



**Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting
October 25, 2021**

On September 27, 2021, 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. and via Zoom, by Mayor Jill Love.

Roll Call

Jill Love, Mayor (Present)
David Simmons, Council Member (Present)
Todd Musacchio, Council Member (Present on Zoom left at 7:23 p.m.)
Eric Johnston, Council Member (Present)

Mike Fry, Council Member (Present)
Kathy Krupa, Council Member (Present)
Ruben Minor, Council President (Present)
Suzanne Rease, Fiscal Officer (Absent)

Also Present

Jeffrey White, Village Administrator
Michelle Dearth, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Ken Molnar, Solicitor

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

A Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, September 27th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M and continued to October 25, 2021.

On A Recommendation from The Planning & Zoning Commission To Amend The Village Zoning Ordinance.

David Simmons made a motion to open the hearing. Eric Johnston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

The hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Love swore in anyone who was wishing to testify or speak.

David Simmons raised a question about parking. That the issue may not require zoning but may need legal council. Kathy Krupa suggested that this be brought up to Solicitor, Ken Molnar.

Mike Fry made a motion at 7:07 p.m. to close the hearing. Ruben Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Ordinance No. 2021-16 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance Adopting A Revised Zoning Ordinance For The Village Of Galena, And Repealing Any Inconsistent Legislation Including The Prior Zoning Code Adopted On 10/24/01.

Mayor Love read the Ordinance. Ruben Minor made a motion to suspend the third reading. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-Yes Musacchio-Yes Fry-Yes Johnston-Yes

Eric Johnston brought up about fencing and that Code Compliance, Levi Koehler needs to address this concern. There was no motion to adopt the Ordinance.

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Kathy Krupa made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 27, 2021, Council meeting as corrected (correcting the number of burials to 2 in the Fiscal Officer report). David Simmons seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Guest Participation

Jennifer Wilson from The Delaware Health Department updated Council that COVID-19 cases are decreasing. The COVID booster shot and the flu shot are available through the Health Department.

Jamie Stevens presented to Council Galena Gathering on the Square on October 22, 2022. An all-day charitable event to benefit Pelotonia. Jamie will meet with Ruben Minor and Eric Johnston to talk about the event and get documents to Council for event approval.

Mark Rufener, K.E. McCarney & Associates gave a presentation of the sewer rate study that his company performed for the Village. He gave numerous scenarios as to how the funding for the plant would be affected if there is growth or no growth within the Village. David Simmons brought up about changing from a flat rate to a use rate for monthly billing as many municipalities use. Kathy Krupa commented that she didn't feel now is the time to change even though it would be the exact same income. There has been a discussion with Delco Water about doing the sewer billing for the Village and they would be willing to do that, they are working on a proposed contract for the Village to review.

Village Administrator's Report

Village Administrator Jeff White reported that a preconstruction meeting was held on 10/13/21 for the Vet clinic and construction activities are underway starting with site clearing including the demolition of the house. A grant application to Preservation Parks of Delaware County was submitted for \$38,094.70 to address the drainage problems at the Walnut Creek Trail. The chemical feed system is ready for use at the sewer plant. Joe Walker Road paving project was pushed back until October. Hills' Paving plans to perform pavement repairs on Rose Ave/Quinn St on October 21-22 weather permitting. The Walnut St. culvert work was started on 9/27/21 and completed the same week. Mowing has slowed down and Ted and Cody rented a hydraulic lift and completed tuck pointing on the Village Hall, and replaced two attic windows on the Village Hall. They Repaired the gable ends of the Ruffner Park picnic shelter and repaired loose exterior window trim at the rear of the maintenance building.

Mr. White asked for a motion to authorize Fiscal Officer, Suzanne Rease to complete the paperwork for the OPWC grant (the signing of the Promissory Note even though Village is not accepting the loan).

David Simmons made a motion to authorize Suzanne Rease to complete the paperwork for the OPWC grant by signing the Promissory Note. Eric Johnston seconded the motion and the passed in a 5-0 voice vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jill Love reported that there are three candidates running for Council seats, and there is one additional seat that will be appointed. The Galena Diner is in the process of building a new kitchen that will accommodate the Diner and new wine bar. The Village is in the process of reinstating the Galena Foundation which allows the Village to receive charitable funds. Planning and Zoning continues to work on the Master Plan. An online survey has been completed and the results were shared at Planning and Zoning. 188 survey's were received with 65.9% being Village residents, 68% being surrounding communities and 1.6% being from other areas. A kayak launch , DORA and low density development are highly desired.

