



**Minutes of the Village Council Special Meeting  
November 7, 2014**

On Monday, November 7, 2014 the Village of Galena Council Special meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

**Roll Call**

Tom Hopper, Mayor (Present)  
Dave Adams, Council President (Present)  
Joe Stoll, Council Member (Present)  
Chrissy Fuller, Council Member (Present)

Nancy Feole, Council Member (Present)  
David Simmons, Council Member (Present)  
Grace Piper, Council Member (Absent)  
Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer (Present)

**Also Present**

Ken Molnar, Village Solicitor  
Heather Adams  
Darrel Gagne  
Violet Carpenter  
Charles Chandler  
Terrie Bradley  
Melinda Simmons  
Larry J. Patterson  
Neil VanVoorhis  
John Bland  
Sally Krinn  
Debbie Georgiton

Jeanna Burrell, Administrator  
Pamela Hamilton  
Bill & Susan Holtry  
Wilber VanHouten  
Sam SanFillipo  
Helen Stone  
Kim Gardner  
J. R. Krinn  
Dick Burrell  
Sherry & Steve Shumate  
Jerry Funston

**Tax Levy Discussion**

Jeanna Burrell, Administrator, reported unofficial results show that the tax levy failed at the November 4<sup>th</sup> election, 109 to 107 votes. There are absentee and provisional ballots that will be counted to make the final decision, but we won't have the final count until later in the month.

**Berkshire Township Residents Pursuing Merger with Galena**

It was explained to those present at the council meeting that the Village of Galena has been approached by residents of Berkshire Township to form a commission to discuss a merger of the two governments and replace them with a new, presently undefined government. Creating a commission requires them to circulate a petition among the village and township residents. They have requested 5-8 names for commission members for the petition by Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Holtry, a Berkshire Township Trustee, confirmed that Berkshire Township residents are pursuing this change. He explained how the township is debt free and the outlet malls will bring in \$200 million and the Village could benefit from that. Many residents present had questions and voiced strong opinions against the merger.

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**Executive Session**

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation (ORC 121.22G3). Dave Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

David Simmons made a motion to reconvene. Dave Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Fuller-Yes Feole-Yes Simmons-Yes Adams-Yes Stoll-Yes

Council reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

**Adjournment**

David Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Dave Adams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will be held November 24, 2014, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Galena Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer

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Fiscal Officer

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Date

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Mayor

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Date