

Minutes of the Village of Galena

August 25, 2003

On Monday, August 25, 2003, the Council meeting of the Village of Galena was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in the 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
Tom Hopper, Mayor

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

Also Present

David LaValle, Public Service Director
Susie Kossmann, Parks & Recreation Co-chair

Mike Hamilton, Maintenance Supervisor
Ken Molnar, Village Solicitor

Meeting Minutes

Dave LaValle explained that a correction noted for the June 23, 2003 Council Minutes should not have been changed. Council deferred action until clarification on the matter is received.

Tony Hamilton asked that on page three of the July minutes, the statement regarding grinder pump replacement be revised to say first time "only". Roberta Miller moved to accept the July 30 minutes as revised and Betsy Hildebrand seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

Payment of Invoices for August

Roberta Miller moved that the Village pay invoices for August. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

Police Report

Police Chief Pat Bennett inquired if there were any new fireworks complaints. Several Council members stated that the problem seems resolved and everything has been quiet. He met with both residents and they assured him they would not set off any more fireworks.

Susie Kossmann said the Parks and Recreation Committee needs to discuss Bike Race arrangements. Pat Bennett said road closings need to be cleared through Council and he will meet with the committee regarding officer assistance during the event.

Chris Underwood asked if there was a law about having your driver's license with you? Chief Bennett said there is such a law.

Ordinance 2003-08 (1st reading)

An Ordinance Ratifying the Contract for Police Protection Services with the Village of Sunbury.

The contract is attached to the ordinance. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar said Sunbury has read the contract twice and he asked them to table its approval so Galena could read it first. The previous contract was a one-year contract and this is a multi-year contract. There is a pricing change for each year. Ken discussed the clause for a ten percent overrun with Sunbury Village Solicitor David Brehm because it is unclear. It is intended to cover any benefits increases. Those costs are unknown. David Simmons suggested adding Ken's language to the contract to clarify it. Ken will send this information to David Brehm. There has been no overtime but there have been no bills either. Roberta Miller said we did finally receive some bills.

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Ken said there was no escape clause since it was just a one-year contract but you might consider it since it is now a three-year contract. By the third year of the contract, there may be a higher population to be served. Roberta asked about expanding coverage with expanding population and Tom answered that the contract is to cover all areas of the Village. Chief Bennett also promised he would be at future meetings. Council will vote on the ordinance as an emergency at the September 22 meeting since the contract expires midnight September 23.

Resolution 2003-08 (1st reading, emergency)

A resolution Authorizing the Ohio Public Works Grant Application.

Dave LaValle introduced the resolution. The application is due in October and the Grant Committee would like to file for \$70,000-\$80,000 for additional storm sewer facilities in the Harrison St. and Holmes St. areas and at the Galena Commerce Center. The Village would commit \$20,000-\$30,000. Poggemeyer Design Group is working on feasibility and estimates.

David Simmons moved to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 6-0 in a roll call vote:

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

Betsy Hildebrand made a motion to pass the resolution and declare an emergency. David Simmons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 6-0 in a roll call vote:

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

Resolution 2003-09 (1st reading, emergency)

A resolution of participation authorizing application for the Preservation Parks Community Park Improvement Grant.

Dave LaValle said the Grants Committee wants to apply for money to upgrade playground equipment at Ruffner Park. Pam Hamilton did an extensive inventory that showed a variety of items worn out. The application is for \$3,700 with the Village contributing 30 percent or \$1,112. The grant is ready and due this Friday. Two copies are required.

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Resolution 2003-10 (1st reading, emergency)

A Resolution Accepting Maintenance and Operation Costs After Completion of Ruffner Park Playground Equipment Safety Upgrades if Funded by Delaware County Preservation Parks Grant.

Dave LaValle said this form is required by Preservation Parks and states that if the Village receives grant funds, it pledges to maintain the equipment purchased with the grant money.

