



Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting March 22, 2004

On Monday, March 22, 2004, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Hopper at 7:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 9 West Columbus Street.

Roll Call

Present

Ed Collinsworth-Village Clerk
Tony Hamilton-Council Member
Betsy Hildebrand- Council Member
Tom Hopper- Mayor
Roberta Miller- Council Member
David Simmons-Council President
Jim Slifko-Council Member
Chris Underwood-Council Member

Also Present

Ken Molnar-Village Solicitor
Pat Bennett, Sunbury Galena Police Chief
Mike Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor

Meeting Minutes

David Simmons moved to accept the Feb. 23, 2004 Council Minutes. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Police Report

Sunbury Galena Police Chief Pat Bennett had nothing to report. He had a question about the five-ton weight limit. A business owner at the Galena Commerce Center asked about getting a permit for deliveries since he is having deliveries made to his home then hauling five pickup truck loads to his business. David Simmons noted that Harrison St. is a better route than Walnut St. Chief Bennett noted that a through truck route is noted in Sunbury but then weight limits cause problems. He asked if he could get a list of restrictions from when the ordinance was passed? Betsy Hildebrand said that, as a general rule, they should not be driving their own large vehicles on Walnut St. Tom Hopper added that the Galena Commerce Center owner agreed to the restrictions at the time his plan was approved. It was uncertain if the information was passed on to the tenants there. He added that local deliveries are allowed.

Payment of Invoices for March

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

Executive Session

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition and threatened litigation. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a voice vote. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:13 p.m.



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David Simmons made a motion to reconvene from executive session. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a voice vote. Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

**Ordinance 2004-03 (2nd Reading, Declaring an Emergency)
An ordinance authorizing the mayor to withdraw the territory of the Village of Galena from the Delaware County Sewer District and declaring an emergency.**

Mayor Tom Hopper noted that this is the second reading of the ordinance and there have been minor revisions made to the ordinance since its first reading. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar added emergency language and changed it to a generic withdrawal from the County Sewer District.

Betsy Hildebrand made a motion to suspend the rules for the third reading. David Simmons seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

David Simmons made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-03 and declare an emergency. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

**Ordinance 2004-05 (1st Reading, Declaring an Emergency)
An ordinance for the municipality of Galena, Ohio adopting new sections 71.18 through 71.22 of the Ohio Basic Code, effective immediately, to reflect current state prohibitions regarding driving under suspension or in violation of license restrictions, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, driving under OVI suspension, driving under financial responsibility law suspension or cancellation, failure to reinstate a license, and affirmative defenses related thereto, and declaring an emergency.**

Mayor Tom Hopper introduced the ordinance as a set of revisions to the Ohio Basic Code that need adopted in order to be in compliance.

Betsy Hildebrand made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

David Simmons made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-05 and declare an emergency. Tony Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle is on vacation. Dave's report was reviewed by Mayor Tom Hopper. The Administrative Assistant's report was also distributed. Tom added that the substitute culvert has been



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approved by the County and State for the grant funds. Mike Hamilton said that the tree on the south end of the park was tied up. David Simmons asked to have the cable replaced between Geiger's property and Miller Park. Mike responded that he will get a truckload of posts and will fix that one and will add and replace the ones near the water tower and Miller Park parking area.

Mike Hamilton presented a chipper replacement proposal. Adam's Tree Service and another company failed to come look at the old chipper to give repair estimates. Jim Slifko said Dave was expecting Asplundh to come look at the chipper. He asked if we ignore the proposed monthly chipping day, how often do we use the chipper? Mike responded that he throws limbs over the hill since we can't burn and the chipper doesn't work. Quotes for a new chipper were \$16,500 and \$10,500 minus a \$600 trade-in for the old chipper. Tony Hamilton asked why we can't use the existing chipper? Mike responded that there is no safety shut off and the spring holding the motor cover is broken. Jim Slifko suggested having chipping day on a Monday so people can gather their twigs on the weekend. Betsy said we paid \$6,205 in 1999 for the used chipper. It was suggested that we look into used chippers and getting the existing chipper fixed. Betsy suggested taking the chipper somewhere for review and Mike responded that he can't take it anywhere until we get the new truck. Tony Hamilton said he was concerned with spending \$10,000 for a new chipper when it may cost \$1,000 or less to fix the one we own. Council suggested looking into further options but a decision should be made at the April Council meeting. Mike will talk with Dave about this next week.

Jim Slifko added that if your tree has blue paint on it, then AEP plans to trim it. Roberta Miller and Betsy Hildebrand said they both received notices on their doors as well. Tom said AEP plans a much more extensive trimming process. They have a new policy of more aggressive trimming because the state said they needed to reduce the number of power outages due to downed limbs. Tom added that they aggressively trimmed in Sunbury and the Village received lots of complaints so we need to be ready for resident complaints.

Ed Collinsworth said he called the County Auditor's Office and they have made no progress on a county computer network system. Apparently it was just an idea they promoted.

The e-mail system problems were discussed.

Tom commented that there was a really good turnout for the Trails Meeting. Jim Slifko feels the parking area for the boardwalk will still not be adequate. Tom added that approval of the boardwalk included additional parking if the existing lot is not adequate. He thanked everyone for all the work that went into the meeting.

Jim Slifko thanked Mike and Pam for a great trimming job on Dustin Road.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk Ed Collinsworth had no report.



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Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Report

Tom Hopper was unable to attend but Dave LaValle was present. There was lengthy discussion about the new Sewer Master Plan. The City of Delaware was unhappy with aspects of the report. Preliminary zoning is also in process for a large development on Rome Corners Road.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko had no report.

Parks and Special Events Committee

Chris Underwood reported that the Trails Meeting went well. The Easter Egg Hunt is at 1 p.m., April 10. Girl Scouts helped clean and sort eggs.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper and Betsy Hildebrand had nothing to report.

Health District Board Report

Tony Hamilton was unable to attend the meeting since it was on the same night as the Trails Meeting

Adjournment

With no other business, David Simmons moved for adjournment. Chris Hamilton seconded and the motion passed unanimously 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next council meeting will be Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

Clerk

Mayor