

Update from the mayor - Village of Galena - 11/10/2025



Dear Residents, Friends and Neighbors of our beautiful Village of Galena.

For those who could not attend the “open hearing” between Berkshire Township and our Village on November 10, I wanted to provide a brief statement and encourage you to reach out with any questions.

As mayor, I am committed to maintaining the financial health and independence of our Village for generations. As such, I have been working with Berkshire Township during the past year to establish a unique working relationship between our two communities.

With the help of Council, this will take the form of a “partnership agreement” between our communities that addresses many of the interests and challenges that we jointly share.

In this agreement Berkshire Township and the Village will work in partnership to better manage growth and development through cooperative land use management.

This is a “non-annexation” agreement where the Township will maintain the integrity of its borders as well as zoning stewardship. The Village will provide utility services to the Township and share in the responsible revenue growth.

We have many needs and priorities in the Village such as sidewalk connections and repairs, street repairs, dedicated policing, improvements to our trails, parks and open space.

As mayor, the challenge that I have been striving to address is to grow our revenues while maintaining the small village atmosphere that we all enjoy. I believe that this partnership with our neighbors achieves that goal.

By leveraging this strategic partnership, we will strengthen the Villages financial position so that our residents are provided with the services that we all want and deserve. This can be accomplished without growing the boundaries of our village and risk losing our small-town heritage!

For more information, please access our Village website at (galenaohio.gov). Please also feel free to send me an email with any questions at (mayor@galenaohio.gov).

Respectfully,

Jeff Kinnell, Mayor, Village of Galena



Vision & Goals for our Village of Galena

❖ Preserve

- *History and Heritage*
- *Village Square and surrounding architecture*
- *Attractiveness of our parks and cemetery*

❖ Protect

- *Independence & Sovereignty*
- *Small Business Affinity*
- *Public Safety*

❖ Prosper

- *Grow diverse revenue base*
- *Cultivate win-win relationships with our neighbors*
- *Promote robust developer relationships that compliment village direction*