



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
July 26, 2004**

On Monday, July 26, 2004, Mayor Tom Hopper called the Village of Galena Council meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St..

Roll Call

Present

Sheila Miller, Village Clerk
Tony Hamilton, Council Member
Betsy Hildebrand, Council Member
Tom Hopper, Mayor

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

Also Present

David LaValle, Public Service Director
Pat Bennett
Susie Kossmann
Mike Hamilton

Dagmar Cianelli
EJ Miller
Mary Kerr, Ohio Erie Trail
Mike Oniel, Ohio Erie Trail

Meeting Minutes

David Simmons moved to accept the June 28, 2004 Council minutes and Roberta Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 in a voice vote.

Payment of Invoices for July

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

Police Report

Police Chief Pat Bennett reported that there were 66 citations in this past quarter.

Pat Bennett was also able to define a compact car. The definition is a car that weighs less than 3000lbs. There was discussion of placing a sign at the parking spots indicated after a resolution is passed.

Public Service Director's Report

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

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Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Sheila Miller had incomplete PERS paperwork that was passed out, completed and returned the PERS office.

The estimated revenues for 2005 were reviewed, approved and are due to the county auditor's office by August 15. Betsy Hildebrand moved to file the estimate and Jim second the motion.

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 would 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.

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.

BST &G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko said there was nothing to report but asked about an investment policy in which the Village does not have one currently but may write one in the future if the need arises.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Susie Kossmann said Tim Tyler was present to discuss the Bike Race. The Bike Race is Sept. 25, and this year will be a biathlon with a running route and a biking route, which will be submitted prior to the race for approval.

Cindy Hall from the Sunbury-Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce was present to request that Galena join the Chamber. There was discussion and Betsy asked how much a membership would cost and Susie was not sure, but would find out.

The mulch was replaced at Ruffner Park as well as all the new playground equipment installed at Ruffner and Miller parks.

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

Richard Hill will pour the concrete and when finished, Dave and Mike will install the new drinking fountain.

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Other Business

Mike Oneil, President and Mary Kerr, Vice President of the Friend of the Ohio Erie Trail were present and wanted to discuss the Ohio Erie Trail project. They received the go ahead from the Galena Commerce Center for the right of way. The committee is asking for the Village to share some of the costs incorporated with title searches and a survey map of the boundary. The Village agreed to research the costs of the services and would let the committee know. The committee also has a clean up/clearing day set for November 11, and anyone is welcome to help. There was discussion for it the announcement to be published in the Village Newsletter.

Zoning and Planning Commission

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

Executive Session

Roberta Miller made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation. David Simmons seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 in a voice vote.

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Tony Hamilton 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 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Betsy Hildebrand made a motion to adjourn. Tony Hamilton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a 5-0-voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 23, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Miller, Village Clerk

Clerk

Mayor