



**Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting
January 27, 2025**

On January 27, 2025 the Village of Galena meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., by Mayor Kinnell.

Roll Call

Jeff Kinnell, Mayor (Present)
Gillian Doucette, Council President (Present)
Josh Porter, Council Member (Present)
Mike Fry, Council Member (Present)

Kathy Krupa, Council Member (Present)
Pete Casuccio, Council Member (Present)
Zach Hopper, Council Member (Present)
Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer (Present)

Also Present

Logan Shannon, Maintenance

Matt Shock, Zoning

A List of those in attendance is attached at the end of the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of January 6, 2025 Organizational Council Meeting

Josh Porter made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 6, 2025 Organizational Council meeting. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Rob McCartney, Bricker Graydon

Unable to get on Teams.

Ordinance No. 2025-01 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance Providing For The Termination Of A Tax Increment Financing Exemption Previously Authorized By This Council By Repealing Ordinance No. 2024-06 Approved On July 29, 2024 Under The Authority Of Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40 (C); Declaring Certain Parcels Of Real Property To Be Nonperforming Parcels Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40 (A) (9) And Approving Related Matters.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2025-02 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance Establishing Ten Incentive Districts And Declaring Improvements To Certain Real Property Within The Incentive Districts To Be A Public Purpose, And Exempt From Real Property Taxation; Identifying Certain Public Infrastructure Improvements Made, To Be Made, Or In the Process Of Being Made, That Will Benefit Or Serve The parcels In The Incentive Districts; Requiring The Owners Of Those Parcels To Make Service Payments In Lieu Of Taxes; Establishing A Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund For The Deposit Of Such Service Payments; Approving And

Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Tax Increment Financing Agreement With M/I Homes Of Central Ohio, LLC And Other Agreements And Approving Related Matters.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Public Participation

None.

Alta Fiber

David Kramer from Alta Fiber presented to Council their proposal to extend high-speed fiber network to all residents and businesses currently within the Village of Galena. With 100% of the proposed construction being buried. They also commit to extending fiber network to additional contiguous areas of the Village due to annexation.

A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kinnell's report stated a committee has been formed to "explore" the idea of creating a Joint Recreation District (JRD) for the benefit of our surrounding communities. Working on scheduling a Safety and Security meeting to formulate safety plans for 2025. Mayor Kinnell acknowledged the maintenance team on a great job serving the community during snow removal. The "rough draft" growth and land use plan was delivered to the Village from our consultant and is currently under review. Improvements are in the works around the Village including re-siding the Village Hall, new flagpoles and flags at the Village Square and Village Hall, new flag at the cemetery and new lighting at all locations and new fencing will be installed along Walnut St. in front of the Cemetery.

Council President Report

Council President, Gillian Doucette reported that the Big Walnut Civic Association will be assisting with all Galena events with volunteers. She has been working on the new website with Lauren Frank, Administrative Assistant. She has been working with Mike Fry on the Rules of Council.

Administrative Report

Logan Shannon, Maintenance presented to Council the new maintenance request form on the Village website and explained how it works. Logan and Matt Shock, Zoning also presented the new GIS system that is in the works.

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth, reported that all year end reports have been completed and submitted to the appropriate entities. W2's and 1099's have been completed, submitted and mailed out. The BWC true-up report was completed and payment made.

Payment of Invoices for January

Kathy Krupa made a motion to pay the invoices for January. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements

Kathy Krupa made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for January. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Zoning Officer Report

Matt Shock's report stated that inquiries have begun on individual construction permits for the 32 homes in Miller Farm Section 1. Address assignments for Section 1 are complete and we have received the first

zoning application in Section 1. Improvement plans for Section 2, Phases A,B, and C have been approved and construction is underway.

Resolution No. 2024-25 (Postponed until 1-27-25, Emergency)

A Resolution Adopting Rules Of Council For Calendar Year 2025; and Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Mike Fry made a motion to postpone until February 24, 2025 Council meeting. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Doucette-Yes Hopper-Yes Casuccio-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Resolution No. 2025-01 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Establishing A Joint Recreation District And Appointing Trustees To The Joint Recreation District Board Of Trustees.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2025-02 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Approving The Permanent Appropriation Budget For The Village OF Galena For Calendar Year 2025 And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2025-03 (1st Reading)

Resolution To Approve The Delaware, Knox, Marion, Morrow Joint Solid Waste Management District's Solid Waste Management Plan Five Year Update.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2025-04 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Enter Certain Contracts And Pay Certain Obligations In Excess Of the Administrator's Authorization And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Mike Fry made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Doucette-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Mike Fry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 as an emergency. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Doucette-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Ordinance No. 2025-03 (1st Reading, Emergency)

An Ordinance Authorizing Annexation Of Contiguous Village Owned Territory To The Village Of Galena And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance. Gillian Doucette made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Doucette-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-03 as an emergency. Pete Casuccio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Doucette-Yes Casuccio-Yes Hopper-Yes Fry-Yes Porter-Yes

Executive Session

None.

Other Business

Kathy Krupa reported B.S.T.&G had a meeting with the Construction team and the equipment is on sight and building will be starting soon.

Adjournment

Josh Porter made a motion to adjourn and Mike Fry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on February 24, 2025 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Galena Village Hall and on Teams.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer

Date

Mayor

Date

Certification: I, Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Galena, Ohio hereby certify that publication of these Minutes was duly made by posting true copies thereof at five (5) of the most public places as determined by Council in Resolution 2015-18.