluating improving volunteer benefits such as insurance. It currently is \$75,000 if you are killed in a fire and they hope to increase that amount. Injuries are covered, also.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Tony Hamilton said the committee met and is planning a big meeting for March 16. They have invited representatives from Rails to Trails, Columbus, Galena, the County Engineer, and others to cooperatively plan a trail system. Refreshments will be served. A meeting also was held with the Delaware County Friends of the Trail to discuss land acquisition.

Playground equipment will be ordered March 1 for spring delivery. Mulch is being purchased, too.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper said the Commission decided to change the streetlight colors and bulb wattage. A conditional use hearing was held on Mr. Scherler's application and was approved.

Betsy Hildebrand mentioned that the Health Department newsletter said that people over 60 can get free appliance pickup.

Adjournment

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 22, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

Clerk

Mayor