

First Council Meeting Held in New Village Hall



Pictured at the first Galena Council meeting in the new Galena Village Hall are (front, l.-r.) Council members Paul Bolander and Chris Underwood; Mayor Thomas Hopper; Council members David Simmons, David Adams, and Grace Piper; and (back, l.-r.) Village Solicitor Ken Molnar, Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie, Interim Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell, and Assistant Fiscal Officer Michelle Dearth. (Not pictured is Council President Nancy Feole.)

The Village of Galena held its first Council meeting in its new Village Hall (the former Galena United Methodist Church at 109 Harrison St.) on October 22. The historic room features a pressed tin ceiling and stained glass windows. It also now features a new sound/recording system and a reconfigured stage.

Offices are being finished and the Village hopes to move its offices to the new building in November. The Village's phone number, fax number, and PO Box will remain the same. We appreciate your patience with us as we pack up an entire building, move it, and get unpacked and settle into our new home. We hope to plan a rededication/grand opening type event in the future.

Selling Galena's Municipal Building



Council heard from Nancy Murphy, with Murphy and Associates Real Estate, about marketing the current Village Municipal Building at 9 W. Columbus St. Ads for bids are running in local papers for the building which is in a planned commercial district on the busy Village Square. Murphy is holding open houses each Saturday, 1-2 p.m. The building can also be shown by appointment. Details

are available by contacting Murphy at 740-965-1448 or visiting www.9WestColumbusSt.com or at the Village's web site.

Sealed bids will be accepted until noon, Monday, Dec. 3 and will be opened at that time. Village Council set a minimum bid of \$190,000 and a \$10,000 deposit is due with the bids.

The 1,064 square foot two-story brick and stone building was built in 1906. Situated on Galena's busy Village Square, it features large windows with scenic views of Big Walnut Creek, three office areas upstairs, two vaults, and a large finished downstairs.

Walnut St. Project

Council heard an update on the Walnut St. reconstruction project which is planned between High and Church streets. Del-Co Water is relocating water lines and Columbia Gas is currently moving their lines from High St. down to Harrison St. Columbia Gas actually has been working north of High St. and destroyed brand new sidewalks but had not communicated this to either the Village or its engineer-

ing firm. Council discussed safety concerns with sidewalks and construction. Sidewalks in Phase 3 will be replaced with gravel pending the road construction next spring. Sidewalks in Phase 4, south of Church St., will be replaced with 4' sidewalks in the current locations. These could not be constructed in their future planned locations due to elevation differences from the current road to the future road location.

AEP Public Forum

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie and Interim Village Administrator Jeanna Burrell attended the public forum with AEP in Sunbury. They reported that AEP reviewed various maintenance plans but the main issue for southern Sunbury, Galena, and parts of Berkshire and Trenton townships is that they are all on one of the largest circuits in the area. AEP is studying the benefits of moving part of that circuit onto a Genoa circuit. The study will take 6-8 more months.

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.

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| Oct. 31 | Beggar's Night, 6-7:15 PM Costume Party, 7:30 PM, Ruffner Park |
| Nov. 2 | End of Chipper Days |
| Nov. 1 | 4th Quarter Sewer Bills Sent Out |
| Nov. 2 | Trash Day |
| Nov. 6 | General Election Day, 6:30 AM-7:30 PM |
| Nov. 9 | Trash Day |
| Nov. 12 | Veterans Day - Offices Closed |
| Nov. 16 | Trash Day |
| Nov. 21 | Zoning & Planning Commission |
| Nov. 22-23 | Village Offices Closed - Thanksgiving |
| Nov. 24* | Trash Day |
| Nov. 26 | Council Meeting |
| Nov. 30 | Trash Day |
| Dec. 2 | Tree Lighting on the Square, 7 PM |

Council Actions

Council held a second reading on a resolution exercising a fifth year option with Big-O Refuse for municipal residential waste and curbside recycling pickup. Prices would increase to \$54.30/quarter for households or \$51.30/quarter for senior citizens. Big-O has also committed to extend that price for a sixth year.

Council also had a second reading on a resolution establishing a tobacco-free parks and recreation policy.

Council passed a resolution accepting the official certificate of estimated resources as set by the Budget Commission of Delaware County for a total budget of \$1,062,955 for 2013.

Parks News

The Village was awarded \$19,238.74 from the Preservation Parks Community Park Improvement Grant for 2013. The funds will assist in completing Phase 4 on the Miller Park Train Playground, a spiral slide; storage tanks for the Ruffner Park irrigation system; and bike racks and picnic tables. Village staff is also working on signs for the Ohio to Erie Trail.

