

**Minutes of the Village of Galena  
Council Meeting  
December 22, 2003**

On Monday, December 22, 2003, the Council meeting of the Village of Galena was called to order at 7:10 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**

Susie Kossmann, Parks and Recreation Co-chair  
John Hower, Ohio Plan  
E.J. Miller  
D.L. Morris  
Kitty Kimber, Delaware City/County  
David LaValle, Public Service Director

Board of Health  
Village Solicitor Ken Molnar  
Maintenance Supervisor Mike Hamilton

**Meeting Minutes**

Corrections need made on page 1, the date at the top should be Nov. 24. In the next to the last paragraph, a comma is needed after "the growth numbers are quite large". On page 4, Pam Hamilton suggested that we need a smaller truck, not Betsy Hildebrand. Loudermilk is spelled incorrectly. David Simmons moved to accept the November 24 minutes as corrected and Betsy Hildebrand seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0 in a voice vote.

**Payment of Invoices for December**

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

**Ohio Plan**

John Hower, the Village's insurance agent, was present and reviewed the Village's insurance policy. The premium increased \$133 but the policy has not changed and it was renewed on December 20. The policy is for \$1 million general liability. Any one occurrence pays up to \$1 million with a total of up to a \$3 million payout during any policy period. This is the best form of occurrence policy you can buy. The policy was distributed and the Village's coverage was reviewed.

**Delaware City/County Board of Health**

Kitty Kimber was present and reported on a survey of residents' health concerns. The board's priorities include: communicable diseases, immunizations, children's health, protecting food and water supplies, and early death. She reviewed efforts to address these various issues and left brochures.

**Police Report**

There was no one present to give a report. Mayor Hopper asked Dave LaValle to send a note to Chief Bennett about attending meetings each month.

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**RESOLUTION 2003-13 (2nd Reading)**

**A Resolution Appointing Sally Hopper as Clerk of the Zoning and Planning Commission and Setting Salary and Compensation.**

Mayor Hopper read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2003-14 (2nd Reading)**

**A Resolution To Increase Mike Hamilton's Compensation for Services Performed as Village Maintenance Supervisor.**

Mayor Hopper read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2003-15 (2nd Reading)**

**A Resolution Appointing David C. LaValle as Village of Galena Public Service Director, Zoning and Property Maintenance Official, and Setting Salary and Compensation.**

Mayor Hopper read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2003-16 (2nd Reading)**

**A Resolution Appointing Jeanna Burrell as Village of Galena Administrative Assistant, and Setting Salary and Compensation.**

Mayor Hopper read the resolution for its second reading. Betsy Hildebrand asked why part-time staff are accruing personal leave? This occurs in all of the staff resolutions. Public Service Director Dave LaValle explained that serving as staff, creating staff resolutions, and advocating for staff benefits, presents a predicament. If Council would like the benefits to be different than what he is suggesting, they should form a Personnel Committee to make a recommendation. Dave explained that the attempt was to take a variety of inconsistent personnel resolutions and make them consistent. Betsy suggested that being sick shouldn't affect when Jeanna comes in since she only works 2-3 days a week. David Simmons said he did not want to negotiate personnel issues in a public meeting. Jim Slifko, Betsy Hildebrand, and Roberta Miller agreed to be on the committee to make a recommendation before the organizational meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2003-17 (2nd Reading)**

**A Resolution Appointing Pam Hamilton as Village of Galena Maintenance Employee, and Setting Salary and Compensation.**

Mayor Hopper read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2003-18 (1st Reading, Declaring an Emergency)**

**A Resolution of intent to appropriate a lease hold interest in a 2.50 acre tract more or less together with the buildings and treatment plant situated thereon for sanitary sewer purposes, such premises being situated in the Village of Galena, County of Delaware, and State of Ohio, and described on the attachment hereto.**

Mayor Hopper read the resolution. Village Solicitor Ken Molnar explained that this resolution notifies the County the Village is interested in beginning to negotiate to own and operate the sewer plant. This is the first in a two-step statutory process. The land belongs to Galena so this appropriates the lease. Ken and Tom will have to determine what the buildings are worth.

David Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion. The motion 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 adopt Resolution 2003-18 and declare an emergency. David Simmons seconded and the motion 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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**Public Service Director's Report**

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reviewed his December report (attached).

Dave explained issues concerning the Joe Walker Road speed limit. He feels it would be dangerous to go more than 35 mph since it dead ends just past the subdivision entrance. Since the limit is not posted, it defaults to 55 mph. The County Engineer will not sign off on an intersection not designed for the current 55 mph limit. To lower the speed limit, studies have to be conducted. Jim Slifko made a motion to send a letter asking Berkshire Township Trustees to expeditiously lower the Joe Walker Road speed limit to 25 mph. David Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Dave LaValle explained that the EPA may ask that Galena submit agreements with surrounding entities, such as Sunbury, Columbus, and Delaware County, as part of the 208 Plan approval. He also said that the County Commissioners submitted the County/Galena Wastewater Treatment Agreement to the County Prosecutor who issued an opinion. Dave requested information about the opinion through Regional Planning but has not seen it yet.

Jeanna Burrell's monthly report was distributed (attached).

If anyone has comments on the Land Use Plan, they should submit them as soon as possible.

Dave reiterated the importance of Pam and Mike wearing safety equipment that has been provided for them both to protect them personally and to protect the Village from liability.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Hamilton offered a proposal for a new Village truck. He and Dave visited several dealerships looking at trucks. The existing plow is badly rusted and the truck is in bad shape. It can be traded in for \$5,000 - \$8,000. Dave explained details about trucks, hydraulics, and plows. Genoa Township will sell the Village salt for \$35/ton which would save trips to Delaware. Clerk Ed Collinsworth confirmed there was enough money saved to cover the approximately \$35,000 expenditure. Warranty concerns with the electric plow were discussed.

David Simmons made a motion to purchase the Jack Maxton truck with an electric plow and hydraulic spreader and to trade in the current truck. Betsy Hildebrand seconded the motion. Tony Hamilton suggested getting the diesel motor and clarifying the warranty. The motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

School directional signs were discussed.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**

Clerk Ed Collinsworth is working on the end-of-the-year report and the 2004 budget. The \$150,000 certificate of deposit has been renewed. He is working on W2s. He should know January 8 about military deployment and he may be staying in Ohio.

**Delaware County Regional Planning Commission (DCRPC)**

Tom Hopper said there was nothing major going on at RPC meetings.

**BST&G Fire Board Report**

Jim Slifko said there was nothing to report.

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**Zoning and Planning Commission**

Tom Hopper said Dave LaValle had summarized the commission action.

**Parks and Recreation Committee**

Susie Kossmann said the committee coordinated the Christmas tree lighting on Dec. 7 and Santa was here Dec. 20. John Miller suggested having Santa in his Toy Shop next year. Comments were made about the connection with a commercial entity and concerns with the tight space. There was not as large a turn out as last year. Carriage and hay rides were discussed. The committee has submitted a budget to Ed. Susie thanked Mike for helping plant the Newport Plum trees the committee purchased.

**Calendar of Events 2004**

A draft calendar of events was reviewed. Dates were agreed upon. The Christmas Tree Lighting should be added on Dec. 5.

**Other Business**

Mike Hamilton said that a small pine tree on the square needs moved.

**Adjournment**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting is the organizational meeting scheduled for January 5, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanna Burrell, Administrative Assistant

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Clerk

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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.