

# Minutes of the Village of Galena

July 30, 2003

On Wednesday, July 30, 2003, the Council meeting of the Village of Galena was called to order at 7:11 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 West Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper. Mayor Hopper welcomed new Council member Jim Slifko who was sworn in earlier this month.

## Roll Call

### Present

Ed Collinsworth, Village Clerk  
Tony Hamilton, Council Member  
Betsy Hildebrand, Council Member  
Tom Hopper, Mayor

Roberta Miller, Council Member  
Jim Slifko, Council Member  
Chris Underwood, Council Member

### Also Present

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

Mike Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor  
Pam Hamilton, Assistant Maintenance Employee

## Meeting Minutes

Roberta Miller requested several revisions to the minutes. The first reference to the Village upgrading the sewer collection system should read County. On Page 4 the original date of the Council meeting was July 28. Under Zoning and Planning Commission, there should be only one comma after Feole and Walnut St. is misspelled. Roberta Miller moved to accept the June 23 minutes as revised and Betsy Hildebrand seconded. The motion passed unanimously 5-0 in a voice vote.

## Payment of Invoices for June

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

There was no one present from the Police Department to give a report. Mayor Hopper said that he had notified the department that someone needed to be present to discuss several issues. He also noted a *Big Walnut News* article that reported the second or third reading of the police contract with Galena was before Sunbury Village Council. An increase in the contract's costs was noted. The Village has never seen nor discussed this contract. Dave LaValle said the contract expires September 23. Ed Collinsworth noted that he paid the first three months in advance and has never been billed for that or anything since. Mayor Hopper noted there have been no complaints about service but the Village expects a police department representative at Council meetings in order to discuss issues.

Chris Underwood mentioned he received a ticket and a court appearance for no front license plate and no driver's license even though he produced the license a half hour later. Council discussed that the intent of having police presence was compliance.

Betsy Hildebrand mentioned Heathermere construction trucks are speeding in the middle of the night.

Pam Hamilton presented a petition signed by neighbors upset about ongoing noise and fireworks since May at 184 and 196 N. Walnut St. Neighbors have called police with no result. They

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believe the residents have a police scanner and know when the police are on the way. Mayor Hopper suggested that residents call each time there is a problem so it is documented. Pam will relay this to the neighbors. She said there should also be complaints on file from when the residents lived on Holmes St. There are concerns about dangers with the gas house, also. She showed spent fireworks found in Miller Park and said more than 90 have been found on a neighbor's property. Mayor Hopper said the Village would keep the fireworks as evidence and he will discuss this issue with owner Bob Carpenter and with the police chief. Dave will distribute the Ohio Basic Code.

## **Resolution 2003-07 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading - emergency**

(A Resolution accepting and authorizing a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for professional engineering services for a Wastewater Treatment General Plan, and declaring an emergency.)

Mayor Hopper explained that this resolution authorizes a contract for \$7,800 to undertake a study for a Wastewater Treatment General Plan. A report will be due in 45 days.

Betsy Hildebrand 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 Slifko-Yes Underwood- Yes Hamilton-Yes

Tony Hamilton made a motion to pass the resolution and declare an emergency. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 5-0 in a roll call vote as follows: Miller-Yes Hildebrand-Yes Slifko-Yes Underwood- Yes Hamilton-Yes

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

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reviewed his July report (attached). Heathermere gravity sewers are almost complete and the N. Walnut St. water line extension is finished. A final plat was signed.

On Walnut Creek, he and Tom Hopper met with EMH&T, Conie Construction, and developers/realtors regarding the lift stations and sewer design changes requested by the County. They agreed to leave the lift station in its approved southern location. The developer will increase a 3" force main to 4" across the creek to Harrison St. The Village may extend a 6" pipe at the same time for future expansion. Maronda Homes will add 50% of the cost to purchase an auxiliary generator. The Village accepted the proposed electrical feed to the pump.

Tom and Dave also met with the County Sanitary Engineering staff regarding the Village's future sanitary needs.

The Preserve at Blackhawk (formerly the Woods at Blackhawk) has been purchased by Homewood Corporation from Countrytyme. Final engineering is being completed by EMH&T and we are working on a development agreement. The County also recommended changes to their lift station after the Village agreed to the location. Size of the station will be studied.

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We are still waiting on an amended development plan for the Galena Commerce Center.

