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## Levy Failure Impacts Discussed

At the Village of Galena's May Council meeting, the potential implications of the Village's levy failure were discussed. The four-year two-mill levy on the May ballot was a replacement levy that would generate approximately \$38,000 for Village operating expenses. The Village also has a one percent income tax and receives county- and state-administered taxes.

Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell explained that the Village has an approximately \$1 million budget but the stand-alone sewer utility is more than one-third of that. Galena also carries more than \$70,000 in state highway funds that are set aside for Ohio Department of Transportation use on State Route 3. This leaves a little more than half a million dollars. These funds go to maintain streets, storm sewers, facilities, and parks and to administer Village business, communications, finances, grants, zoning, and property maintenance. Burrell commented that the work load doesn't end because the levy failed. "For instance, when rezoning applications, development plans, or appeals are received, state law triggers a time clock of events that must occur at certain times and these become top priorities. There are certain things like plowing the roads or repairing potholes that just have to happen."

Mayor Tom Hopper commented, "This is the first time in decades this levy has failed. The voters have told us to reduce our budget by \$38,000." The Village was planning to apply for an Ohio Public Works Commission grant/loan to complete Phase 4 of Walnut St. Even if the Village puts the levy on the November ballot, the grant application is due in October and it requires at least a \$20,000 match. "We look at these grants as \$.25 on the dollar we have to spend but without the local matches, we cannot apply for them," he explained.

Burrell and Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie also discussed loan payments on the Village Hall and Walnut Street Phase 2 and 3 which must be paid. They recommended maintaining capital outlay funds which are reserves or savings needed in case of emergencies. A Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss budget ramifications.

Council approved a resolution asking the Delaware County Auditor to determine the Village's tax valuation. This is the first step required in putting a levy on the ballot. Council held a first reading on a resolution to place the tax levy on the November ballot.

## Memorial Day Services

We invite you to attend our Memorial Day Ceremonies on May 26. Events begin at 1 p.m. on the Village Square with the singing of the national anthem by Big Walnut High School alumnae Julia Brown and Allison Dawson. Galena Council member David Simmons will offer opening remarks and Village Mayor Thomas Hopper will present a memorial wreath at the G & T Club World War II memorial. The featured speaker will be Zachary Moore, a Big Walnut High School 2014 graduate.

After presentations on the square, participants will proceed to the Galena Cemetery where Simmons will give a historical presentation about veterans in the cemetery. The Sunbury Veterans of Foreign Wars will provide the honor guard for the event and will offer a three-volley salute and taps.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be at the Galena Village Hall at 109 Harrison St.

## Ice Cream Social June 8

Council member Joe Stoll reported on plans for this year's Ice Cream Social. The event has moved from August in Ruffner Park to June 8 in Miller Park, 6-8 p.m. This year's event will include face painters, carnival games, a bounce house, and of course, ice cream! Residents are asked to bring chairs and blankets to sit on. Kids will be able to enjoy the Village's train-themed playground

## June Council Mtg.

Council voted to move its next meeting to June 16 due to several Council members' schedule conflicts.

## Summerfest Aug. 23

A third reading was held on an agreement with the Greater Galena Civic Association (GGCA) for Summerfest detailing hours, street closings, and

security. The Village is waiting on the liquor license and insurance so the resolution was tabled. The Summerfest Committee is looking for vendors and sponsors and is lining up entertainment for the August 23 event.



Don't miss the live entertainment all day with food, crafts, business and non-profit vendors, a super-sized KidZone with pony rides, bounce houses, and an obstacle course and so much more! For more information, visit:

[www.GalenaSummerfest.com](http://www.GalenaSummerfest.com) or contact:  
Sponsors: [MarciaEisenbrown@aol.com](mailto:MarciaEisenbrown@aol.com)  
Vendors: [ttreefrog@embarqmail.com](mailto:ttreefrog@embarqmail.com)  
General: [info@GalenaSummerfest.com](mailto:info@GalenaSummerfest.com).

The Galena Summerfest needs your help... sponsors, vendors, and volunteers. Give charitable contributions such as money, specialized service, items, or a couple hours of your time. It's a great way

## 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 Galena Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., unless otherwise stated.

Holiday changes	
*	= trash day moves to Saturday;
**	= Council meeting changes.
May 26	Memorial Day - Offices Closed
May 26	Memorial Day Services, 1 PM, Village Square & Cemetery
May 30	First Chipper Day (Last Fridays)
May 31*	Trash Day
June 6	Trash Day
June 8	Ice Cream Social, 6-8 PM, Miller Park
June 10	2nd Quarter Sewer Bills Due
June 13	Trash Day
June 18	Zoning & Planning Commission
June 20	Trash Day
June 16**	Council Meeting
June 27	Chipper Day, Trash Day

to have fun, get your name out there, get to know your neighbor, and give back to your community.

## Infrastructure Projects

In her report, Burrell noted that Complete General Construction is making punch list corrections on Walnut St. Phase 3. There was some frustration expressed that Complete General pledged to return first thing in the spring to do landscaping work and it's now mid-May and that hasn't started yet.

