



Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting May 18, 2026

On May 18, 2026 the Village of Galena meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Village Hall, 109 Harrison St., by Mayor Kinnell.

Roll Call

Jeff Kinnell, Mayor (Present)
Gillian Doucette, Council Member (Present)
Jill Love, Council Member (Present)
Mike Fry, Council Member (Absent)

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

Also Present

Ken Molnar, Solicitor
Tom Marshall, Village Administrator

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the April 27, 2026 Council Meeting

Jill Love made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2026 Council Meeting. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Leanna Perdue, Delaware Public Health District

Ms. Perdue was not present but sent a flyer about the Tire Disposal for Delaware County Residents on July 18th at Berkshire Middle Scholl and October 3rd at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

Public Feedback

None.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kinnell reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Event.

Council President Report

None.

Administrative Report

Tom Marshall, Village Administrator reported 3 summer workers have been hired. Working on 2026 Road Improvements Design Build Project. Obtaining quotes for work to done on Village Square. Miller Park Utilities Improvements will be beginning soon. The Pavilion Phase I is completed and defining Phase 2. Master Planning Process is underway for Park Improvements. Cemetery Improvements have been completed. WWTP is running well no OEPA violations. WWTP MBR I&C Engineer is on board to maintain SCADA and populate CMMS System. RAD Lift Station failure underscores need for full SCADA

integration. Arrowhead Engineering being finalized for sewer alignment. Blackhawk Preliminary Engineering for sewer planning is underway. Columbus St. Parking improvements for adding additional parking underway. Sewer Rate Study in progress.

Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth reported that there was one cemetery plot sold and deed completed.

Payment of Invoices for May

Zach Hopper made a motion to pay the invoices for May. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements

Zach Hopper made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for May. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Zoning Officer Report

Zoning Officer, Matt Shock's report stated that Miller Farm Section 2A-48 of 53 parcels in development, Section 2B-23 of 33 parcels in development, Section 2C-17 of 27 parcels in development. Miller Farm Section 3A -6 of 32 parcels in development. Miller Farm Section 3B, 4A & 4B final plats have been reviewed by Village Staff and KEM, final mylars have been requested for signature. Infrastructure construction is in-progress. 42 W. Columbus St (Amended Development Plan) approved in April Council open hearing and working on final approval plans and permit submittal plans.

Resolution No. 2026-05 (3rd Reading)

A Resolution To Proceed With The Submission Of The Question Of Levying A New Tax To The Voters Of The Village Of Galena Such Tax In Excess Of The Ten-Mill (10) Limitation For Current Expenses Including Safety And Security At The Rate Of Two-Mills (2) For Every One Dollar (\$1.00) Of Valuation Which Amounts To Twenty Cents (.20) For Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Of Valuation For Four (4) Years Commencing With Collection Year 2027 For Tax Year 2026.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Jill Love made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Casuccio-Yes Doucette-Yes Krupa-Yes Hopper-Yes Love-Yes

Resolution No. 2026-06 (2nd Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Transferring Funds In The Amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) From The Other Contractual Services 52001-541-399 To Salaries Admin Office 5201-710-139 For Operations Certification, And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Jill Love made a motion to suspend the 3rd reading. Zach Hopper seconded the motion. The motion failed in a –Yes 2-No roll call vote:

Casuccio-Yes Doucette-No Krupa-No Hopper-Yes Love-Yes

No action taken by Council. Third reading will be in June.

Resolution No. 2026-07 (2nd Reading, Emergency)

Resolution Authorizing The Village Administrator To Pursue Community Development Block Grant Funding And Enter Into Any Agreement Related To The Same, And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-11 (2nd Reading)

Approving The Plan Of Operation And Governance For The Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) Natural Gas Aggregation Program And For The Purpose Of Jointly Establishing And Implementing A Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-12 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Approving A Pre-Annexation Agreement Between The Village Of Galena And Maronda Homes Of Ohio, LLC.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-14 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures Not To Exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) Of Existing Street Repair Budget To Address Safety Issues And Additional Parking On The Square.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Ordinance No. 2026-06 (1st Reading, Emergency)

An Ordinance Specifying The Municipal Services To Be Rendered To 150.829 Acres More Or Less And 4.514 Acres More Or Less Upon The Annexation Of The Premises To The Village Of Galena Such Premises Commonly Known As Blackhawk Golf Course, Property Of 8830 Dustin Rd. LLC And Ohio Limited Liability Company And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Other Business

Councilwoman Gillian Doucette brought up to Council that she has an event in September that has been changed to the same as the September 28, 2026 Council meeting and she asked if the Council meeting could be moved to a week ahead which would be September 21, 2026.

Kathy Krupa made a motion to change the September 28, 2026 Council meeting to September 21, 2026. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Councilwoman Doucette also mentioned that Galena will be hosting Movies on The Square on July 3, 2026. She also wanted to thank the Village for supporting the Fireworks with their donation.

Councilwoman Kathy Krupa also wanted to thank the Village for the Fireworks donation.

Council President Pete Casuccio mentioned that the Light Ohio Blue was well received.

Councilman Zach Hopper wanted to revisit the DORA that is in place for the Village. He discussed what is currently in place and wanted to possibly change the area that has been approved. Attached is the discussed presentation. After discussion no action was taken by Council.

Executive Session

Ken Molnar, Solicitor stated the reason for executive session was 121.22 G for personnel matters.

Kathy Krupa made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Casuccio-Yes Doucette-Yes Krupa-Yes Hopper-Yes Love-Yes

Council adjourned to executive session at 6:57 p.m.

Gillian Doucette made a motion to reconvene to regular session. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 roll call vote:

Casuccio-Yes Doucette-Yes Krupa-Yes Hopper-Yes Love-Yes

Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Zach Hopper made a motion to adjourn. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on June 22, 2026 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Galena Village Hall.

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.