



## **Minutes of the Village Council Meeting May 24, 2004**

On Monday, May 24, 2004, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Present**

Ed Collinsworth, Village Clerk	Roberta Miller, Council Member
Tony Hamilton, Council Member	Jim Slifko, Council Member
Betsy Hildebrand, Council Member (7:15)	David Simmons, Council President
Tom Hopper, Mayor	

#### **Also Present**

David LaValle, Public Service Director	Susie Kossmann
Ken Molnar, Village Solicitor	Mike Hamilton
Stanley Fox	Dagmar Cianelli

### **Meeting Minutes**

David Simmons moved to accept the April 26, 2004 Council minutes and Jim Slifko seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0 in a voice vote. Roberta Miller moved to accept the May 12, 2004 Council minutes and Tony Hamilton seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4-0 in a voice vote.

### **Police Report**

Police Chief Pat Bennett reported that the storms have kept the department busy. The tornado siren is working now. They are still working to get codes installed so they can set the siren off from the Police Department, also.

Roberta Miller commented that the parking situation seems to have improved. Susie Kossmann commented that drivers come into town from the south pretty fast. Using a speed meter sign was discussed. Chief Bennett said he would check into renting one.

Tom Hopper relayed concerns expressed by the owner of John and Betty's Toys asking if sport utility vehicles could be prohibited on the south side of the square? It was suggested that the store owner ask his employee to park elsewhere. Chief Bennett will investigate the compact car parking spot issue. Council felt it was inappropriate to limit other parking spots.

### **Payment of Invoices for May**

Roberta Miller moved that the Village pay invoices for May. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 5-0 in a voice vote.

### **Executive Session**

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller: Yes Hildebrand: Yes Slifko: Yes Simmons: Yes Hamilton: Yes.

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Council adjourned to executive session at 7:23 p.m.

David Simmons made a motion to return to regular session. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a voice vote. Council returned to regular session at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Tom Hopper said there has been no official response from Delaware County regarding the Village's last offer to buy the sewage treatment plant. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar will file the appropriate legal paperwork as soon as possible.

### **Public Service Director's Report**

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

Heathermere drainage problems and solutions were discussed. The Village's engineering firm, PDG, and Maronda's engineering firm, EMH&T, are working on solutions. Mike Hamilton has been digging out a drop that was buried. A water line also broke and Del-Co came to investigate.

Fifteen zoning permits have been issued. The brick wall entry feature construction will begin soon. The erosion and sedimentation are a big problem because no grass has been planted in Heathermere.

A tributary map, including 30-40 acres of the E.J. Miller Farm, shows it can be directly served for sewage needs through Walnut Creek. Some property on Vans Valley Road can be served also. Construction inspection money, bonds, covenants, and deed restrictions have been submitted so construction should begin soon. The Joe Walker Road widening is still a concern. There has been no change in the Joe Walker Road speed limit so the entrance will have to be designed for 55 miles per hour with a longer line of sight.

The final location of the water line for the Woods at Blackhawk has been determined. It will run from Rome Corners Road to the north side of Dustin Road to the Woods at Blackhawk. The hole that was dug was a clay borrow pit that has been filled back in.

The new truck is due in a week or two. The salt spreader attachment was added prior to painting.

The new chipper is here and Pam and Mike have been trained. They will also watch an instructional video on all the features. Promoting the monthly chipper day on the last Monday of the month was discussed.

Cleaning up the Catalpa trees on Rose Street, including removing the dead cherry tree, will begin. A huge, dead tree across from Mike Hamilton's house in the public right of way will be removed. Mike will ask AEP to remove it.

Facemeyer dug up a storm sewer at Miller Park. They placed a catch basin and tied it back into the main sewer underneath Walnut Street. They cut a tile at the Hucle's house which caused the basement to flood. That situation is remedied. Facemeyer replaced the concrete drive with asphalt and they will replace that with concrete. The grading looks good and still needs to settle out before it is seeded and finished.

