



Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting April 26, 2004

On Monday, April 26, 2004, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Tom Hopper at 7:02 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
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
Dave O'Neill
Susie Kossmann
Robert Jablonski, PDG
Dagmar Cianelli, This Week Newspaper

Meeting Minutes

David Simmons asked that the misspelled word "replac" be corrected to "replace" on page 3. He moved to accept the March 22, 2004 Council Minutes as corrected. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Payment of Invoices

Chris Underwood made a motion to pay April invoices and Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion. The motion to pay invoices passed unanimously in a voice vote.

Police Report

Sunbury Galena Police Chief Pat Bennett distributed first quarter statistics. He said the department is trying to enforce the stricter parking regulations during the white bass fishing season. There were 41 traffic tickets written in January, February, and March. Chief Bennett explained the details of the report.

The tornado siren was discussed. Dave LaValle said that BST&G is supposed to blow the siren but isn't. The siren checks out OK and the remotes at BST&G are good. They think it could be a receiver problem. Chief Bennett said Sunbury's siren is set off by Sunbury and BST&G in alternating months to test that both transmitters work. He will contact Chief Hogg at BST&G to clarify details. He suggests putting the receiver in an airtight case such as Sunbury did. Dave will check with B&C Communications. Chief Bennett said they usually test the first Wednesday of the month during the winter then weekly during the rest of the year. The Police Department will check into programming it from their system.

Ordinance 2004-06 (1st Reading, Declaring an Emergency)

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 2003-02 Vacating a Portion of Middle Street in the Village of Galena and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Hopper introduced the ordinance and introduced Village Solicitor Ken Molnar. Ken explained that the Village passed an ordinance to vacate a portion of Middle Street but there was no legal description. Now we have a legal description so this amends the ordinance so the property owner can file the papers with the county to have the property vacated.



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David Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

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

David Simmons made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-06 and declare an emergency. Tony Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

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

Resolution 2004-03 (1st Reading, Declaring an Emergency) A Resolution to Appropriate Land Within the Village of Galena Generally Described as 2.50 Acres, More or Less Together with the Delaware County Sewer Treatment Facility Situated Thereon, and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Hopper introduced the resolution and explained that, due to impending legal action, it would be necessary to go into executive session. Betsy Hildebrand moved to adjourn to executive session and David Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:15 p.m.

David Simmons moved to return to regular session and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a voice vote. Council returned to regular session at 7:52 p.m.

Betsy Hildebrand made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. David Simmons seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

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

Tony Hamilton made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-03 and declare an emergency. Jim Slifko seconded the motion. David Simmons asked if Council needs to add the appraised value or a limit for negotiations? Ken Molnar said that the Village will continue discussions with the County as long as it can. He is waiting for a written professional opinion of value from Mr. Jablonski. The motion it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

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

Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle distributed his report and reviewed it. Mayor Hopper asked that we send the County a thank-you note for loaning us a plow last winter.

AEP's tree trimming was discussed. Residents are complaining. AEP has agreed to cut entire trees down at no cost if the owner asks. They do not haul away the larger wood.

Dave recommended paying \$2,500 more for a new gas chipper versus a used one. Betsy Hildebrand added that Price-Barnes will accept limbs free if you deliver them. Tony Hamilton expressed concern that we still don't have a cost estimate to repair the used chipper that we paid \$6,000 for not that long ago. Dave said



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Adam Roof looked at the Village chipper but no one else would look at it. He said the new ones have a different feed and have better safety equipment. Buckeye Tractor will only give us \$600 in trade-in. Betsy Hildebrand said she suspects we paid too much for the chipper to begin with. She made a motion to purchase the new Bandit chipper. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and it passed in a 4-1 voice vote.

Tree trimming on Rose Street was discussed. David Simmons explained that the railroads brought the fast growing Catalpa trees from the Orient around 1900 to use for railroad ties. David suggested getting rid of the trees altogether if they are in the road-right-of-way. Dave LaValle said Adam Roof can trim out the deadwood. Council agreed to have them trimmed. Betsy added that we should determine if we have any ash trees. Tom Hopper said the state has been determining this with their ODNR arborist.

Tom Hopper said the Village needs to have some disposition about the plugged tile at Heathermere at the Howitz property at 559 Walnut St. by the first of May. The residents have been waiting quite some time and would like the situation remedied.

Dave will distribute final master plan copies to the Zoning Commission for a recommendation of acceptance to Council.

