

Minutes of the Village of Galena

June 23, 2003

On Monday, June 23, 2003, the Council meeting of the Village of Galena was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 West Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Present

Tom Hopper, Mayor
Tony Hamilton, Council Member
Betsy Hildebrand, Council Member

Ed Karn, Council Member
Roberta Miller, Council Member
David Simmons, Council Member

Also Present

Ed Collinsworth, Village Clerk
David LaValle, Public Service Director
Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant
Susie Kossmann, Parks & Recreation Co-chair

Mike Hamilton, Maintenance ?????
Dagmar Cianelli, This Week Big Walnut??
Jim Slifko

Meeting Minutes

Roberta Miller moved and Betsy Hildebrand seconded to accept the May 19, 2003 Council Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 in a voice vote.

Payment of Invoices for June

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

Police Report

There was no one present from the Police Department to give a report.

Resolution 2003-06 – 1st reading - emergency

(A resolution authorizing the employment and setting the pay rate for Pamela Hamilton)

David Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Roberta Miller seconded and the motion to suspend rules passed unanimously 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows: Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Simmons-Yes Karn- Yes Hamilton-Yes

It was discussed that this is a seasonal, part-time position not to exceed 20 hours per week so there are no benefits. Ed Karn made a motion to pass the resolution and declare an emergency. Tony Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows: Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Simmons-Yes Karn- Yes Hamilton-Yes

Ordinance 2003-05 – 1st reading - emergency

(An ordinance approving, adopting and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2003 Edition, as the Code of Ordinance for Galena, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency)

Mayor Tom Hopper explained that this is the standard annual upgrade of the legal code replacing last year's version. David Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Betsy Hildebrand seconded and the motion to suspend rules passed unanimously 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

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Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reviewed his June report (attached). He reviewed information about Heathermere, Walnut Creek, and the Preserve at Blackhawk (formerly the Woods at Blackhawk) subdivisions. We are still waiting on an amended development plan for the Galena Commerce Center.

A variety of sewer issues were discussed including contradictory information coming from the County Sanitary Engineer's Office. Dave said that future growth is out of Galena's control unless we build our own sewage treatment plant expansion.

Tom Hopper explained that there is some financing available now that wasn't available in the past including grants and developer assistance. He said that there are areas currently within the Village that cannot be served by the sewage plant. Resident Susie Kossmann inquired about sewer taps for her lot and Tom responded that the County will not issue any more taps until the ones currently issued are operational so they can determine actual capacity. If the Village upgrades its line system, the County can use the system without the Village's approval or control. However, if the Village upgrades the plant, then Galena will have control. He said the County would still operate the plant. We can't estimate expansion costs until we estimate capacity. Tom feels Galena needs to take the lead and move forward and the Village's engineering firm will have to do some preliminary work.

Dave explained that a lift station had already been designed by Maronda Homes at the location approved in their development plan, but the County has asked that it be moved to the north end of the development to accommodate future growth east of the Village.

Tony Hamilton said that for years the County has told Galena there would be ample taps, and asked if now they are saying there aren't enough taps? Tom said yes, they are saying no more taps yet the County just gave Galena Commerce Center 12 taps for six lots. Tony added that the treatment plant employee said there is no way the plant can handle more taps. He also told Tony that there is a lot of excess water after it rains so he suspects illegal sump pumps are hooked into the system.

Dave explained that the plant was designed for a 75,000 gallon per day capacity and is running at 35,000 gallons per day currently. Tom said that Galena needed to move forward on engineering in order to get information on capacity.

The CDBG Grant application has been submitted and we should hear about its status by the end of the summer.

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Dave introduced Administrative Assistant Jeanna Burrell and she gave her report (attached). She distributed a news release and several news articles related to Galena. The Newsletter was also distributed and Jeanna explained that she is still working out bugs in the mailing list.

Jeanna distributed a logo created for the Village through Poggemeyer Design Group, initially as part of the Land Use Plan. Council agreed to begin using the logo on publications and the web site. Jeanna also distributed a draft web site address for Council to review and offer feedback before the web site is finalized and activated.

