



Council Meeting

Council adopted the *American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2004 Edition* as the Code of Ordinances for the Village.

Council also authorized the mayor to enter into a contract with Poggemeyer Design Group for professional engineering services for culvert replacement.

The culvert project will cost the Village \$20,700. Delaware County and the Community Development Block Grant will pay \$35,000 of the cost.

The Village will replace two culverts under the old railroad right-of-way in the spring.

Council also agreed to enter into a \$500 consulting contract with Sunbury based Integrated Safety Services to create a safety program for the Village. The company will study Village operations, identify training needs by occupation, establish a safety strategic plan, develop a documentation process, and develop safety policies.

Public Service Director Dave LaValle reported that he is receiving numerous annexation inquiries from surrounding property owners.

LaValle reported on the Heathermere subdivision progress. Erosion and sedimentation concerns are being addressed. Street lights are being ordered. Columbia Gas has installed gas lines and Conie Construction has requested the release of sewer taps so construction can begin.

Efforts to get the new Walnut Creek intersection with Joe Walker Road approved are at a standstill. Council sent a letter to Berkshire Township Trustees

asking that they lower the 55 miles per hour speed limit on the dead end Joe Walker Road to 25 miles per hour. This request was forwarded to the County Engineer for review and action.

Final engineering plans for the Walnut Creek Subdivision were reviewed but there is no development agreement yet.

Plans are being reviewed for waterline extension from Rome Corners Road to the Preserve at Blackhawk. The County Engineer has asked that water lines run on the south side of Dustin Road so the County can upgrade and widen the road on the north.

Seventeen additional acres may be developed beside the Preserve. Homewood Corporation met with the Zoning and Planning Commission to discuss entrance concerns for the new parcel.

LaValle also reported on development of an employee handbook.

2003 Police Report

Sunbury/Galena Police Chief Pat Bennett presented Council with year-end statistics at their January 26 meeting.

More than 1,000 traffic tickets were written in 2003 with 288 of those in Galena.

Total arrests for driving under the influence and driving under suspension tallied 139 for both municipalities.

Police responded to 27 incidents in Galena. Of those incidents, ten offense reports were made and 11 accidents were investigated.

Total calls for Galena and Sunbury dropped in 2003 to 1,584 from 1,625 in 2002.

Village Solicitor Ken Molnar is investigating feasibility of a Galena Mayor's Court.

New Truck

With the Village's snow plow damaged beyond repair and our 19-year-old truck in poor shape, the Village sent out bid requests for 2003 and 2004 trucks. Bids were received from three Chevrolet dealers.

Council member Jim Slifko assisted Public Service Director Dave LaValle in evaluating the bids. They recommended and Council accepted Byers Chevrolet's bid for a 2004 C-4500 dump truck outfitted by Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company with a truck bed, central hydraulics, and plow for a total cost of \$43,411.25. The truck has been ordered and should be here in March.

In the meantime, Genoa Township has generously agreed to provide snow removal services for Galena.



Wastewater Treatment Plan

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has notified the Village that it will not review Galena's 208 plan until it also receives the County's 208 Plan this summer or fall. Since the two plans overlap, OEPA wants to review them together. The Village is working to move its 208 Plan forward.

Zoning & Planning

The Zoning and Planning Commission discussed a 17 acre parcel contiguous to the Preserve at Blackhawk. The new parcel would require an entrance right next to the Preserve's entrance. Since this would be dangerous, alternate arrangements were discussed. Homewood Corporation requested that three acres of the Preserve previously designated for permanent open space be traded for three acres in the new development. This would allow the new development to use the Preserve's entrance.

Parks & Rec

The Parks and Recreation Committee discussed its budget and activities for the year.

Playground equipment will be ordered soon and will be paid for by a Delaware County Preservation Parks District grant. Repairs

to the Miller Park climbing toy were discussed as well.

New E-Mail

We now have a new e-mail address: galena@copper.net. Please change it in your address book.

E-Mail Newsletter

Did you know you could have the newsletter e-mailed to you? You'll receive it sooner than the mailed version and it reduces the Village's costs. It comes in a .pdf format accessible with Adobe Acrobat Reader which can be downloaded free. It also comes in full color via e-mail.

More than 36 receive the newsletter this way. Join them by e-mailing us your name and address.

Congrats Wise Heating & AC Bowling Team

Congratulations to the Wise Heating & AC Inc. Women's Bowling Team. The ladies won the Delaware City Bowling Tournament held at Delaware Lanes in January. Way to go!

Vote March 2

Don't forget to vote in the Primary Election on March 2 in the Village Council Chambers. Polls open at 6 a.m.

Sidewalk Safety

Remember to keep your sidewalks shoveled for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Galena Dates

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

Feb. 17 Parks & Recreation
Feb. 23 Council Meeting
March 10 Zoning & Planning
March 16 Parks & Recreation
March 22 Council Meeting

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