



Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting May 22, 2023

On May 22, 2023, the Village of Galena Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., by Council President Kathy Krupa.

Roll Call

Jill Love, Mayor (Absent)
Todd Musacchio, Council Member (Present)
Josh Porter, Council Member (Present)
Mike Fry, Council Member (Absent)

Kathy Krupa, Council President (Present)
Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer (Present)
Zach Hopper, Council Member (Present)
Chris Durrence, Council Member (Present)

Also Present

Ken Molnar, Solicitor

Jean Sylvester, Village Administrator (Absent)

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

Minutes of April 24, 2023 Council Meeting

Zach Hopper made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 24, 2023 Council meeting. Chris Durrence seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Mike Fry arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Gillian Doucette-Playground Committee

Gillian Doucette, head of the playground committee updated Council with 3D Drawings from Mid-State. She said the playground has a portion of ADA compliant equipment, but it is not all ADA compliant. The train theme playground has different sections for different age groups. She also explained there could be a significant cost savings of \$40,000-\$62,000 if the village or volunteers could remove the equipment. The proposed equipment is \$300,000, and the equipment comes from Play World. Kathy Krupa asked how long from start to finish and Gillian responded it would be 90 days, and she also said that Mid State is booked until August. Zach Hopper asked about parking and Gillian stated that it meets the requirements, he also asked whether we could use some of the existing equipment, which she responded that there is no vendor that will repair it. It was also mentioned by Zach Hopper that there is an irrigation system underneath the playground that we will need to see if there is any file on how it was installed. Gillian also mentioned that the Kiwanis club might be interested in doing a pavilion of some kind in the park.

Guest Participation

None.

Mayor's Report

No report submitted.



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Village Administrator's Report

Village Administrator, Jean Sylvester's report stated that on the Big Walnut Middle School Service Day the students did a great job! They weeded, edged, and put down mulch at the Village Square and Village offices. The development committee met with M/I to review financial updated information. M/I tentatively will provide a submittal this summer. Work on Joe walker road is planned for 6/7-6/8 weather permitting.

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth reported that 7 accounts still owe for their sewer accounts and that final letters were sent out with a deadline of June 1st for payment in full. There were 2 new residents, one cremation burial and she worked with Longstreth about getting 4 foundations completed in the cemetery.

Payment of Invoices for May

Mike Fry made a motion to pay invoices for May. Josh Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Porter-Yes Durrence-Yes Musacchio-Yes Fry-Yes Hopper-Yes

Approval of Financial Statements

Mike Fry made a motion to approve the Financial Statements. Josh Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Porter-Yes Durrence-Yes Musacchio-Yes Fry-Yes Hopper-Yes

Code Compliance Report

Levi Koehler's report stated that there are no remaining lots at Arrowhead Lake Estates. Walkthroughs have been done and a punch list has been established. There are no remaining lots at Blackhawk Phase D. M/I is in talks with Homewood about Miller Farm, the project is in contract. At 1811 South Galena Road phase 1 construction is underway. There have been preliminary talks with Berkshire Campground about future expansion and the lift station pumps have been repaired.

Maintenance Report

Ted Roshon's report stated that the maintenance department has been busy mowing and trimming. Miscellaneous painting has been completed around the Village. Four foundations were staked out for Longstreth to complete the foundation orders and completed one cremation burial.

Wastewater Report

Mark Rammelsberg's report stated that there were no violations for the month and no new sewer taps. There was a month-long flow study at all the pumpstations and the 5-2 blower 1 failed at the plant and the VFD had to be reset.

Delaware Regional Planning Commission Report

Mayor Love had no report.



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MORPC Report

Mayor Love's had no report.

B S T & G Fire Board Report

Kathy Krupa reported the main topic was a discussion about land for a new fire station. They also received a bike helmet grant.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Mike Fry reported that the meeting was cancelled, so he attended the Harlem Township meeting where there was talk about a lot of growth and overlay districts.

Other Commission Reports

Zach Hopper reported that he talked with David Simmons about the Memorial Day Services. It is at 1:00 p.m. starting at the village square and ending at the cemetery.

Other Business

Josh Porter asked where we were on getting Sheriff coverage for the Village. Mike Fry responded that when Jean Sylvester, Village Administrator returns from vacation they are going to meet to determine days and times and complete the request with the Sheriff's Department.

Kathy Krupa asked about petitioners on the square, Solicitor Ken Molnar will look at the statutes, to see if any restrictions can be made, and that we may need outside council to look at the situation and advise the Village as to what we can and can't do.

Zach Hopper mentioned that the Mayor's pay needs to be reviewed, and Mike Fry said he was going to get with Solicitor, Ken Molnar about the language.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on June 26, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Galena Village Hall and by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Dearth, Fiscal Officer.



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Fiscal Officer Date

Mayor Date

Certification: I, Michelle Dearth, Asst. 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.