The fourth Land Use Planning Meeting will be 7 p.m., July 8. Dave will get Miller Park and the Village Square sketch plans to Council for their review.

AEP removed a dead tree and the streetlights are working. David Simmons asked if the Village was still withholding payments. Ed Collinworth said that the process has not been activated yet. David suggested the Village should send a letter thanking AEP for removing the trees and fixing the lights. Betsy suggested that it would still be good to get off the automatic payments and David agreed.

Columbus is unable to fund walkway or parking improvements at this time but is willing to work with the Village if they choose to proceed. David and Tom suggested asking Poggemeyer to take a preliminary look at improvements.

Ken Molnar is on vacation but he has been working on the road weight limits. Dave will check with him about the Compact Car parking spot also.

Dave said the water fountain on the square is not working. Tony Hamilton said the Parks and Recreation Committee budgeted \$2,500 for a new fountain. Dave will order it when they have made a decision.

Dave discussed Miller Park concerns. People who are driving in the park are causing a dangerous situation and could ruin the walking path as well.

Dave explained the confusion surrounding Rumpke recycling containers. Rumpke is no longer offering recycling in the townships but they included everyone in the Village when they sent a letter to that effect. Then they picked up all the recycling bins but they replaced them with new ones.

Pat Bennett informed Dave that the Village is responsible for printing the No Parking tickets. Dave will work with him to get this done.

A marriage ceremony is being planned for the trail deck and Dave will charge the same \$25 fee as for the shelter house. David Simmons asked that we request a photo for the newsletter.

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Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk Ed Collinsworth reported that the state audit is complete. The preliminary report is good. The Village conforms to state regulations with only minor items noted. A draft report was distributed to Council only but cannot be discussed publicly until the final report is issued.

Ed is also working with Shari Baker at the County Auditor's Office to complete a report.

Ed will be on military deployment during July until the day before the meeting and will need a couple extra days to prepare bills. Council agreed to move the July 21 meeting to July 30.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)

Tom Hopper reported that there was nothing pertinent to the Village to report. Dave LaValle reported that he is working with DCRPC to update Galena's zoning maps and to revise the subdivision regulations.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Ed Karn said there was nothing to report.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper said that the Galena Commerce Center is not ready with their information so their hearing was continued to the July meeting. ??????????? is splitting off property for his son. A variance was granted for a few feet of frontage. Denny and Teresa Moore were granted a setback variance. They are tearing down an accessory building to build a larger one. David Simmons added that John Cross bought the Brown residence.

Big Walnut Leadership Council

Tom reported he could not be present so he had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Susie Kossmann reported that the ice cream social was so popular last year that they will have it again on August 24, rain or shine. They will send out post cards and the event is free to residents. Karin Underwood is calling to get the Bicentennial Display for either the ice cream social or the bike race. Susie also reported that the bike race will be the last weekend in September if that is an away OSU game. The next committee meeting is July 17th at 7 p.m.

Council Resignation

Tom Hopper announced that Councilman Ed Karn is moving out of the Village and therefore will no longer be eligible to be on council. He is resigning effective June 30. Tom thanked Ed for serving 2 ½ terms, then a year on Zoning and Planning, then his current term. Tom said the Village owed Ed a big thanks for his many years of service.

Tom said Council needs to appoint a new member and Jim Slifko has expressed interest in completing Ed's term. Roberta Miller made a motion to appoint Jim Slifko for the balance of Ed Karn's term beginning July 1. David Simmons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a roll call vote as follows: Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Simmons-Yes Karn- Yes Hamilton-Yes

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Other Business

Mike Hamilton reported that moles have invaded Ruffner Park. He will treat chemically and notify ballpark officials.

Next Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for July 30, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Adjournment

With no other business, Ed Karn moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Betsy Hildebrand and passed unanimously 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Clerk

Mayor

I, Edward Collinsworth, Clerk of the Village of Galena, Ohio do hereby certify that publication of the above minutes was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five of the most public places in the Village of Galena as provided for in Ordinance #99-15 enacted by the Council of the Village of Galena on December 21, 1999.