



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
April 26, 2010**

On Monday, April 26, 2010 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

Tom Hopper, Mayor (Present)
Libby Clark, Council Member (Present)
David Simmons, Council President (Present)
Chris Underwood, Council Member (Present)

Roberta Miller, Council Member (Present)
Paul Bolander, Council Member (Present)
Nancy Feole, Council Member (Present)
Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer (Present)

Also Present

Kenneth Molnar, Village Solicitor
Scott Jamison, Public Service Director/WWTP
Rob Koch, Big Walnut School Levy
Greg Stover

Michelle Dearth, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Chris Alexis, ThisWeek News
Steve Mazzi, Big Walnut School Superintendent
Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Minutes

Paul Bolander made a motion to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010. Dave Simmons seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote to adopt March 22, 2010 minutes.

Rob Koch, Big Walnut School Levy

Council heard from Rob Koch about the Big Walnut Schools five-year, 7.5 mill levy. He clarified that the bond levy residents passed in 2008 can only be used for construction of the new elementary and 7th-8th grade schools. By law, it cannot be used for operating expenses and the operating levy cannot be used to build buildings. He also explained that the operating levy makes up the difference between what the state pays to Big Walnut Schools, approximately 30 percent of the operating budget, and what it actually costs to operate our schools. Because the district is a "guarantee" district, Big Walnut's state aid does not increase even though local enrollment continues to rise. Koch said the district has cut \$1.8 million out of its budget and additional cost saving measures will result in an additional \$1.5 million in reductions next year. The levy will cost district residents \$229.69/year or \$19.14 per month per \$100,000 property value.

Big Walnut Schools Superintendent Steve Mazzi was also in Council chambers to discuss the school's 2008-2009 report card. Mazzi, who has been superintendent since March 2009, said his goal is to visit each township's trustees meeting and both village council meetings at least once a year to update residents on school progress. Big Walnut met 29 out of 30 indicators to earn its "Excellent" designation for the fourth year in a row. Big Walnut ranks second among Delaware County Schools rated 101 on the performance index tracking the progress of every child in the district. The highest score in the state was 107 for Granville Schools. The Schools did not meet adequate Yearly Progress because its economically disadvantaged and disabled children did not progress. School procedures are evaluated against 19 comparable school districts statewide. Mazzi also urged residents to maintain the schools' excellence by voting for the operating levy.

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Payment of Invoices for April

Roberta Miller made a motion to pay the invoices for April and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. The motion passed in a 6-0 voice vote.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Fiscal Officer, Marty Mazzie, report is attached. Mazzie discussed the Village's four-year 2-mill levy that will appear on the May ballot. The levy is a replacement, meaning the current levy collection runs out at the end of 2010 and the new levy would begin being collected in 2011. The levy would cost the property owners \$61.26/year or \$2.11/month per \$100,000 property value. It will generate approximately \$35,890 annually for Village operating funds. This money helps finance maintenance of Village parks and properties, maintenance staff, and special events. Mazzie gave examples of rising costs such as the \$6,404 cost for road salt last winter versus \$2,833 in 2009 and \$1,644 in 2008. Mayor Tom Hopper added that, in light of the fact that the Village has not increased the 2-mill levy since 1966, "we've been pretty good stewards of your money". Mazzie also reported that Berkshire Township received \$14,627 from Galena in 2009 in Real Estate taxes collected. The inside mileage is .8. Council requested a letter be sent to Berkshire Township to question how those funds were spent and how they benefitted the Village residents who paid these taxes.

Resolution No. 2010-01 (1st Reading)

A Resolution Ratifying An Agreement Among Governments Regarding The Delaware County Office Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, It's Activities And Management.

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

Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes

Roberta miller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-01. Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes

Resolution No. 2010-06 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement To Berkshire Township For Repaving Of Alexander Road.

Mayor Hopper read Resolution No. 2010-06

Resolution No. 2010-07 (1st Reading)

A Resolution/Certificate Of Authority For On-Line Banking.

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

Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes

Paul Bolander made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-07 Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes

Ordinance No. 2010-05 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance Modifying The Fees For Sewer Tap Inspections And Repealing Any Prior Ordinances Which Are Inconsistent.

Mayor Hopper read Ordinance No. 2010-05

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Public Service Director's Report

Scott Jamison's report is attached. Jamison reported that he evaluated the Village's sewer inspection fees and found that the \$75 fee no longer covers increasing engineer's costs for this service. He also reported that maintenance man, Jeff Stokes planted 300 saplings around town as well as new butterfly gardens. Jamison reported on the wastewater treatment energy audit he is conducting in conjunction with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to determine ways to reduce energy usage. American Electric Power has pledged nearly \$6,000 to the project. The energy audit is a statewide pilot project and the results will be used as a model for Ohio's 3,000 other wastewater plants..

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Report

Mayor Hopper reported there was a brief discussion about renting space to the county.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Paul Bolander reported that the district is holding an open house on May 8th.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report

Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant reported that the new train-themed jungle gym has been ordered and will be installed in Miller Park in May. She also reported that the Parks Committee and several staff members participated in a parks tour. The group prioritized equipment they would like included in future phases of the jungle gym as well as overall parks priorities.

Electric service has been updated in the Ruffner Park Shelter House.

Mazzie reminded everyone that the Shelter House has been reserved June 12-26 by KICKS Ministries & Victory Harvest Church for the making of a film.

Special Events

Chris Underwood reported that the Galena Easter Egg Hunt went very well. Council wished to thank the Delaware County Sheriff's Department for their assistance at the event. Memorial Day services are being planned for May 31.

Zoning and Planning Commission Report

Tom Hopper reported that the Zoning and Planning Commission began reviewing the first six chapters of the Comprehensive Master Plan that Jeanna has been working on.

Other Business

The GGCA is planning a Summerfest for August 28, 2010. The next GGCA meeting is May 11th.

Executive Session

Dave Simmons made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss Litigation (121.22G2). Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:
Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes
Council adjourned to executive session at 8:36 p.m.

Dave Simmons made a motion to reconvene. Libby Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes

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Council reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

Nancy Feole made a motion to re-file lawsuit case #08CVH101448. Dave Simmons seconded the motion and the motion passed in a roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Feole-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Clark-Yes Bolander-Yes

Adjournment

Dave Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Paul Bolander seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2010, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Mayor