



**Minutes of the Village Council Meeting
January 26, 2009**

On Monday, January 26, 2009 the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 9 W. Columbus St., by Mayor Tom Hopper.

Roll Call

Tom Hopper, Mayor (Present)
Libby Clark, Council Member (Present)
David Simmons, Council President (Present)
Chris Underwood, Council Member (Present)

Roberta Miller, Council Member (Present)
Ed Karn, Council Member (Present)
Nancy Feole, Council Member (Present)
Marty Mazzie, Fiscal Officer (Present)

Also Present

Kenneth Molnar, Village Solicitor
Scott Jamison, Public Service Director/WWTP
Jim Irwin, Scout Master, Troop 300
Michael Wagner, Father of Eagle Scout
Jane White, GGCA

Michelle Dearth, Assistant Fiscal Officer
Officer Joe Creitz
Zach Wagner, Eagle Scout
Amanda Ranalli, Suburban News
Travis Eifert, GGCA

Meeting Minutes

Dave Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote to adopt December 15, 2008 minutes.

Dave Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2009 as corrected. Nancy Feole seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote to adopt January 5, 2009 minutes.

Police Report

Officer Joe Creitz thanked the Village on behalf of the Sunbury/Galena Police for the snow and ice removal during the last few weeks.

Mayor's Proclamation

Galena Mayor Tom Hopper recognized Boy Scout Zach Wagner with a Mayor's Proclamation for attaining Eagle Scout Status. Wagner refurbished the Big Walnut Elementary Land Lab as his Eagle Scout project. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 300 based at the Galena United Methodist Church.

Guest Participation

Greater Galena Civic Association (GGCA) leaders Jane White and Travis Eifert made a presentation to Village Council about plans the group is making to celebrate Galena's Bicentennial this year. The GGCA plans to have a celebration on August 29 that would include a Jazz and Blues Fest with a beer tent on the square. The event may include an Artists Alley and historical horse and carriage tours of the Village.

Payment of Invoices for January

Ed Karn made a motion to pay the invoices for January and Chris Underwood seconded the motion. The motion passed in a 6-0 voice vote.

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Fiscal Officers Report

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie reported to council that the sewer fund was \$42,500 in the red at the end of 2008. She recommended at least a three percent increase in sewer fees which would cost residents \$1.14 per month or \$3.43 per quarter more on their sewer bills. This would increase income to \$152,016 per year. Mazzie also reported that the Village's 2-mill property tax levy will expire in November 2009. She explained that this money has been offset by the loss of gas tax funds the Village was receiving. The current levy costs residents \$55.23 annually (\$4.60 per month) per \$100,000 home real estate value. Mazzie said another option is to increase the existing one percent income tax. An additional ¼ percent income tax would generate approximately \$57,000 in revenues for the Village and a ½ percent increase would bring in approximately \$115,000. After reviewing all the options, Mazzie recommends the Village would need a 3-mill property tax which would cost residents an additional \$36.66 annually or a ¼ percent income tax increase (to a total of 1 ¼ percent) just to stay at revenue levels similar to the beginning of 2007.

Fiscal Officer Marty Mazzie brought to Council's attention an outstanding bill from Poggemeyer Design Group for the "Galena Land Use Plan Update". The total of two bills is \$4,702.50. Roberta Miller made a motion to pay Poggemeyer Design Group half of the payment this month. Ed Karn seconded the motion. The motion passed in a 6-0 voice vote.

Ordinance 2009-02 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance Authorizing an Extension of the Law Enforcement Contract with the Village of Sunbury Through December 30, 2009.

The Mayor read the Ordinance.

Ordinance 2009-03 (1st Reading)

Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction Ordinance, Village of Galena, Delaware County, Ohio.

The Ordinance 2009-03 was removed from the agenda due to a scheduled Hearing next month.

Ordinance 2009-04 (1st Reading, Emergency)

Authorizing the Issuance of Notes in the Amount of Not To Exceed \$365,000 in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Expanding, Rehabilitating and Otherwise Improving The Municipal Waste Water Plant, Acquiring, Constructing and Installing Collection lines and Mains for the Same, and Acquiring, Related Facilities and Appurtenances Thereto, and Retiring Notes Previously Issued for Such Purpose; and Declaring an Emergency.

Dave Simmons made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Ed Karn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Karn-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Feole-Yes Clark-Yes

Ed Karn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-04. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Karn-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Feole-Yes Clark-Yes

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Ordinance 2009-05 (1st Reading, Emergency)

Authorizing The Issuance of Notes In The Amount Of Not To Exceed \$325,000 In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds For The Purpose Of Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located At 109 Harrison Street, Galena, Ohio. Including All Improvements And Appurtenances Thereto, And Retiring Notes Previously Issued For Such Purpose; And Declaring An Emergency.

Chris Underwood made a motion to suspend the rules for the second and third reading. Dave Simmons seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Karn-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Feole-Yes Clark-Yes

Nancy Feole made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-05. Chris Underwood seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Miller-Yes Karn-Yes Underwood-Yes Simmons-Yes Feole-Yes Clark-Yes

Sewer Plant Design

Bob Jablonski was not present.

Public Service Directors Report

Scott Jamison's report is attached. The Village signed an exclusive three-year contract with Big-O Refuse for residential trash and recycling services. Information and applications were mailed to residents and are available in the Village Municipal Offices or online.

Administrative Assistant's Report

Administrative Assistant, Jeanna Burrell reported on progress with new playground equipment. Two new slides, a 6' and a toddler slide, are being ordered to replace an old slide in Ruffner Park. Due to weather constraints, the slides and safe surface material under them will not be installed until after the Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt in April. The equipment is primarily being funded by a Preservation Parks of Delaware County grant with matching funds from the Village.

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission Report

Mayor Tom Hopper had nothing to report.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Ed Karn had nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report

No one was present to make a report.

Zoning and Planning Commission Report

Mark Brooks was sworn in as a zoning commission member.

Adjournment

Dave Simmons made a motion to adjourn. Ed Karn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009, 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at the Village Municipal Building.

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Respectfully submitted, Marty Mазzie, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Mayor