



Minutes of the Village Council Meeting September 27, 2010

On Monday, September 27, 2010 the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Tom Hopper, Mayor (Present)
Libby Clark, Council Member (Present)
David Simmons, Council President (Present)
Chris Underwood, Council Member (Present)

Roberta Miller, Council Member (Present)
Paul Bolander, Council Member (Present)
Nancy Feole, Council Member (Absent)
Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer (Present)

Also Present

Kenneth Molnar, Village Solicitor
Scott Jamison, Public Service Director/WWTP
Jeanna Burrell, Assistant Service Director
Sandy Smithberger
Jim Irwin, Scoutmaster Troop 300
Steve Mazzi, Superintendent Big Walnut Schools

Michelle Dearth, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Grace Piper
Rudy Rodriguez
Nick Smithberger, Boy Scout Troop 300
Joey Hoepfner
Leah Rond, ABC Committee

Libby Clark presented council with her resignation due to her moving their residence outside the Village. Roberta Miller made a motion to accept Clark's resignation from council with regret. Dave Simmons seconded the motion with deep regret and the motion was passed unanimously with a 4-0 voice vote.

Meeting Minutes

Dave Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2010 as corrected. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 4-0 voice vote to adopt August 23, 2010 minutes.

Dave Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of August 30, 2010 as corrected. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 4-0 voice vote to adopt August 30, 2010 minutes.

Mayor's Proclamation – Libby Clark

Mayor Tom Hopper thanks Libby Clark for her three years of service as a Council member.

Mayor's Proclamation - Nicholas Smithberger

Mayor Tom Hopper recognizes Nicholas Smithberger, a member of Boy Scout Troop 300 for earning his Eagle Scout award.

Guest Participation

Leah Rond, from ABC Committee, appeared before Council to discuss the Big Walnut Schools' \$4.5 million, five year emergency operating levy. She explained that when the financial crisis hit the country, our school board reacted aggressively and cut \$5 million to keep our schools strong. Rond admitted that times are tough for many families including her own since she lost her job 15 months ago. She implored the community not to let this ruin our children's opportunities or our property values. Rond told Council

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that we educate our children for nearly \$600 less than the state average and \$500 less than the federal average and still maintain an excellent rating. Since Delaware County is considered a high income area, the funding our school district receives from the state is reduced. We must make up the difference locally to preserve the quality of our children's education.

Payment of invoices for September

Roberta Miller made a motion to pay the invoices for September and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. The motion passed in a 4-0 voice vote.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Marty Mazzie report is attached. Mazzie reported to Council she and Scott attended Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) meeting on August 24, 2010. She invited Wayne Cannon from RCAP to meet with staff on September 21st and again with Council in October to work with us on sewer billing evaluation for the Village. She will be collecting data from the past five years on rates-revenues-expenses.

Resolution No. 2010-21 (1st Reading)

A Resolution Acknowledging An Obligation To Enforce Sidewalk Maintenance And Repair After Project Completion.

Mayor Hopper read the Resolution which is related to the MORPC grant.

Ordinance No. 2010-08 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance To Adopt The Master Plan Of 2010 For The Village Of Galena.

Dave Simmons made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2010-08. Roberta Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 4-0 in a roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Bolander-Yes

Public Service Director's Report

Scott Jamison's report is attached. Walnut Street is entering its second phase of reconstruction. Del-Co Water moved a main water line and will be boring and open cutting under the road to connect houses prior to the start of road work. Del-Co will notify affected homeowners directly. The \$239,900 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant now requires sidewalk replacement as part of the project. Trees in the road right-of-way have been removed, and sidewalk replacement from Holmes to High streets should begin this week. Decker Construction will begin the road reconstruction when the sidewalks are complete. Work continues on an OPWC grant for the Phase III reconstruction of Walnut Street from High to Harrison streets. Storm sewers were televised to determine their exact location and plans have been drafted to rework the intersection of Walnut and Harrison streets to improve safety.

Wastewater Treatment Report

An OPWC grant application has also been prepared for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant; to purchase a bypass pump; and, to repair the Walnut Street lift station.

Assistant Public Service Director Report

Jeanna Burrell report is attached. A grant application was submitted to Preservation Parks to fund Phase II of the Miller Park playground equipment; site preparation and installation of Phase I and II; and, digging a well, adding a storage tank, and building a well house for Ruffner Park ball diamond irrigation system.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Report

Mayor Hopper had nothing to report.

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BST&G Fire Board Report

Paul Bolander had nothing new to report

Parks and Recreation Committee Report

No one gave a report.

Special Events

Council had a discussion concerning the date for Beggar's Night. Roberta Miller made a motion to change the date to Thursday, October 28, 6-7:15 p.m. The Village's annual Costume Contest will follow at 7:30 p.m. at Ruffner Park. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 4-0 voice vote.

Zoning and Planning Commission Report

Tom Hopper had nothing to report.

Other Business

Big Walnut Schools Superintendent Steve Mazzi asked for time to explain the school district's 2009-10 state report card. The school district again received an excellent rating by meeting 26 out of 26 state indicators, making adequate yearly progress, and meeting value-added measures. Big Walnut is ranked among the top of the excellent rated schools in Ohio and Ohio ranks fifth in the nation for the quality of its education. Mazzi explained that it's important to provide variety of course offerings, opportunities, and chances for our children to succeed and compete successfully for scholarships and jobs.

Executive Session

Dave Simmons made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending Litigation (121.22G2) Paul Bolander seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 4-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Bolander-Yes

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

Dave Simmons made a motion to reconvene. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 4-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Bolander-Yes

Council reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

Adjournment

Chris Underwood made a motion to adjourn. Dave Simmons seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 4-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2010, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Mayor