



**Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting  
April 27, 2026**

On April 27, 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 President (Present)  
Jill Love, 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**

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.

Hearing was opened 6:00 p.m. and Solicitor, Ken Molnar swore in anyone who would be speaking at the hearing.

Public hearing on the Village of Galena Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance. Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) is a regional council of governments under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. SOPEC provides energy services to member communities, political subdivisions, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies. The SOPEC Electric Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance addresses the following topics regarding the Electric Aggregation Program; (1) goals, operations and funding; (2) customer participation, service and protections; (3) policies and procedures related to rates for eligible Village of Galena residents and small commercial customers; (4) organizational structure and management of SOPEC; (5) notification of opt-out aggregation program customers; and (6) and the steps toward establishing the aggregation program.

Gillian Doucette made a motion to close the hearing and Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

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

The hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

Hearing was opened at 6:39 p.m. and Solicitor, Ken Molnar swore in anyone who would be speaking at the hearing.

Public hearing on the Village of Galena Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance. Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) is a regional council of governments under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code. SOPEC provides energy services to member communities, political subdivisions, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and public agencies. The SOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance addresses the following topics regarding the Electric Aggregation Program; (1) goals, operations and funding; (2) customer participation, service and protections; (3) policies and procedures related to rates for eligible Village of Galena residents and small commercial customers; (4) organizational structure and management of SOPEC; (5) notification of opt-out aggregation program customers; and (6) and the steps toward establishing the aggregation program.

Jill Love made a motion to close the hearing and Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

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

The hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

The transcript is attached.

**Resolution No. 2026-09 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Emergency)**

**A Resolution Authorizing Agreement With The Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC); Authorizing The Execution Of The Delivery Of The Agreement Establishing SOPEC; And Approving The Bylaws Of SOPEC And, Declaring An Emergency.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Zach Hopper made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes and 1-No roll call vote:

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

Zach Hopper made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-09 as an emergency. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes 1-Abstain roll call vote:

Casuccio-yes Doucette-Yes Krupa-Yes Hopper-Yes Love-Yes Fry-Abstain

**Resolution No. 2026-10 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Emergency)**

**Approving The Plan Of Operation And Governance For The Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (“SOPEC”) Electric Aggregation Program, And For The Purpose Of Jointly Establishing And Implementing An Electric Aggregation Program, And Declaring An Emergency.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Jill Love made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes and 1-No roll call vote:

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

Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10 as an emergency. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes and 1-Abstain roll call vote:

Casuccio-Yes Doucette-Yes Krupa-Yes Hopper-Yes Love-Yes Fry-Abstain

**Resolution No. 2026-11 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Emergency)**

**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, And Declaring An Emergency.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

A Public Hearing is continued for Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:57 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Galena Village Hall located at 109 Harrison Street in Galena, Ohio regarding an amended development plan for the project at lot 417-434-02-009-000 at 42 W Columbus St.

Matt Shock, Zoning Inspector stated this was a continuation from last months council meeting. Solicitor, Ken Molnar swore in anyone who was speaking at the hearing. The hearing opened at 6:57 p.m.

Zach Hopper made a motion to close the hearing. Pete Casuccio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

Casuccio-Yes Doucette-yes Krupa-Yes Hopper-Yes Love-Yes Fry-Yes

The hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

The transcript is attached.

**Ordinance No. 2026-05 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendation Of The Galena Planning And Zoning Commission For Amendment To The Existing Commercial Development Plan For A 0107 Acre Parcel More Or Less Currently Situated In A Planned Commercial And Office District Under Village Of Galena Zoning Being The Property OF Katt Mortni, LLC.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance. Jill Love 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:

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

Zach Hopper made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-05. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

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

**Resolution No. 2026-14 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Minutes of the March 23, 2026 Council Meeting**

Pete Casuccio made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026 Council Meeting. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

**Leanna Perdue, Delaware Public Health District**

Leanna Perdue from the Delaware Public Health District reported about the Public Health Summer Academy is July 13-17 for High School Students grades 9-12. The Summer Clinic Tour will be beginning May 4-July 27. Safe storage boxes are available, go to the Delaware Public Health District to fill out the online form.

**Public Feedback**

None.

**Mayor’s Report**

None.

**Council President Report**

None.

**Administrative Report**

None.

**Fiscal Officer**

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth report stated that quarterly 941 and ODJFS reports were completed and submitted and annual OWDA financial information report was completed and submitted.

**Payment of Invoices for April**

Zach Hopper made a motion to pay the invoices for April. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

**Approval of Financial Statements**

Zach Hopper made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for April. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

**Zoning Officer Report**

Zoning Officer, Matt Shock’s report stated that Miller Farm Section 2A-46 of 53 parcels in development, Section 2B-23 of 33 parcels in development, Section 2C-16 of 27 parcels in development. Miller Farm Section 3A -5 of 32 parcels in development. Miller Farm Section 3B, 4A & 4B development agreement is being reviewed/executed by the Village Administrator, construction is underway on sanitary & stormwater structures as well as sight grading.

**Resolution No. 2026-05 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Resolution No. 2026-06 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Resolution No. 2026-07 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Emergency)**

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

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

**Resolution No. 2026-08 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Emergency)**

**A Resolution Adopting A Records Retention Schedule For The Village Of Galena, Repealing Any Conflicting Schedules, And Declaring An Emergency.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Zach Hopper made a motion to suspend the second and third readings. Pete Casuccio seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

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

Zach Hopper made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 as an emergency. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 roll call vote:

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

**Resolution No. 2026-12 (1<sup>st</sup> 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. 2026-13 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**A Resolution Approving The Pre-Annexation Agreement Between The Village Of Galena And Romanelli Company LLC (Developer) Regarding Real Property Formerly Known As Blackhawk Golf Course.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Jill Love made a motion to suspend the second and third readings. Pete Casuccio seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes 1-No roll call vote:

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

Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-13 as an emergency.

Solicitor, Ken Molnar stated the reason as Council finds that an emergency exists consisting of the necessity to commence the annexation and zoning process while the weather is favorable because the actual use of the subject premises is much preferred rather than allowing the land to lay dormant; that if the parties can reach an agreement on annexation and zoning issues the Village will receive income from the project and development of the property will significantly modify its less than attractive appearance in its current state and by reason thereof Council determines that this legislation which is best described as preliminary shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption. The Village Administrator is authorized to sign the subject agreement in behalf of the Village.

Zach Hopper seconded the motion as amended with the emergency language and the motion passed in a 5-Yes 1-No roll call vote:

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

**Resolution No. 2026-15 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Emergency)**

**A Resolution Authorizing To Solicit Quotes And Select The Best Contractor In Excess Of The Village Administrator’s Authority Not To Exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars For Walnut Creek Bridge Repair, And Declaring An Emergency.**

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

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