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Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reviewed his August report (attached). Heathermere's final plat has been recorded and Ken Molnar is reviewing deed restrictions. Their gravity sewers and water lines are complete. A clay tile under the railroad bed was to have been cleaned out by the developer but the tile is completely deteriorated. The developer will replace it with a larger tile if the Village pays the difference in materials. Council felt that was reasonable.

Confusion about Walnut Creek Subdivision utilities are being ironed out. No development agreement or engineering plans have been received. No fees for sewer taps have been received and no work has occurred yet on Joe Walker Rd.

The Preserve at Blackhawk developer, Homewood Corporation, has submitted a subdividers agreement and engineering drawings. These are being reviewed by the Village.

No new information on an amended development plan for the Galena Commerce Center has been received yet.

Mr. David Jehnsen will begin renovating the house next to the post office and he will submit a development plan to the Zoning and Planning Commission in September.

Poggemeyer Design Group is working on the Sanitary Treatment Plan. Several meetings have been held and several developers have expressed interest in annexation. The EPA will allow expansion of the plant at the current site.

There was no August Land Use Planning Meeting. Planning is on hold pending the sewer plan outcome.

Dave investigated the Village's grinder pump replacement policy. He researched 2000 and 2001 minutes and found no information. It was discussed that it may have been in 1998 or 1999 but was a policy, not a resolution. Tony Hamilton said Council told him many years ago when the sewer system was installed that the Village would fix the grinder pumps. The last meeting was the first time he had heard that the policy had changed. Tom said that it was not his policy, just a policy he was told was in place. Council would like Dave to draft a resolution for the next meeting.

A final decision has not been made yet on the drinking fountain for the square so an old one will be installed for the bike race until a new one is ordered.

Dave reviewed a variety of miscellaneous items. He said Ken Molnar is investigating how to handle the clerk treasurer's duties if Ed is called to military duty.

David Simmons asked about church items which were submitted for the newsletter that didn't make it in. Dave will check with Jeanna Burrell.

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Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk Ed Collinworth reported he has arranged with AEP to put the account on manual payment beginning next month. He cancelled the Earthlink account. He has received the first bill from Sunbury Village for police services. This did not cover the prepayment that was made initially but he will check into that. The remainder of the fees for the state audit were paid this month.

Ed may not leave for military duty in January. It may be March and he hopes to find out in October.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)

Tom Hopper said there was one small development on Trenton Road discussed at the meeting.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko said a truck damaged a fire station building door and the truck and the door were repaired. Two replacement staff were hired.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper said that the August meeting was cancelled. A replacement for John Harpst is still needed.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Susie Kossmann reported that the ice cream social went very well with approximately 75-80 people attending. Everyone liked the clown. The attendance was attributed to the publicity and getting the word out that the ice cream was free. Several people handed out fliers door-to-door and the event was announced in the newsletter.

The Second Annual Galena Grand Prix Bike Race and Art Show will be Sept. 27. The Big Walnut Schools administration approved use of the lawn and the parking lot. The committee will send letters to art teachers in the schools to see if they want to participate in a student art exhibit. Susie showed Council a plan for street closings, traffic patterns, and events. She will meet with Police Chief Pat Bennett and organizer Tym Tyler. She needs to talk with business owners to see if they want to be involved. The post office will do a cancellation stamp and have extended hours. There will be bike safety programs and races for children. There are a variety of different race divisions. There will be a 5K run, also. Carol McCarrick's Girl Scouts troop will help with the bicycle safety program. Susie will check into Boy Scouts Troop 347 helping, too.

Jeanna Burrell drafted a flier that Susie will take to Westerville bike shops. David Simmons suggested getting them to the Westerville Bike Club for their upcoming Dry Run Tour. Betsy offered to send them to her clients when she sends out bills this week.

Susie discussed drinking fountains for the square. The one the committee had selected was not ADA compliant. The Parks and Recreation Committee will discuss this further and hopes to have one installed soon. Council approved spending up to \$3,000.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

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Adjournment

With no other business, Chris Underwood moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Betsy Hildebrand and passed unanimously 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

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.