Chris Underwood asked what it would cost to bury power lines in the Village. Bob Jablonski, from Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG), said it is very expensive but it could be done in conjunction with the storm sewer project while roads are torn up. PDG could do a survey for the whole Village or specific areas and then a phased plan could be developed. Bob estimated the study would cost \$3,000 with a maximum of \$5,000. Tony Hamilton said it would be great, but it would cost each homeowner to run the lines to their homes. Tom said to bury the lines around the square would cost \$1 million because you have to deal with all the other utilities and cover the contractors' risks as well. Bob will get some preliminary study costs. Council would like to concentrate on the square. Betsy said that if we were going to put in new storm sewer, we could do it then. Tony said they would not let you put the power lines near the storm sewer anyway since it would be in the way when storm sewer repairs are needed.

David Simmons suggested that on High Street we could add sidewalks with the current work. Tom Hopper said the storm sewer there is only 15 years old and the new work is minimal. Dave LaValle said a sidewalk could be a separate project. Tom said there is no existing sidewalk policy and you could either assess each homeowner thousands of dollars or use Village taxes to put in the sidewalks. Betsy said we should start enforcing sidewalk maintenance rules where we have new sidewalks but we've never charged homeowners to repair existing sidewalks because it would be so expensive. She also said we should start a phased-in sidewalk building and maintenance plan. Tom said residents will park on the sidewalks and will be upset if they can't. Tom asked Dave to get a basic estimate on sidewalks.

Codifying ordinances was discussed because of a request about keeping animals in the Village. Council members recalled that you could not have farm animals unless you had five acres or were grandfathered for farming.



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Betsy mentioned a streetlight that went out in front of the Harpst rental at the corner of Walnut and Holmes streets as well as one at the end of the sidewalk on Walnut St.

Dave added that Jeff Dutiel will be adding a lighted flagpole and a lighted scoreboard at the park and Dave agreed to buy up to \$400 worth of electrical cable to be buried. Mike Hamilton added that Jeff talked ChemLawn into spraying the fields to get rid of the moles. Betsy said the fields need to be flagged after they are sprayed.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk Ed Collinsworth had no report.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Report

Tom Hopper said nothing of importance to the Village occurred at the last meeting. The County and the City of Delaware disagree about sewer lines as part of the County's Sewer Master Plan.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko reported that there were 117 runs in the first quarter of the year including fire, rescue and emergency, and hazardous (vehicle accidents) runs.

Parks and Special Events Committee

Susie Kossmann reported that the Committee discussed the success of the Easter Egg Hunt. Betsy asked if, as numbers grow, we should set up the hunt so that it is the same time as Sunbury's and Genoa's to cut down on the numbers attending? Many parents commented that Galena does a very nice job of dividing up age groups. Comments were also received that 1 p.m. is lunch and naptime.

Susie said Tym Tyler attended the last meeting to discuss the Bike Race. They discussed a duoathlon with running and biking or a triathlon with running, kayaking, and bicycling. The date will be Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Ice Cream Social is Sunday, August 29.

Mike O'Neill talked about the River Clean-up on May 15. Galena's flower planting days will be May 15 and 16.

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. is the Village Garage Sale. Carol McCarrick's Girl Scouts Troop 2196 would like to set up yard sale tables on the square. Then the Girl Scouts will arrange for trucks to take all residents' garage sale leftovers to Friends Who Share or the Kidney Foundation.

Susie said they have some figures on replacing bridges for the trails system. Bob Kane has his property on the market. It has a railroad trestle on it that would connect with the Joe Walker Road development. The Parks and Special Events Committee suggests that the Village acquire the property. Tom Hopper said the



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price previously mentioned was prohibitive and legally the Village cannot swap land. The Village has to bid out any property the Village wants to dispose of. There was also concern that the Village doesn't own the property yet and the previous and current owners were not interested in a swap. The development agreement would have to be revised as well. Tom suggested purchasing just the part of the land with the bridge. Council members agreed it would be great to have. Maybe the Rails to Trails people could help with the cost.

The light on the flagpole on the square isn't working.

Tony Hamilton mentioned that there was a low area on the south end of Ruffner Park where there is debris and someone stepped on a nail during the Easter Egg Hunt. It needs to be cleaned up. Susie thanked Mike and Pam for cleaning up the park so well before the hunt.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper and Betsy Hildebrand had nothing to report.

Adjournment

With no other business, David Simmons moved for adjournment. Chris Hamilton seconded and the motion passed unanimously 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be Monday, May 24, 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

Clerk

Mayor