



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
November 27, 2006**

On Monday, November 27, 2006, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Present

Tom Hopper, Mayor
Roberta Miller, Council Member
Jim Slifko, Council Member

David Simmons, Council President
Chris Underwood, Council Member
Marty Mazzie, Acting Clerk /Treasurer

Also Present

Scott Jamison, WWTP
Kenneth Molnar, Village Solicitor
John Hower, CIC Rinehart, Walters, Danner and Associates
Jane White, Owner of Donovan's Pub
Bob Jablonski, PDG

Michelle Dearth, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer
Susie Kossmann, Parks Committee
Joseph Schmansky, Attorney
Dave LaValle, Public Service Director

Meeting Minutes

Dave Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes for October 23, 2006 as corrected. Joe Schmansky's name was spelled incorrectly. Chris Underwood seconded the motion. All said Aye in a 4-0 voice vote to adopt October 23, 2006 minutes as corrected.

Police Report

Chief of Police, Pat Bennett, was not present to give a report. Mayor Hopper expressed that the police have cracked down on speeders. Roberta Miller said she received complaints that there was not enough police coverage on Halloween on Holmes Street where there are no sidewalks. Coverage was available at Ruffner Park for the costume judging. It was suggested that next year more police coverage for streets without sidewalks is needed.

John Hower, CIC Rinehart, Walters, Danner and Associates

The Village Insurance agent reported that our premiums are down from last year by \$672.00. The Village has passed the three year qualifying period for a rate reduction. He gave a written report of coverage for our files and highlighted some of the features. John suggested for liability purposes the insurer prefers to have employees decorate the large tree on the square at Christmas time rather than volunteers who do not have their own insurance. It was also recommended that parents sign a waiver for their child to ride on the wagon for Christmas events on the Square.

Jane White, Donovan's Pub

Jane introduced herself as the new owner of Donovan's Pub. They plan to rename it the Mudflats Bar and Grill and replace the sign as soon as the design is approved. They also plan to do some interior renovations. Council welcomed her to the Village.

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Payment of Invoices for November

Roberta Miller moved to pay the invoices for November and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. All said Aye in a 4-0 voice vote.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Marty Mazzie submitted a report to show the Village operating income and expenses for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A letter was received from Masi Environmental Services stating that in November they will start billing weekly with terms of Due Upon Receipt. The Clerk was asked to call them and make a request to keep the billing monthly so bills can be approved by council. Sewer Operating Account has insufficient funds to cover expenses for the remainder of the year due to large expenditures for Poggemeyer Design Group for the WWTP. A request was made for Council to approve Amended Certificate for \$50,000.00. Dave Simmons made the motion to approve the request and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. All said Aye in a 4-0 vote.

Executive Session

Dave Simmons moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation. Jim Slifko seconded the motion. All agreed in a 4-0 roll call vote:

Jim Slifko-Yes Dave Simmons-Yes Chris Underwood-Yes Roberta Miller-Yes

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

Dave Simmons moved to reconvene and Jim Slifko seconded the motion. All agreed in a 4-0 roll call vote.

Jim Slifko-Yes Dave Simmons-Yes Chris Underwood-Yes Roberta Miller-Yes

Council returned to regular session at 8:18 p.m.

Resolution No 2006-12 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Determining an Amount is Due for Delinquent Tap Fees from Robert Kane and Certifying the Same for Lien Purposes to the Delaware County Auditor.

Susie Kossman had some questions concerning this resolution. Mayor Hopper carefully explained the procedures for how the tap fees are calculated and the regulations that all builders adhere to.

Resolution No 2006-13 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to hire Sally Hopper as clerk of the Zoning and Planning Commission for the Village of Galena and setting the salary and compensation.

Resolution No 2006-14 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to hire Michael Hamilton as Maintenance Supervisor for the Village of Galena and setting the salary and compensation.

Resolution No 2006-15 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to hire Pam Hamilton as Village of Galena maintenance employee, and setting salary and compensation.

Resolution No 2006-16 (1st Reading)

A Resolution appointing David C, LaValle as Village of Galena public service director, zoning and property maintenance official, and setting salary and compensation.

Resolution No 2006-17 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to hire Jeanna Burrell as Village of Galena administrative assistant, and setting salary and compensation.

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Resolution No 2006-18 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to hire Michelle Dearth as Village of Galena assistant clerk/treasurer, and setting salary and compensation.

Resolution No 2006-19 (1st Reading)

A Resolution appointing Kenneth J. Molnar as legal counsel (solicitor) for the Village of Galena.

Resolution No 2006-20 (1st Reading)

A Resolution appointing Marty Mazzie as Acting Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Galena.

Resolution No 2006-21 (1st Reading)

Contract for Prosecutor's Services.

Sewer Plant Design

Bob Jablonski was not able to stay for the meeting. Dave LaValle reported a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 29th, 2006 with PDG to discuss progress with the design. Everything is on schedule for the WWTP. They are looking to the end of the year for completion of design.

Wastewater Treatment Report

Scott submitted a written report.

Public Service Director's Report

Public Service Director Dave LaValle submitted a report for council to review. An off road bike race was held on Saturday, November 4, 2006. Due to wet conditions there was a lot of damage done both to the grounds and buildings. He was seeking council's advice as to how to remedy the problem now and in the future. He reminded Mayor Tom Hopper about the Fallen Hero's Monument and the need for contributions. It was suggested that the Village could buy bricks of various sizes and price. It will be considered in the budget for 2007.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)

Tom Hopper reported according to the new demographics report there are over 505 people in the Village and is the fastest growing in Delaware by percentage.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Jim Slifko reported they are working on next years budget planning.

Zoning and Planning Commission

Tom Hopper had nothing to report.

Parks and Special Events Committee Report

The committee recommended the trimming and shaping of the tree on the square so the lights were more visible. They suggested that people could donate money at the Christmas tree lighting on December 3rd to help defray the cost of the lights. Bag worms were discovered on the trees in the park. It was suggested that we hire a professional to evaluate and treat the trees.

Susie Kossman submitted her resignation as Co-Chair person of Parks and Special Events Committee. She sent Karen Underwood and Mayor Tom Hopper her written resignation.

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Eastern Delaware County Recreational District

Roberta Miller was appointed at the October Council meeting to be the representative for the Village of Galena. She reported they had their first organizational meeting to elect officers. The committee will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall in Sunbury. They are in need of money to operate until a levy is passed and were looking to the Village of Galena to make a contribution. This issue will be considered at another time.

Executive Session

Jim Slifko moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss real estate purchase and personnel. Dave Simmons seconded the motion. All agreed in a 4-0 roll call vote:

Jim Slifko-Yes Dave Simmons-Yes Chris Underwood-Yes Roberta Miller-Yes

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:28 p.m.

Dave Simmons moved to reconvene and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. All agreed in a 4-0 roll call vote.

Jim Slifko-Yes Dave Simmons-Yes Chris Underwood-Yes Roberta Miller-Yes

Council returned to regular session at 9:52 p.m.

Adjournment

Jim Slifko made a motion to adjourn. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously in a 4-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2006, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Marty Mazzie, Acting Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk

Mayor