



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting  
June 28, 2004**

On Monday, June 28, 2004, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Ed Collinsworth, Village Clerk  
Tony Hamilton, Council Member  
Betsy Hildebrand, Council Member (7:38)  
Tom Hopper, Mayor

Roberta Miller, Council Member  
Jim Slifko, Council Member  
David Simmons, Council President  
Chris Underwood, Council Member

**Also Present**

David LaValle, Public Service Director  
Ken Molnar, Village Solicitor  
Sheila Miller  
Pat Bennett

Susie Kossmann  
Mike Hamilton  
Dagmar Cianelli

**Meeting Minutes**

Roberta Miller moved to accept the May 24, 2004 Council minutes and David Simmons seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 in a voice vote.

**Payment of Invoices for June**

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

The AEP situation was discussed. Dave LaValle investigated and found that \$30 was not paid several years ago so AEP turned it over to a collection agency.

**Resolution 2004-04 (1<sup>st</sup> reading, emergency)**

**A resolution accepting and authorizing the execution of a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for the provision of construction inspection services for Walnut Creek Subdivision, and declaring an emergency.**

Dave LaValle introduced the resolution that covers inspection services for Walnut Creek. Roberta Miller 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:

Miller-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

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David Simmons made a motion to remove the words "in-kind" and approve Resolution 2004-04 as amended, and declare an emergency. Tony Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

**Police Report**

Police Chief Pat Bennett reported that he has not had time to check into the Compact Car issue. He asked if Ken Molnar could investigate if other municipalities have similar ordinances that he could review.

Tom Hopper asked about traffic ticket payments. A couple tickets have been paid. Chief Bennett said that Ken Molnar designed the ordinance for a parking bureau.

**Ordinance 2004-07 (1<sup>st</sup> reading, emergency)**

**An ordinance appointing an interim clerk, and declaring an emergency.**

Clerk Ed Collinsworth introduced the ordinance that is necessary because he has been mobilized to active duty in Kosovo on July 5. He'll be gone for nine months and is due back the end of March 2005. He has been training his sister, Sheila Miller, on the UAN system to handle his duties in his absence. If Sheila has questions, she can contact Tina Ciacci, Genoa's township clerk, for help. The resolution becomes active upon receipt of Ed's military orders. Ken Molnar suggested that Ed sign off when he is done and Sheila would sign that she has accepted the accounts.

Jim Slifko made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

David Simmons asked about Sheila's background. She said she has an Associate Degree and works full-time. David Simmons made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-07 and declare an emergency. Tony Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed 4-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

Miller-Abstain Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Slifko-Yes Hamilton-Yes

**Public Service Director's Report**

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

Maronda has been ordered to correct the Heathermere drainage problems to clear up the runoff problems affecting Stan Swisher's and Stan Fox's property and to have adequate outlet for the front storm water drainage which may entail a new drainage culvert under Walnut Street and to the rear of Stan Fox's property.

Trucco Construction, the Walnut Creek utilities construction company, is interested in working with the Village to annex Joe Walker Road into Galena. If the Village would circulate the petition, Trucco would complete the annexation paperwork. Council discussed having control over the road but also having extra maintenance expenses. Dave mentioned that the Village has agreed to remove snow on the road but the road is a Berkshire Township road under their jurisdiction. The developer will repave the entire road and the township gets tax income from the

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development. It is unknown what the quality of the base of the road is and whether it will need rebuilt when additional development occurs. David Simmons said he felt it was worth investigating annexation and what will need done to the road in the future. Tom mentioned that the Village was not involved with the current road improvement plans. Dave said that the road will be repaved on one side then will curve around George Hogg's house on the Village's side. The right-of-way is only 40 foot. The County only allows annexation to the right-of-way, not to the center line. If the road were annexed, the Village could lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour. There are five or six property owners involved. The intent of annexation is to improve the road. Dave will investigate annexation.

It was discussed to delay the Ruffner Park drain tile work until after the sewage treatment plant construction. Fixing problems in front of homes should be a priority. We need to know what the budget is and then the High and Rose/Quinn streets work should be top priorities then Holmes Street then prioritize others later. Dave will have Facemeyer fix Stan Swisher's catch basin.

The flooding has really pointed out the inefficiencies of the Village's storm drainage system and we've seen water in places we've never seen it before.

Tony has ordered the untreated plywood and the Miller Park climber needs to be fixed as soon as possible. Mike Hamilton said they've put mulch around playground equipment three times and it's been washed away each time.

Delaware County has been declared a disaster area due to flooding and they would like any flooding reported.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Susie Kossmann said the next meeting will include Tim Tyler to discuss the Bike Race. The Bike Race is Sept. 25.

The loss of Ruffner Park mulch was discussed and the cheapest method is to continue to add mulch. Rubber mulch would float away also. Council discussed that putting down poured rubber would be better and handicapped accessible but would be much more expensive. The last couple years have been exceptionally wet and this is not normally a problem.

The Ice Cream Social will be Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at Ruffner Park. The clown will attend again this year.

Susie talked with several people who referred her to OEPA about the Walnut Creek development and erosion concerns. OEPA suggests that before the Village accepts the 8 acres for park land, they should make sure all erosion concerns have been addressed.

Everyone is invited to help install new playground equipment in Ruffner Park on Saturday, July 10. A Preservation Parks sign will be installed.

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The drinking fountain is here but not installed. Dave said he and Mike are both very busy and since some sidewalk work is needed in conjunction with the installation, he will look for a contractor to install the fountain.

### **Executive Session**

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote as follows:

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

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:15 p.m.

David Simmons made a motion to return to regular session. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and it passed 6-0 in a voice vote. Council returned to regular session at 8:46 p.m.

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

David Simmons said a townships association meeting reported that there are concerns with UAN. Clerk Ed Collinworth said that the systems used to be free but future systems will be supplied at a discounted price.

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

Tom Hopper said the Troy township plans for both sides of Rt. 23 north around County Commissioner Jim Ward's house on Rt. 23 were interesting. It calls for big box retail, senior housing, and a privately constructed package sewer plant. The sewer plant would discharge into the Olentangy directly above the city's drinking water intake pipes. It would not annex into the City of Delaware and it does not match the township's master plan. The city strongly opposes it. Developers requested 4 ½ units per acre to make sewer there feasible but RPC recommended denial. This is a higher density than most cities allow. RPC recommended 1.25 units per acre according to the county sewer master plan.

Sage Creek has applied for its second phase but the EPA said they will not allow more development there without central sewer. The County Health Department is recommending that it be tied into the County's sewer system that doesn't exist in that area.

Another package sewer plant was proposed west of Delaware on Rt. 257 but it was turned down.

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

Jim Slifko said there was nothing to report.

### **Zoning and Planning Commission**

Tom Hopper said there was a short meeting with nothing to report.

### **Other**

Sunbury has created an Intergovernmental Committee and has invited other townships and Galena to meet Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. in the Sunbury Town Hall to discuss parks and other mutual issues the entities could collaborate upon.

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**Adjournment**

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 26, 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