



**Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting
February 23, 2026**

On February 23, 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 (Absent)

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

Also Present

Chip Porter, 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 January 28, Council Meeting

Jill Love made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 Council Meeting. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kinnell reported that the Safety & Security meeting will be held February 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. lead by Council President Pete Casuccio.

Leanna Perdue, Delaware Public Health District

Not present. She did send a brochure about Community Shred Day at the Delaware Public Health District on May 2, 2026 from 9-11:30 a.m.

Public Feedback

None.

Council President Report

Council President, Pete Casuccio reported that at the Safety and Security meeting is wanting community Engagement.

Administrative Report

Village Administrator, Tom Marshall introduced Blake Austin representing Rumpke Waste & Recycling who the Village is again contracting with for Waste & Recycling Services. Blake reported that they will be offering weekly recycling beginning April 1st with no additional costs to the residents. The contract will be

for 3 years and there will be a 3% increase in years 2 and 3. There is also a senior rate for seniors 62 and older.

Village Administrator, Tom Marshall reported that Patrick Shirey was hired as a Tech 3 maintenance worker. Looking for guidance on moving forward with Health Insurance. Council recommended moving forward with quotes and bring results for a future discussion.

Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth reported the Finance Committee and Records Commission met this month and is working with the Auditor of State to complete the 2024 & 2025 annual audit for the NCA.

Payment of Invoices for February

Kathy Krupa made a motion to pay the invoices for February. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 5-0 voice vote.

Approval of Financial Statements

Kathy Krupa made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for February. Jill Love 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 1 site walk for As-Builts has been completed-pump station needs to have its generator up and running before turned over to the Village, additional items are on KEM's punch list as well there are 29 of 33 parcels in the development. Miller Farm Section 2 site walks for As-Builts are complete, KEM is compiling a punch list for final repairs. Section 2A-42 of 53 parcels in development. Section 2B-18 of 33 parcels in development. Section 2C-9 of 27 parcels in development. Miller Farm Section 3A construction plans have been approved and construction is underway. Section 3A-2 of 32 parcels in development. Miller Farm Section 3B, 4A and 4B second submittal has been received and letter of support for OEPA permit to install for sewer infrastructure is in progress.

Resolution No. 2026-01 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Approving The Permanent Appropriation Budget For The Village Of Galena For Calendar Year 2026.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-02 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Transferring Funds In The Amount Of \$62,400.00 (Sixty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars) From Salary Mayor 1000-710-161 To Other Parks 1000-320-600.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-03 (2nd Reading)

A Resolution Adopting Rules Of Council For The Village Of Galena.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-04 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy A Tax Outside Of The Ten-Mill Limitation For Current Expenses. The Same Being A New Levy; Authorizing Certification To The Delaware County Auditor To Determine Tax Valuation Of The Subdivision And The Dollar Amount To Be Generated By A Two-Mills Levy And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Jill Love made a motion to suspend the second and third reading. 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

Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 as an emergency. Pete Casuccio 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

Ordinance No. 2026-01 (1st Reading)

An Ordinance Extending A Certain Solid Waste And Disposal Contract With Rumpke Of Ohio, Inc.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance. Gillian Doucette made a motion to suspend the third reading. Zach Hopper 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

Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01 as an emergency. Zach Hopper 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

Ordinance No. 2026-02 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance Regulating Parking On Municipal Land And Supplementing Chapters 76 Of Ohio Basic Code.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 2026-03 (2nd Reading)

An Ordinance Adopting The Personnel Policies And Procedure Manual And Repealing Any Existing Or Prior Personnel Policy And Procedures Manual.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Other Business

Council discussed what to do with the property at 1792 S. Old 3C Hwy.

An open hearing for 42 W. Columbus Street will be before Council at the March meeting.

Gillian Doucette updated Council on the Easter Egg Hunt. The Grace Church will not be helping this year. We will be partnering with the Big Walnut Civic and the event will be on March 28, 2026. As of now there is no other information as to place and time.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

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

Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on March 23, 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.