Dave referred to the Administrative Assistant's report (attached). *The Galena News* was distributed with the new logo. The mailing list has been revised and only two newsletters were returned this month. Council members mentioned they did not receive newsletters via e-mail. Dave explained we've had lots of problems with our e-mail system.

After distributing the web site address for Council review, we have received no feedback. We are preparing to activate the site. Jeanna and Dave are learning how to update the site.

Some cumbersome 3-D models were displayed at the Land Use Planning Meeting. Goals and objectives are being drafted.

Dave noted a list of recommendations and responses for improvement in Village processes from Ohio Risk Management.

Dave reviewed a list of miscellaneous projects. He noted that there have been complaints with children driving the Village's golf cart at Ruffner and Miller parks. This has been discussed with Jeff Dutiel and the cart was to have been limited to adults only. Mike Hamilton has impounded the vehicle until the issue is resolved. Council discussed selling the cart to the baseball association to relieve the Village of the liability but felt this would not stop the behavior in the Village's parks. It was also discussed that we could require the baseball association to hire off-duty maintenance help. The Village could buy a garden tractor that would be slower. The cart could be limited to Jeff only or Jeff could install keys for the coaches only. Mayor Hopper instructed Mike Hamilton to release the cart to Jeff Dutiel. The Village will request Jeff add keys to the cart. If Mike sees the cart begin driven by children, he should confiscate the cart from the baseball league. Council agreed there needs to be better controls in place next year.

Pam Hamilton also noted that people are parking in the no parking zone at Ruffner Park. Tom Hopper will discuss this with the police chief.

Dave said a grinder pump malfunctioned and was replaced the same day. The pump is being repaired. Mayor Hopper said he was informed that the Village's policy is to replace the original pump the first time and after that the Village calls Dale Davis to replace it and the resident is billed for the replacement and repair costs. Tony Hamilton said that when the system was installed the first time replacement was never mentioned. Mike Hamilton agreed with Tony. Tony requested that this be researched.

Dave is investigating companies to handle storm water drainage problems at Rose and Quinn streets.

The old UAN computer is having electrical problems. We need it for a second computer when two people are in the office. It also uses an older land locator software that is too slow on the internet. Roadrunner and DSL Sprint connections were discussed.

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A policy on hours of operation for developers and homeowners was discussed.

Possible annexation of the Miller farm and the Mullins property east of the Village were mentioned.

State bid limits have changed from \$15,000-\$25,000.

Rumpke fee increases were discussed.

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

Clerk Ed Collinsworth reported he will be deployed on military maneuvers for 8 months beginning in January 2004. He will know dates for sure in November. Mayor Hopper said we would need to get someone trained on the UAN to handle Ed's duties.

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

Tom Hopper noted he was unable to attend due to a family medical emergency. He reported that the Delaware County Commissioners, Health Department, and Sanitary Engineer are working on the 2020 Delaware County Sanitary Sewer Master Plan. Tom attended a master plan meeting. By Aug. 18, each county entity should submit their future plans.

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

Jim Slifko said there was nothing to report.

## **Zoning and Planning Commission**

Tom Hopper said that most of the information has already been reported tonight. The August Zoning meeting was cancelled. Lot splits were approved for 519 N. Walnut St. for Howard Feole. John Harpst announced his resignation because he is moving out of Galena. Anyone with recommendations for a replacement should contact Tom.

DCRPC still does not have our zoning code online. New copies are needed for board members.

## **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Susie Kossmann reported that the committee chose a drinking fountain for the square but it needs to be ADA compliant and needs a side spigot. Dave will order the fountain.

The ice cream social date was listed incorrectly in the newsletter. The event will be August 24, 6:30 p.m. in Ruffner Park. The Church ice cream social will be Aug. 23 in Miller Park.

The Second Annual Galena Grand Prix Bike Race and Art Show date will be changed because of a conflict with a big race in Michigan. The new date is Sept. 27. It is an all day event and may include a cross-country foot race also. The police department will provide a bicycle safety program. There will be bike and helmet awards. Artists will exhibit on the square. They hope to have a school student art exhibit at the school administration building. The post office will do a cancellation stamp. Advertising will be by banners. The group will have an insurance policy.

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## **Next Meeting**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Aug. 25, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business, Betsy Hildebrand moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Jim Slifko and passed unanimously 5-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

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Clerk

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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.