



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
May 19, 2014**

On Monday, May 19, 2014 the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Tom Hopper, Mayor (Present)
Dave Adams, Council President (Present)
Joe Stoll, Council Member (Present)
Chrissy Fuller, Council Member (Present)

Nancy Feole, Council Member (Present)
David Simmons, Council Member (Absent)
Grace Piper, Council Member (Present)
Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer (Present)

Also Present

Michelle Dearth, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Jeanna Burrell, Village Administrator
Katie Cautela
Roger & Gale Broome

Ken Molnar, Village Solicitor
Chris & Karin Underwood
Heather Adams

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Nancy Feole made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2014 as read. Chrissy Fuller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Guest Participation

There was no guest participation at this time.

Administrator's Report

Jeanna Burrell's report is attached. Burrell reported the potential implications of the Village's levy failure. The four-year two-mill levy on the May ballot was a replacement levy that would generate approximately \$38,000 for Village operating expenses. The Village also has a one percent income tax and receives county and state administered taxes. Burrell explained that the Village has an approximately \$1 million budget but the stand-alone sewer utility is more than one-third of that. Galena also carries more than \$70,000 in state highway funds that are set aside for Ohio Department of Transportation use on State Route 3. This leaves a little more than half a million dollars. These funds go to maintain streets, storm sewers, facilities and parks and to administer Village business, communications, finances, grants, zoning, and property maintenance. Burrell commented that the work load doesn't end because the levy failed. She recommends continuing day-to-day services but the Village may not have matching funds to apply for grants. The Community Block Development Grant application is already in process and she doesn't recommend pulling that application. She said she opted not to meet with the Personnel Committee and recommends meeting instead with the Finance Committee.

Burrell reported that Complete General Construction is making punch list corrections on Walnut Street Phase 3. There was some frustration expressed that Complete General pledged to return first thing in the spring to do landscaping work and it's now mid-May and that hasn't started yet.

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Village Square work is progressing. Del-Co Water Company has connected the Village's new water tap on the square and is flushing water lines. Landscaping repairs will occur. Big-B Concrete will replace some sidewalks and steps on the square as well as curbs around the square and on Park St. The Village has worked with Columbia Gas to get gas leaks on Columbus and High streets repaired and related streets patched.

Burrell reported she has looked for paperwork on the grinder pump replacements and found nothing. Several visitors responded with questions. Roger and Gale Broome from 515 Walnut St. expressed their strong objection to Resolution No. 2014-17 to make the grinder pumps the full responsibility of the homeowner. Katie Cautela, residing at 195 Walnut St., also expressed objections stating she couldn't afford to buy a new pump when the present one fails. Mayor Hopper explained that sewer laterals on private property are the property owners' responsibilities and that other newer houses in town have grinder pumps that are maintained privately. The Village is concerned about continuing to spend public funds to maintain private property now that all the original pumps have been replaced.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Marty Mazzie's report is attached. Mazzie reported that several major sewer delinquent accounts have been paid in full but there are also new delinquent accounts and several owners have been difficult to reach. She explained to Council that income tax revenue has increased over the same period last year. She cautioned that income tax receipts are received twice each month but vary widely depending on whether people are having taxes deducted from their pay checks or are paying quarterly. Mazzie also explained that new residents are notified about their sewer and income tax obligations and other local service information with a New Resident packet sent when they move to town. She has developed a letter to send a month later, after they've unpacked and settled in, reminding them of their sewer and income tax obligations.

Mazzie reported that she received a letter from the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) addressing the tax delinquent subpoena program. The letter recommended the Village of Galena only participate in the letter campaign this year as there are 57 delinquent accounts. RITA believes that the letter campaign would be adequate to address these accounts and there is no cost for sending this letter.