During storm sewer work on S. Walnut St., a catch basin was buried and extra work needed to be done. They ran TV cameras in the sewer line and it was OK. There was settling from when the sanitary sewers were installed. Mike Hamilton will repair the storm drain near Susie Kossmann's house.

Mulch has been delivered. The new drinking fountain has been delivered. The old one was installed until the new one can be installed. Playground equipment has been ordered and some pieces have been received

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and Mike and Pam will install as they have time. The decking on the Miller Park climbing toy is rotted and needs to be replaced.

After the original Heathermere water line was installed it caused some yards to flood. To correct the problem, Trucco Construction worked for Maronda to clean out drainage tiles and may have plugged up the Howitz' basement drain. Mr. Howitz' finished basement subsequently flooded May 14 with 3" of water. His basement had not flooded before and he has a gravity drain. Trucco has disavowed responsibility. The Village will help pay to repair the damage then attempt to get reimbursed from Trucco.

AEP left lots of wood on Columbus' property. It was discussed that since Columbus calls this a nature preserve, they will probably leave it there. Dave will ask Columbus if they can clean it up. Council recommended that Dave file a general complaint with AEP regarding the tree trimming process, how bad the trees look, safety issues with hanging limbs, and leaving all the wood lay around. Dave said AEP has turned Galena in to a collection agency for non-payment of bills for not paying for streetlights that don't work.

### **Clerk/Treasurer's Report**

Clerk Ed Collinsworth had nothing to report.

### **Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)**

Tom Hopper said there was nothing pertinent to the Village at the RPC meeting. A small piece of Sage Creek was approved.

### **BST &G Fire Board Report**

Jim Slifko said there was nothing to report.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Susie Kossmann said the Garage Sale was successful. Flowers were planted on the square and at Miller Park. The Miller Park playground has been mulched except the balance beam.

The Harlem Guys and Gals 4- H Club wants to have a car wash in Galena and use the water on the square. It was suggested for safety they use the Delaware Bank Parking Lot or the pull off area at Ruffner Park.

Fifty-two people came for the Good Clean Fun trail and river clean up and gathered one-half ton of trash.

### **Zoning and Planning Commission**

Tom Hopper said there was nothing to report. Dave LaValle said the streetlights at Heathermere are not according to plan. The engineers are trying to remedy the situation and the lights may be closer together than planned. This will be reviewed by the Zoning and Planning Commission and forwarded to Council. David Simmons said the Memorial Day ceremony will be at 1 p.m., Monday, May 31. Speakers are being lined up.

Susie Kossmann said John Miller discussed with her his lack of customers and he would like the Village to promote the businesses in Galena. Cindy Hall at the Sunbury/Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce suggested that the businesses join the chamber. Tom Hopper mentioned that in the newspaper they specifically said they are a Sunbury Chamber of Commerce. Betsy Hildebrand said she mentioned to the Chamber also that specifying Sunbury in the name is offensive and exclusive to Galena. Cindy said that the Village of Sunbury is a member and Galena should be also. Tom said that the Chamber very publicly said they did not want Galena involved. Susie said that was not the impression Cindy gave her. Betsy said the only publicity you get from the Chamber is in their directory and if you can host a Business After

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Hours event. Roberta Miller mentioned that Jeanna Burrell is working on adding local businesses to the Village web site. It was discussed that there are too few businesses to draw many people. It was suggested that we feature businesses each month in the newsletter but that would only reach Village residents who already know about the businesses in the Village. The Village's special events draw people into town. Tom suggested talking to the chamber to see if they have ideas.

Posting a sign directing people to the Big Walnut High School would be helpful. Dave will follow up.

The Sunbury Road detour was discussed. The bridge over Hoover Reservoir has new weight limits and apparently it won't be repaired for five years. Galena didn't receive the courtesy of even being notified of the detour. We should raise the issue with the County about why the detour is necessary, how long it will last, and concerns with the increased truck traffic and the wear on tear on Galena's roads.

**Adjournment**

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 28, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

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Clerk

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Mayor