

Minutes of the Village of Galena

September 22, 2003

On Monday, September 22, 2003, the Council meeting of the Village of Galena was called to order at 7:06 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

Meeting Minutes

Dave LaValle explained that a correction about the sewage treatment system noted for the June 23, 2003 Council Minutes should not have been made. Tony Hamilton made a motion to delete the correction originally made in July. Jim Slifko seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

David Simmons moved to accept the August 25 minutes and Roberta Miller seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

Payment of Invoices for September

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

Police Report

Police Chief Pat Bennett said it was a quiet month with the county fair going on. Next month he will give a quarterly report. Ed Collinsworth said that the Village still needs an invoice for the first quarter of last year and for the first quarter of this year. Chief Bennett will talk to the Sunbury Village Clerk or Clerk Treasurer. He has met with Susie Kossmann about the bike race. Mayor Tom Hopper asked if responses to requests could be handled more quickly? Chief Bennett said not to hesitate to contact him via his pager number.

Ordinance 2003-08 (2nd reading, emergency) An Ordinance Ratifying the Contract for Police Protection Services with the Village of Sunbury.

The wording was revised to clarify the Village would pay \$400 for the ten percent overrun to cover benefits costs increases. The Sunbury Village Council has approved the contract.

David Simmons moved to suspend the rules for the third reading. Betsy Hildebrand 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

David Simmons made a motion to pass the resolution and declare an emergency. Betsy Hildebrand 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

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Resolution 2003-11 (1st reading)

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and/or Public Service Director of the Village of Galena to Replace Original System Grinder Pumps in the Village at Village Expense.

David Simmons suggested taking out the term “originally installed” under #1. Mayor Hopper said there would be other grinder pumps that the Village should not be responsible for. David said it could mean once the originally installed pump was replaced, the Village is no longer responsible so we should add “original system” under #2. Howard Feole was removed from the original list since his pump was added later. The house at 193 N. Walnut (Deheart residence) also has a pump that the Village has replaced.

Public Service Director’s Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reviewed his September report (attached). Replacing the 15” tile with a 36” tile at Heathermere did not happen because a change order was not submitted in time. The contractor already installed the 15” tile. We’ve had at least four complaints from residents about drainage problems from the road restoration project. Dave sent a letter to Trucco Construction. He also talked to them and the Poggemeyer inspector about construction entrance signs and keeping the street clean and clear. Del-Co is responsible for water line placement on Walnut Street and they’ll go through a punch list with the developer when all work is complete.

Developers for Walnut Creek (Walnut Grove) on Joe Walker Road have submitted final engineering plans which are being reviewed by Poggemeyer. A meeting is scheduled with Maronda Homes to discuss lift station and other tributary issues. Several points of contention have been worked out. No development agreement exists, no work on the road has begun nor have any sewer taps been purchased.

Poggemeyer Design Group has reviewed engineering plans for the Preserve at Blackhawk on Dustin Road. Homewood Corporation has submitted a development agreement. Poggemeyer has recommended expanding the tributary area. The proposed easement across Columbus property has been received.

No new information for the Galena Commerce Center has been received yet but the Zoning and Planning Commission set a deadline of December 1st. If no information is received, the application will be terminated. Complaints have been received about Heavy Duty Services which was never an approved use. The Galena Commerce Center has been notified not to use Walnut St. for this use since the load limit is 5 tons. Dave completed an audit of the Center and found several unapproved uses. The Center has been asked to update their development plan and notify the Village of new uses. The Center has not paid for the engineering review conducted in the spring.

Mr. David Jehnsen has begun renovating the house next to the post office but he did not submit a development plan to the Zoning and Planning Commission as previously agreed. He plans to submit one at the next meeting. He had planned a commercial/residential use but has decided to just pursue residential use only due to Building Department requirements. The County referred him to the Village to determine if he has a tap and Dave is researching this.