Nancy Feole made a motion to authorize RITA to send the letters to delinquent taxpayers. Dave Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote

Payment of Invoices for May

Nancy Feole made a motion to pay the invoices for May and Chrissy Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Financial Statements for April

The Bank Reconciliation, Cash Activity, and Cash Summary by Fund reports for the month of April were presented to Council for approval. Nancy Feole made a motion to approve these reports and Chrissy Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Code Compliance Report

David LaValle's report is attached. LaValle reported that Sambuca's Nursery and Greenhouse has filed an appeal of its zoning violation. The business was cited for not being in compliance with its recently approved development plan. A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. May 21. Complaints will be filed with Delaware Municipal Court on 134 and 152 N. Walnut St. regarding long-term property maintenance violations.

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Wastewater Treatment Report

Jason Watts' report is attached. Watt's reported the month of May had numerous power failures at the Walnut St. lift station and the wastewater treatment plant, some of which were storm related and some were not. The UV system is in place for the disinfection season.

Maintenance Report

Josh Cherubini's report is attached. The Village's new John Deere tractor ordered months ago has been delivered. The 20-plus year old Kubota tractor was traded in. The new tractor has a broom for cleaning trails and streets. A new flag was put up on the square and spring flower bed clean up, weeding and flower planting have begun.

Resolution No. 2014-12 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Ratifying A Contract Between The Village Of Galena And The Greater Galena Civic Association (GGCA) For Summerfest 2014.

Mayor Hopper read the Resolution.

Joe Stoll made a motion to table the Resolution until the June meeting. Documents including the liquor license and certificate of insurance are needed before council can pass the Resolution. Dave Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Piper-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

Resolution No. 2014-17 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Terminating Grinder Pump Repair And Replacement Service To Properties At 515 North Walnut Street; NKA 185 North Walnut Street; 195 North Walnut Street; 360 Quinn Street; And 344 Quinn Street And Repealing Resolution No. 2003-11.

Mayor Hopper read the Resolution. At this point Resolution No. 2003-11 still stands. It was suggested by a council member that Dale Davis, the sewer system manager, check on all five original pumps to discern that they all have been replaced at least once.

Resolution No. 2014-20 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution To Proceed With Levying A Replacement Tax Outside The Ten Mill Limitation For Current Operating Expenses At The Rate Of Two (2) Mills For Each One Dollar Of Valuation Which Amounts To Twenty Cents For Each One Hundred Dollars Of Valuation For Four (4) Years Commencing January 1,2014, And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Hopper read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2014-21 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy A Tax Outside Of The Ten Mill Limitation For Current Expenses, The Same Being A Replacement Levy; Authorizing Certification To The Delaware County Auditor To Determine Tax Valuation Of The Subdivision And The Dollar Amount To Be Generated By Two (2) Mill Levy, And Declaring An Emergency.

Dave Adams made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third readings. Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Piper-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

Nancy Feole made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-21 as an emergency. Grace Piper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Piper-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

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Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Report

Mayor Tom Hopper was unable to attend the meeting.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Dave Adams said that there was nothing new to report.

Zoning and Planning Commission Report

Mayor Hopper reported that the Zoning meeting will be next Wednesday the 21st and it will be the Sambuca Appeal Hearing.

Summerfest Committee

Grace reported that the Summerfest Committee is looking for more vendors and sponsors. To date, they have 23 vendors. Joe Stoll reported that they have a new act lined up called The Omega Force.

Other Business

Chris Underwood, 61 N. Walnut St., asked Council about Phase 4 of Walnut Street Construction. Council expressed that due to the failure of the levy, the Phase 4 grant/loan application will probably be postponed until year 2015 since the Village won't have the match and won't know election results for the fall ballot until after the application is due.

Several Council members said that they would not be present at the June 23rd Council meeting. After some discussion, Grace Piper made a motion to change the Council meeting date from June 23rd to June 16th. Joe Stoll seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-0 voice vote.

Mayor Hopper said that he will be unable to attend the July Council meeting so Council President Dave Adams will have to run the meeting.

Executive Session

Grace Piper made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation (ORC 121.22G3). Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Piper-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

Grace Piper made a motion to reconvene. Joe Stoll seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Piper-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

Council reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

Adjournment

Nancy Feole made a motion to adjourn. Grace Piper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held June 16, 2014 (early due to the absence of several Council members), 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Galena Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Date

Mayor

Date