

Two Galena Mayors



Mayor Thomas Hopper had a surprise visit in January from the Mayor of Galena, Maryland. Mayor Harry J. Pisapia (pictured at right) dropped in while visiting in Ohio to see what our Village is like. Pisapia said two villages were similar with his Galena having 700 residents compared to our 500. He has been the mayor there since 1992. Greetings Galena, Maryland from Galena, Ohio!

Underwood Elected Council President



At their January organizational meeting, Galena Council members elected Chris Underwood to serve as Council president.

Employees reappointed included Scott Jamison, public service director; Jeanna Burrell, assistant public service director; Sally Hopper, Zoning and Planning Commission clerk; Jeff Stokes, maintenance supervisor; Marty Mazzie, fiscal officer; and Michelle Dearth, assistant fiscal officer. Ken Molnar was reappointed solicitor.

Committees were appointed, a 2011 calendar was established, and Council passed temporary 2011 budget appropriations of \$963,898.

Trail Grant Application

The Village of Galena's Council passed a variety of resolutions and ordinances at their January monthly meeting. Mary Kerr was in Council chambers representing Delaware County Friends of the Trail (DCFT). Kerr is writing a grant application for nearly half a million dollars to improve the Ohio-to-Erie Trail section in Galena. The application requests \$487,809 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Clean Ohio Trails Fund for a 10-foot wide trail from Dustin Road along the abandoned railroad across Little Walnut Creek, across Walnut St., through Miller Park, and up the Galena Brick Trail.

Council passed a resolution authorizing participation in the grant application and pledging maintenance of the trail upon completion.

Refinancing Debt

Also present at the Council meeting were Paul Rutter from Bricker and Eckler and Dave Conley and Emily Cannon from Robert W. Baird and Co. They presented municipal financing information. Conley explained the current market for municipal financing and recommended that Council again pursue a one-year note to finance its Building 1829 (the old Galena United Methodist Church). He said interest rates for municipalities are currently high and he expects them to come down during 2011. Rutter will shop for a short-term note to hopefully be refinanced into longer term debt for the building. The note would include funds for renovations as well.

Council passed a resolution hiring Bricker and Eckler as bond counsel. They also passed ordinances retiring the existing notes and authorizing a new note for \$400,000.

The Village was recently approved for a long-term loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA). The Village is combining the purchase of its wastewater treatment plant and the design of a new wastewater treatment plant into one \$546,330 thirty-year loan.

Sewer News

Related to qualifying for the OWDA loan, the Village had the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) analyze its sewer income and expenditures. RCAP recommended a 25 percent increase in sewer fees. The increase in fees is needed to provide adequate income for operating expenses and to pay down the debt.

After a third reading with minimal feedback from the public, Council passed an ordinance to raise sewer use rates 25 percent. Residential rates will increase from \$40.45 per month to \$50.56 per month or \$151.68 on the next quarterly bill that will be sent out Feb. 1. Automatic payment customers should be sure to adjust their payment amounts with their banks.

Public Service Director Scott Jamison reported that the Village received an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Permit To Install for a geobag project. The geobag will reduce operating costs and construction will begin in February.

First quarter sewer bills will be sent out Feb. 1. Payment is due March 10. There are several payment options:

- Mail payments to the Village of Galena, PO Box 386, Galena, OH 43021. Call us with any questions at 740-965-2484.
- Set up monthly sewer bill payments with no additional fees at the Delaware County Bank's Galena branch. Bring your sewer bill with you the first time.
- Set up automatic payments to have \$50.56 debited from your checking account at any bank on the 8th of each month. Forms are available in the Village offices and on the village's web site under [local links/sewers](#).

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.

Feb. 1	1st Qtr. Sewer Bills Sent Out (NEW RATE)
Feb. 4, 11	Trash Days
Feb. 16	Zoning & Planning Commission
Feb. 18, 25	Trash Days
Feb. 28	Council Meeting
March. 10	1st Qtr. Sewer Bills Due

Snow Removal

Jamison also reported that the Village truck has seen extensive use and has had several mechanical problems requiring repairs.

Residents are reminded to move all vehicles off all Village streets and road right-of-ways in the event of a snow emergency with ice or 2" or more of snow accumulation in a 24-hour period.