Beggar's Night and Costume Contest

Galena's Beggar's Night is 6-7:15 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31. Due to the construction zone in the Walnut St. sidewalks, be sure to take a flashlight and be extra careful! Our annual Costume Contest is at 7:30 p.m. at Ruffner Park, 170 Harrison St. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: 0-4 year-olds, 5-7 year-olds, 8-10 year-olds, 11 year-olds and up, and groups.

Get Out & Vote!

Your vote counts! General Elections will be Nov. 6, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Village residents vote at the Galena United Methodist Church, 2777 Sunbury Road.

All registered voters can vote early at the Delaware County Vote Center, 149 E. Orange Rd. in Lewis Center from Oct. 2-Nov. 2. For information on hours, visit <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/Voters/absentee/inperson.aspx>, email boe@co.delaware.oh.us, or call (740) 833-2080.

To vote absentee, complete this application: <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/files/11-A.pdf> and submit it no later than noon, Nov. 3. A ballot will be mailed to you. All absentee ballots must be post-marked no later than Nov. 5 and received by the county board of elections by Nov. 16, 2012.

For complete ballot details, visit <http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/index.html>. For a voter information guide, visit <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/upload/publica>

[tions/election/vig_2012.pdf](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/upload/publications/election/vig_2012.pdf). For information on state issues appearing on the ballot including official ballot language, full text of the issues, and arguments for and against, visit http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/upload/publications/election/vig_2012.pdf.

BST&G News

Under the BST&G Fire Board report, Village representative Paul Bolander noted that the fire board purchased a new hydraulic rescue cutter capable of cutting through lighter, stronger metals being used in newer cars.

BST&G will conduct Village hydrant flushing in November.

Bolander also reminded residents to change their smoke detector batteries when the clocks change on Nov. 4.

Sewer News

Sewer Billing is on the following calendar:

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

Residential sewer bills are \$52.08/month (\$156.23/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. 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:

- 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 \$52.08 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. Remember that if fees increase, you need to contact your bank to authorize an increase in your automatic payments.

Maintenance

Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Stokes is on two weeks' medical leave. We appreciate your patience with us as we work to complete our remodeling projects at the Village Hall and other maintenance related issues.

Fall Chores

We hate to admit that summer is over, but it will soon be time to prepare the truck for winter snow removal. We will continue to pick up limbs for chipping until Friday, November 2nd.

When placing limbs at the curb, please follow these guidelines:

- Stack limbs in a straight pile
 - Cut side toward the street;
 - No longer than four feet;
 - Four inch limbs or smaller; and,
- This service is only for tree limbs. Please **do not include** the following:
- Rose, thorny, or shrub limbs;
 - Grass clippings or garden debris (tomato vines, corn stalks, etc.);
 - Firewood, stumps, or rocks;
 - Wire, metal, or other foreign matter;
 - Limbs or other materials left by contractors, and,
 - Tied, bundled limbs.

If the above or any other hazardous items are found while picking up limbs, all material will be left for your disposal. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Mulch First, 725 N. Kintner Parkway, Sunbury also accepts limbs for free. For more information call 740-965-6482.

Electronic News

Get our newsletter by email by contacting adminassistant@galenaohio.org.

Important Contacts

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| Village Offices | 740-965-2484, FAX 740-965-5424 |
| web: | www.galenaohio.org |
| Thomas Hopper: | mayor@galenaohio.org 965-1024 |
| Marty Mazzie: | fiscalofficer@galenaohio.org |
| Jeanna Burrell: | adminassistant@galenaohio.org |
| Jeff Stokes: | maintenance@galenaohio.org |
| In an emergency, dial | 911 |
| BST&G Fire District | 965-8341 www.bstgfiredistrict.org |
| Big-O Refuse | 888-924-2446 |
| Cable: Time-Warner | 800-617-4311 |
| Columbia Gas | 800-344-4077 |
| Del. Co. EMS | 833-2190, www.delcoems.org |
| Del-Co Water | 548-7746 |
| Dog Warden | 368-1915 |
| Electric: AEP | 800-277-2177 |
| Galena Post Office | 965-2371 |
| Health Dept. | 740-368-1700 www.delawarehealth.org |
| Immediate Urgent Care | 965-8305 101D W. Cherry St., Sunbury |
| Phone: Century Link | 800-407-5411 |
| PUCO | 614-466-3292, 800-686-PUCO (7826) www.puco.ohio.gov |
| RITA (income tax) | 800-860-7482, www.ritaohio.com |
| Sheriff | 833-2800 |
| Sunbury Post Office | 965-2471 |
| Wastewater Plant | 740-513-9943 |
| Lift Station Emergencies | 740-972-8646 |