



## Council Member Slifko Resigns

At their July meeting, Village Council accepted member Jim Slifko's resignation with regrets. Slifko moved out of the Village to be closer to his place of employment. Slifko also leaves positions open on the Village's Planning and Zoning Committee and the BST&G Fire Board.

He was originally appointed to a partial term to fill a vacancy and was elected to his current term. His term on Council expires in 2009.

## New Postmaster

Galena welcomes John Ballentine who was formally installed as



Galena's seventh postmaster during ceremonies on July 12. Ballentine recently received the Employee of the Year Award for Excellence in Customer Service

by the Federal Executive Association. John said his goal for the Galena Post Office is to provide positive involvement with customers and the community.

## Thank You to Underwoods

The Village thanks Karin, Anna, and Christopher Underwood for caring for the flowers on the Village Square. They were recently featured in a *Sunbury News* article for the great job they do as volunteers. Karin is the chairperson of the Galena Special Events Committee.

## Ice Cream Social

Village residents are invited to the Village's free ice cream social, 6-8 p.m., August 26 at Ruffner Park. Come enjoy some great ice cream with your neighbors and the kids can enjoy free balloons.

## Miller Annexation

According to state law, Galena has 120 days from the County Commissioners' approval to accept the annexation of two parcels totaling nearly 267 acres. Homewood Corporation, developers for the 197-acre Miller Farm at the corner of Sunbury and Vans Valley roads, would like the rezoning process to be concurrent with the annexation acceptance process. The Village received a first draft of a conceptual plan on July 19.

## EDCJRD

Council discussed the Village's involvement in the Eastern Delaware County Joint Recreation District (EDCJRD). Roberta Miller, reported on recent community input during the Big Walnut Schools Board of Education meeting. She felt many people were against the community center tax, not necessarily against the board itself. Council agreed to send a letter of support acknowledging that the Village intends to continue as a member of the board with the goal of intergovernmental cooperation on district-wide recreational opportunities

## Sewer News

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie presented information on a potential sewer rate increase. She showed annual operating expenses for the

sewer plant of more than \$155,000.

As of February 2007, 241 residents pay sewer bills totaling more than \$100,000 and five businesses pay more than \$8,000. A three percent fee increase would increase income to more than \$112,000 and a six percent increase would increase income to more than \$115,000. Residents currently pay \$108 for a three-month quarter. Three percent would increase residential bills to approximately \$111 per quarter with six percent increasing the quarterly bill to \$114. This would be a \$1-\$2 per month increase. A six percent increase, assuming Berkshire Lake Campground payments, would bring income closer to annual expenses.

Bob Jablonski, representing Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG), reported to Council that the wastewa-

## Galena Dates

The following are Village Council and committee meeting dates as well as other local events. Village meetings are open to the public and are at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., unless otherwise stated.

Aug. 3	Trash Day
Aug. 8	Zoning & Planning
Aug. 10, 17	Trash Days
Aug. 24	Trash Day
Aug. 26	Ice Cream Social, 6-8 p.m., Ruffner Park
Aug. 27	Council Meeting
Aug. 27	Chipper Day
Aug. 31	Trash Day
Sept. 3	Village Offices Closed
Sept. 8	Trash Day
Sept. 12	Zoning & Planning
Sept. 14, 21	Trash Days
Sept. 24	Council Meeting
Sept. 24	Chipper Day
Sept. 28	Trash Day

ter treatment plant had to be redesigned with different membranes. The redrawn plans have been resubmitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for review. This puts the plant six months behind schedule. PDG will develop a bid schedule this fall.

A pre-trial hearing has been set for September 21 in the lawsuit against the Berkshire Lake Campground. The trial is set for October 2.

## Resolutions

Council passed several resolutions. They granted a five-foot easement to American Electric Power (AEP) for Joe Underwood's property to serve a ceramics business located there. A revised animal control law was passed requiring owners to clean up after their animals off their property.

Council passed a permanent appropriation budget and transferred funds. They also certified delinquent sewer accounts to the County Auditor to be assessed on real estate taxes.

They passed two resolutions detailing the Village's agreement to cooperate and maintain improvements for a Preservation Parks grant to add safe surface material under two pieces of Ruffner Park playground equipment.

Second readings were held on resolutions on a Village personnel manual and on ratifying a Joe Walker Road improvement agreement.

## Constructoin

Maronda Homes is planting pine trees along the southern boundary of

Heathermere. The Estates at Blackhawk streetlights have been activated and the Village is now responsible for their operation.

R and R Construction has begun roof repairs on the Village Municipal Building. G. Marchi and Sons will begin sidewalk and ramp construction near Miller Park in August.

## Tax Exemption

If you are 65 or older during 2007 or are partially or permanently disabled as of Jan. 1, you may qualify for the expanded Homestead Exemption Tax. Forms are available in the Village Municipal Offices, from the County Auditor, or the Ohio Department of Taxation at [www.tax.ohio.gov](http://www.tax.ohio.gov).

## Income Taxes

If you live or work in the Village, you need to pay a one percent income tax and file tax forms. Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) forms are available at the Village Offices and on-line at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com)

## Sewer Bills

Please pay your sewer bill on time to avoid late fees. Bills two quarters past due will be certified to the County Auditor for tax liens. The late payment amount, including late fees, will be added to your tax bill until it is paid in full. If nonpayment occurs on an ongoing basis, you risk shut-off of your sewer service.

Water Quality Management handles the Village's sewer billing and pay-

ments. The August/September/October quarterly bill will be mailed out August 1 and is due September 10 to avoid late fees.

## Newsletter

E-mail the Village with your mailing and e-mail addresses at [galena@embarqmail.com](mailto:galena@embarqmail.com) if you would prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail.

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