Fiscal Officers Report

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Assistant Fiscal Officer Michelle Dearth reported that there were 8 new residents. The Village calendar has been updated with the correct date of December 5, 2021 for the Tree Lighting on the Square.

Approval of Financial Statement

Ruben Minor made a motion to approve the financial statements. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-Yes Johnston-Yes Fry-Yes

Payment of Invoices for October

Kathy Krupa made a motion to approve the invoices for October. Ruben Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-Yes Johnston-Yes Fry-Yes

Code Compliance Report

Levi Koehler's report stated that Storm Water inspections have been conducted at the Retreat at Dustin, and Phase 2 construction is underway. Arrowhead Lake Estates Phase 2 construction is underway, and Mark Rufener and Levi have done storm water inspections. Miller Farm engineering has been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and some details are being worked out by the Village Engineer and the Development Agreement is under review by Village staff and addresses have been assigned for Phase 1. Mylar has been signed for 51 Middle St., site has been surveyed, construction plans have been received and site clearing and demolition has begun. Developer for Vans Valley/ Joe Walker is preparing documents for initial submission. The engineering is ongoing at 1811 S. Galena Rd.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Report

Brian Rammelsberg's report stated that there were no violations for the month. There were 5 new sewer taps for the month. Pump 2 at the Columbus Street lift station has been replaced. The effluent PH probe at the wastewater plant has been replaced and the foam at the wastewater plant has been reduced significantly.

Todd Musacchio left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Resolution No. 2021-14 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Advancing Funds In The Amount Of \$35,810.00 From Street Construction Account Number 2011-620-555 To Capital Projects-Streets Account Number 4202-800-396 And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Love read the Resolution. David Simmons made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Eric Johnston seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-Yes Johnston-Yes Fry-Yes

David Simmons made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-14 as an emergency. Ruben Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-Yes Johnston-Yes Fry-Yes

David Simmons made a motion to pay Elite Excavating Company of Ohio the amount of \$39, 239.73. Ruben Minor seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Resolution No. 2021-15 (1st Reading)

A Resolution Authorizing A Contract With William M. Vance For Professional Services.

Mayor Love read the Resolution. David Simmons had issues with how the contract read. There was lack of specifics for what the Village gets for the \$500.00 a month contract and the relationship with staff needs to be defined. He felt that Mr. Vance should report to Village Administrator not the Mayor.

Mike Fry made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Eric Johnston seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 4 yes and 1 no vote.

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-No Johnston-Yes Fry-Yes

Ruben Minor made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-15. Eric Johnston seconded the motion. Roll call vote was 4 yes and 1 no vote.

Krupa-Yes Minor-Yes Simmons-No Johnston-Yes Fry-Yes

The Resolution will need to be re-considered due to lack of votes on the rule suspension.

Ordinance No. 2021-17 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance Determining The Village Property Located At 50 Front Street, Galena., Ohio Is To Be Offered For Sale.

Mayor Love read the Ordinance.

David Simmons wanted to know why there was an urgency to sell the building. Mayor Love responded that it wasn't used much and would be income for the Village. She said the ceiling is falling down and doesn't serve a purpose for the Village. Mr. Simmons mentioned that the Village may need additional storage for items at the Maintenance Building. Mayor Love said everyone should visit the building to see the shape that it is in.

Delaware Regional Planning Commission Report

Mayor Love reported that there are many Subdivision projects throughout Delaware County.

MORPC Report

Mayor Love reported that MORPC Transportation & Infrastructure Director Thea Ewing provided the latest on local passenger rail efforts-specifically regarding the 3C+D (Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati) corridor and Pittsburgh-Columbus-Chicago corridor. Central Ohio is the largest new potential market for Amtrak in the country and reconnecting to the national system could bring significant economic benefits. MORPC continues to work to ensure the region is ready for investment should the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill pass. The Commission passed resolutions to adopt MORPC's new Title VI Program, to adopt the 11 county Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, to enter into an agreement for the consultants on the regional Trail Town framework, and to work with Franklin County Public Health to perform lead test and remediation measures.

BST&G Fire Board Report

Ruben Minor reported that there was nothing new to report except for the up-coming election.

Planning and Zoning Commission Report

Kathy Krupa had nothing else to report that hadn't already been covered in other reports.

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Nothing to report.