Village Square work is progressing. Del-Co Water Company has connected the Village's new water tap on the square and is flushing water lines. Landscaping repairs will occur. Big-B Concrete will replace some sidewalks and steps on the square as well as curbs around the square and on Park St. The Village has worked with Columbia Gas to get gas leaks on Columbus and High streets repaired and related streets patched.

The Village's new John Deere tractor ordered months ago has been delivered. The 20-plus year old Kubota tractor was traded in. The new tractor has a broom for cleaning trails and streets.

Burrell has been working with the City of Columbus to get their trash cans emptied. Trash has been overflowing and blowing around and Village maintenance staff have to clean it up. It appears Columbus' Boardwalk will not open this spring. The City is contracting for repairs but engineers want to inspect the base of the structure and high water is preventing that.

## Income Tax

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie explained to Council that income tax revenue has increased over the same period last year. She cautioned that income tax receipts are received twice each month but vary widely depending on whether people are having taxes deducted from their pay checks or are paying quarterly. Council authorized the Regional Income Tax Agency to send collection letters to 57 people who are delinquent on their taxes. Mazzie also explained that new residents are notified about their sewer and income tax obligations and other local service information with a New Resident packet sent when they move to town. She has developed a letter to send a month later, after they've unpacked and settled in, reminding them of their sewer and income tax obligations.

## Zoning & Property News

In zoning news, it was reported that Sambuca's Nursery and Greenhouse has filed an appeal of its zoning violation. The business was cited for not being in compliance with its recently approved

development plan. A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. May 21.

Complaints will be filed in court on 134 and 152 N. Walnut St. regarding long-term property maintenance violations.

## Wastewater News

Council held a second reading on a resolution to terminate Village responsibility for five home grinder pumps. The pumps were installed when the central sewer system was installed in 1995. The Village already has a 2003 law limiting its responsibility to maintenance and replacement of the original pumps which have all been replaced. The Village has continued maintaining these pumps and the sewer system operator has recommended ending that process because of the high costs. Council asked that letters go out to affected property owners and a resolution be drafted to get a conversation on the table. Two affected residents addressed Council asking that the Village continue maintaining their grinder pumps. Hopper explained that sewer laterals on private property are the property owners' responsibilities and that other newer houses in town have grinder pumps that are maintained privately. The Village is concerned about continuing to spend public funds to maintain private property now that all the original pumps have been replaced.

Second quarter sewer bills were sent out and are due June 10. The Village's sewer billing system is a sewer capacity charge due whether a building is occupied or not. Since the Village does not control the water utility and cannot get meter information, the sewer bills cannot be based on water usage as in many municipalities.

Mazzie said that several major delinquent accounts have been paid in full but there are also new delinquent accounts and several owners have been difficult to reach.

Residential sewer bills are \$53.64/month (\$160.92/quarter). Since the Village bills quarterly to save customers money, paying on time is crucial. Be sure to pay your bills in a timely fashion to avoid late payment penalties, property tax liens, and other legal actions. Sewer billing is on the following calendar:

Bill Sent	For Quarter	Bill Due
Feb. 1	Feb./March/April	March 11
May 1	May/June/July	June 10
Aug. 1	Aug./Sept./Oct.	Sept. 10
Nov. 1	Nov./Dec./Jan.	Dec. 10

The following applies for delinquencies:

- Upon one day of being delinquent, a ten percent late charge will be assessed.
- Thirty days or more delinquent will result in a lien being filed, including administrative fees and costs, and a lawsuit may be filed to collect overdue fees.

- At 100 days past due, the sewer service will be terminated. Once terminated, the property owner will have to pay a reconnection fee as well as all past due fees.

**There are several payment options:**

- Drop-off payments at the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St. during office hours Mondays-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4p.m. or in our 24-hour drop box on the building.
- 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 \$53.64 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 at [www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf](http://www.galenaohio.org/forms/autowithdraw.pdf). Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

## Chipper Days Are Back

The Village offers a free monthly chipping service for your convenience on the last Friday of each month, May through October. See our web site for details on what can be included: <http://www.galenaohio.org/link.html#trash>. If unauthorized or other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, they will be left for your disposal.

## Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting [administrator@galenaohio.org](mailto:administrator@galenaohio.org).

## Important Contacts

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In an emergency, dial	911
BST&G Fire District	965-3841 <a href="http://www.bstgfiredistrict.org">www.bstgfiredistrict.org</a>
Big-O Refuse	888-924-2446
Cable: Time-Warner	800-617-4311
Columbia Gas	800-344-4077
Del. Co. EMS	833-2190, <a href="http://www.delcoems.org">www.delcoems.org</a>
Del-Co Water	548-7746
Dog Warden	368-1915
Electric: AEP	800-277-2177
Galena Post Office	965-2371
Health Dept.	740-368-1700 <a href="http://www.delawarehealth.org">www.delawarehealth.org</a>
Immediate Urgent Care	965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury
Phone: Century Link	800-407-5411
PUCO	614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) <a href="http://www.puco.ohio.gov">www.puco.ohio.gov</a>
RITA (income tax)	800-860-7482, <a href="http://www.ritaohio.com">www.ritaohio.com</a>
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Sunbury Post Office	965-2471
Wastewater Plant	740-513-9943
Lift Station Emergencies	740-972-8646