A meeting was held Sept. 11 with Poggemeyer Design Group to discuss the Sanitary Treatment Plan. The current facilities have been inspected and meetings have been held with the County. Poggemeyer has reviewed the City of Columbus’ treatment area and plan. They have evaluated areas that are tributary to the Village and have investigated new treatment technology. It was determined that Berkshire Campground is connected to the Village’s system and has been paying fees.

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Jeanna Burrell's monthly report was distributed. She has worked to get the web site up and running and is still working to get it updated. Dave recommends continuing Jane Kimmel's consulting contract at \$20 per hour as needed to help with technical difficulties and training. This should not exceed 30 hours or \$600 for the next three months. It was agreed this is within Dave's budget. Jeanna requested to purchase a digital camera for \$300-\$400 for the web site and publicity activities. David Simmons said to go ahead.

Land Use Planning meetings will resume once we have the results of the Sewage Treatment Plan.

The Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended a handicapped accessible drinking fountain for the square and Dave will purchase it. It has a chiller unit and is frostproof but will probably not be installed until spring due to plumbing requirements. Mike Hamilton installed an old fountain for the bike races.

Tony Hamilton recommended contacting Facemeyer Excavating for the storm drainage work. Jay Seaman has been used in the past but is booked up. Brad Gerwig was recommended as well.

The Delaware County Preservation Parks grant was submitted to replace Ruffner Park playground equipment. The Ohio Public Works grant is being rewritten from last year for \$57,500 to replace storm water catch basins on Walnut St.

Ken Molnar continues investigating how to handle the clerk treasurer's duties if Ed is called to military duty. Council members expressed concern about determining a course of action soon.

Dave covered miscellaneous items. An Ohio Municipal League representative will hold a meeting in the Village offices on Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. to update us on legislation and other issues affecting the Village.

Trick or Treat will be 6 – 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. The party will be at 7:30 p.m. at Ruffner Park.

The Village has an agreement with Joe Underwood to use two of his bays for Village equipment. We now only need one bay so our rent will be reduced from \$250 to \$125 per month.

Mike and Dave inspected a tree in the public right-of-way at the corner of High and Harrison streets. They requested Adam's Tree service to remove the tree and stump for \$500. David Simmons mentioned a tree adjacent to Miller Park that should be looked at also. The property owner has given permission to remove that tree. Limbs on trees at Ruffner Park need removed and will cost \$75. The Bicentennial Tree grant for Miller Park was not funded.

Several wooden picnic tables are in bad shape and will be given to Bob Kane at his request. It was discussed that the school's recycling bin was not in the best location.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk Ed Collinworth had no report.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)

Tom Hopper said he was unable to go to the last meeting and will be unable to attend the next meeting due to school conferences. David Simmons said he could serve as an alternate when Tom can't attend.

BST&G Fire Board Report

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Jim Slifko said bills were paid and they are looking into new ladder trucks. He said banks will only insure \$100,000 per institution or person. The board is looking into this and he recommends the Village investigate it also.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper said most of the issues were discussed earlier in the meeting. There is still a vacancy on the Zoning and Planning Commission. Susie Kossman expressed interest.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Susie Kossmann reported on details for the Galena Grand Prix Bike Race and Art Show on Sept. 27. She met with Tym Tyler of TeamColumbus regarding the course. Laps will begin, lap around, and end at the square. They will be setting up all day Friday. Traffic will be routed to Middle Street and up Walnut Street. Event schedule fliers are being distributed. Seven artists will set up at the school. Donovan's Pub will offer barbecue ribs and bratwurst for lunch. Postcards will be available to be stamped at various locations in town and to be cancelled by the Post Office with a special stamp. Kids races are the last event and everything should be completed by 1:30 p.m.

Other

David Simmons mentioned a sidewalk problem with lack of a curb cut for wheel chairs or strollers. Sidewalks are also very uneven. Roberta Miller asked about coordinating new sidewalks with storm sewer projects.

Mike Hamilton said the Big Walnut High School cross country team and their coach drive down to the park every Friday at 3 p.m. and are roughhousing on the equipment. Dave will call Coach Steve Tallman.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 27, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Adjournment

With no other business, David Simmons moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Chris Underwood and passed unanimously 6-0 by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 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.