



**Minutes of the Village of Galena Council Meeting  
January 28, 2026**

On January 28, 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

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. Kathy Krupa seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kinnell presented the Vision & Goals for the Village of Galena, Preserve, Protect and Prosper. Mayor Kinnell also shared his reflection of 2025 and focus and initiatives for 2026. Available upon request.

**Kelsey Kuhlman, Leanna Perdue, Delaware Public Health District**

Kelsey Kuhlman introduced Leanna Perdue who will be Galena's new dedicated partner. Ms. Kuhlman also reviewed that the Delaware Public Health Department has free overdose prevention tools and the District Advisory Council will have their annual meeting on March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. which Councilman Hopper will be attending.

**Public Feedback**

None.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kinnell wanted to thank Cody Hale, Kevin Koehler and Matt Shock for all their hard work during the recent snow storm. An outstanding job was done by all.

**Council President Report**

Council President, Pete Casuccio reported that the next Safety and Security meeting will be on February 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Administrative Report**

Village Administrator, Tom Marshall reported that the Codification Initiative is in progress, a revised personnel manual is before Council for approval, working on safe street audit implementation, 2026 road improvements project definition in progress, 2026 parking improvements project definition is underway, recommending extending the Rumpke contract. Dr. Marshall introduced Kevin Koehler as the new Maintenance Crew Leader and reported that Cody Hale's last day with the Village is January 30, 2026.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth reported that all annual Federal 941, Ohio, School and RITA reports were filed. Completed all W2's and 1099's and submitted to the IRS and distributed. Hinkle report was completed, and all year-end figures were submitted to the Auditor of State. Ad was posted in the Delaware Gazette that the annual financial reports are complete. ODJFS and BWC true-up reports were completed and submitted. 2026 Revenue, Appropriations and Payroll were set up.

### **Payment of Invoices for January**

Kathy Krupa made a motion to pay the invoices for January. Gillian Doucette seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

### **Approval of Financial Statements**

Jill Love made a motion to approve the Financial Statements for January. 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 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.

### **Resolution No. 2026-01 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Ordinance No. 2025-17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

**An Ordinance Amending The Village Of Galena's Zoning Ordinance Together With Any Amendments Previously Enacted And Repealing Any Legislation Which Is Inconsistent Herewith.**

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance. Jill Love made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-17. 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   Fry-Yes   Love-Yes

**Ordinance No. 2026-01 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

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

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

**Ordinance No. 2026-02 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

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

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance.

Council had a discussion about the parking issues.

Chris Underwood, 61 Walnut St questioned about what would happen to his parking?

Former Mayor, Tom Hopper, 275 Harrison St commented that the issues of parking on Walnut St was built into the plan and nobody in the area will be left without some alternate parking.

Michelle Parsons, 115 Middle St. commented that there are a lot of older residences and they have parked on the road for 30-50 years and it might be a financial or handicap issue for some.

Village Administrator, Tom Marshall commented that there is nothing being proposed for Walnut St at this time.

**Ordinance No. 2026-03 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 and it will be discussed again at the February 23, 2026 meeting.

Zach Hopper mentioned that there is a high- end collectors car building proposed for 42 W Columbus St and there will be more discussion in the future.

**Executive Session**

Porter Welch, filling in for Solicitor Ken Molnar, stated the reason for executive session was 121.22G3 to discuss conduct issues.

Pete Casuccio made a motion to adjourn to executive session. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes-1-No roll call vote:

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

Council adjourned to executive session at 7:17 p.m.

Pete Casuccio made a motion to reconvene to regular session. 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 Fry-Yes Love-Yes