Parks/Events News

In parks news, Assistant Public Service Director Jeanna Burrell reported that playground equipment for Miller Park has been ordered and should be installed by early March. She also reported that the Ohio to Erie Trail group is applying for a grant that requires no local matching funds to add signs along the trails.

Burrell said that the Summerfest is being planned for Aug. 27 by the Greater Galena Civic Association (GGCA).

Income Taxes

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) held a subpoena program on January 11 to assist those who work or live in the Village with completing their income tax forms. The event was lightly attended due to bad weather.

Remember, if you live or work within the Galena municipal boundaries, you must pay the Village's one percent income tax. Check our web site for boundaries that are much smaller than the Galena mailing area. The Village does not have reciprocal agreements with other taxing entities.

Bragalone Reappointed



Mayor Tom Hopper reported in Zoning and Planning Commission news that Mike Bragalone was reappointed to a three-year term. Hopper

also reported on attending the Delaware County Local Government Association meeting.

Power Outages

Council also discussed concerns with ongoing power outages in the Village. Staff has contacted American Electric Power (AEP) to discuss the concerns. Residents should also contact AEP if they have concerns.

Brick-By-Brick

Delaware County Friends of the Trail (DCFT) has launched a Brick-By-Brick fund raising campaign for trail construction. The Hoover Scenic Trail – a section of the Ohio-to-Erie trail completed in 2010 just south of Galena – was originally a brick road. During construction of the new trail segment, DCFT was able to save a limited number of the original bricks.

Individuals and businesses can "buy a brick" to be professionally engraved with family names, memorials, or remembrances. Engraved bricks will then be used to pave prominent areas along multi-use trails in Delaware County.

Support trail development and have your name or message immortalized on a historic brick. All proceeds will be used to develop multi-use trails in Delaware County.

Engraved bricks for individuals or families cost \$50 and bricks for businesses are \$100. Additional gifts or donations are welcome. More information is available at www.dcf.org.

BST&G News

The BST&G Fire District reports 90 runs in November with an average response time of 6:39 which is up due to the weather and end of district runs.

The District has completed an out building. Personnel are investigating costs for bathroom and radio room renovations. End of year purchases included Denver tools, a four-gas meter, a replacement server, training room tables, and a door opener.

Veterans Bonuses

In Nov. 2010, Ohio voters approved a bonus of \$100/month up to a maximum of \$1,000 for veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Persian Gulf wars. There are also funds for service members who served elsewhere during these wars. Families of service members who gave their lives can receive funds as well. For more information, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/VeteransBonus.

Civil War Jubilee

The Major General William Starke Rosecrans requests the pleasure of your company at the 150th Civil War Gala Jubilee on Saturday, Feb. 12 in the Ohio Statehouse at 1 Capitol Square, Columbus. The event is sponsored by the General Rosecrans Department of the Ohio Headquarters Unit (part of the Big Walnut Area Historical Society) and the Ohio Statehouse 1st Ohio Battery A, Light Artillery.

Step back in time to 1861 when the Statehouse was new and the Civil War was fast approaching. Major General William

Starke Rosecrans is inviting you to spend an elegant evening in remembrance of this part of history.

Plan your arrival for 5 p.m. Use the 3rd Street entrance if you wish to leave your carriage in the parking garage.

This is an event to raise funds to construct a Major General William Starke Rosecrans equestrian statue on the Sunbury Square. For more information visit <http://www.bigwalnuthistory.org>.

Symphony Hosts March Concert

The Central Ohio Symphony will host a concert March 27 at 3 p.m. in Ohio Wesleyan University's Gray Chapel. The 120 voices of the Capriccio! Choir, OWU Choral Art Society, and guest soloists will fill the stage for one of the most popular works of the 20th century, Carl Orff's fabulous Carmina Burana. Also on the program is John Williams' Harry Potter Suite, recently voted "favorite piece of classical music" by young adults.

For more information visit www.centralohiosymphony.org, e-mail mail@centralohiosymphony.org or call (740) 362-1799.

Electronic News

The newsletter is available online or can be e-mailed directly. Contact adminassistant@galenaohio.org to be added to the monthly distribution list.

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