



Minutes of the Village of Galena Organizational Council Meeting January 7, 2026

On January 7, 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.

Solicitor, Ken Molnar swore in Voted in Council Members Pete Casuccio, Zach Hopper, Kathy Krupa and Jill Love for their 4-year term.

Minutes of December 8, 2025 Council Meeting

Gillian Doucette made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Council Meeting. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Minutes of December 15, 2025 Special Council Meeting

Zach Hopper made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 Special Council Meeting. Pete Casuccio 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.

Public Feedback

None.

Resolution No. 2025-56 (3rd Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Approving A Temporary 2026 Budget For The Village Of Galena, And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-56 as an emergency. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 5-Yes and 1-Abstain vote:

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

Resolution No. 2025-59 (1st Reading, Emergency)

A Resolution Transferring Funds In The Amount OF \$22,986.12 (Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred And Eighty Six Dollars And Twelve Cents) From Printing And Reproduction 1000-410-324 To Tax Collection 1000-740-344 In The Amount Of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) And From Interest 5201-850-720 To Principal 5201-850-710 In The Amount \$1,586.12 (One Thousand Five Hundred Eight Six Dollars and Twelve Cents And From Contractual Services 5201-541-399 To Salary Administrator 1000-710-139 In the Amount Of \$2,500.00 (Twenty Five Hundred Dollars) And From Admin Asst 1000-710-132 To Salary Clerk/Treasurer in The Amount Of \$4,800.00 (Forty Eight Hundred Dollars) And From Operating Supplies and Materials 1000-730-420 to Accounting And Legal 1000-790-341 In The Amount Of \$13,100.00 (Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars) And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Kinnell read the Resolution. Kathy Krupa 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 Fry-Yes Love-Yes

Jill Love made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-59 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 Fry-Yes Love-Yes

Ordinance No. 2025-12 (Tabled)

An Ordinance Changing The Zoning Of The 84.330000 Acre Parcel Being Property OF Minerva Golf Inc. From Village Of Galena Commercial To Plan Mixed Used Development (PMUD) Based Upon The Application Of Romanelli & Hughes And The Approval Of Village Of Galena Planning And Zoning Commission And Subsequent Approval Of The Village Of Galena Council.

Gillian Doucette made a motion to bring Ordinance 2025-12 back to the table. 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 Fry-Yes Love-Yes

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance. Gillian Doucette made a motion to add emergency language to Ordinance No. 2025-12. Jill Love seconded the motion. After much discussion for and against the emergency language, (available for review on the website) Gillian Doucette called the question and Jill Love seconded it.

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

Solicitor Ken Molnar read the emergency language to be added to the legislation:

Council hereby finds and determines that an emergency exists affecting the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Galena as follows: the current zoning is commercial which permits a much more intensive use than the Rezoning and Development Plan; landowner has made it clear that the property will not remain as a nine (9) whole golf course; the Zoning and Development Plan approval now are critical for infrastructure planning and sizing for potential future planning in the Village; the Village must coordinate

sewer collection for this project with the 208 service area west of Route 3; this must occur in the first quarter of calendar year 2026 to avoid any costly rework of other planned infrastructure projects; the Village cannot begin project planning for paving, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, sidewalks, etc., until the Arrowhead project is approved; this project affects other projects including the Holmes Street project with is a grant project and it must be coordinated with the Arrowhead project. Postponing the Holmes Street project can cost the Village upwards of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) and for the forgoing reasons this Ordinance will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Gillian Doucette made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-12 as an emergency with the amended emergency language added. Zach Hopper seconded the motion and the motion passed in a 4-Yes 2-No roll call vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2025-16 (3rd Reading)

An Ordinance Modifying The Village Of Galena Stormwater Ordinance, Ordinance No 2022-06 And Modifying The Permit Requirements For Work In The Drainage Or Utility Easement Areas.

Mayor Kinnell read the Ordinance. It was recommended that the Ordinance be tabled to a later date to be determined. Jill Love made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2025-16. Gillian Doucette 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. 2025-17 (2nd 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.

Election Of New Council President

Gillian Doucette and Pete Casuccio were both interested in the Council President Position. Paper ballots were collected and counted by Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth and Mayor Kinnell announced that Pete Casuccio was the new Council President.

Nominate/Approve Zoning Commission Council Representative

Mike Fry and Zach Hopper were both interested in representing Council on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Paper ballots were collected and counted by Fiscal Officer, Michelle Dearth and Mayor Kinnell announced Zach Hopper would be representing Council on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Nominate/Approve Records Commission Council Representative

Zach Hopper was interested in remaining on the Records Commission as Council Representative.

Establish Committee Appointments

Committee appointments were discussed and changed as discussed.

Other Business

Discussion about Village Calendar. January 26,2026 Council meeting was changed to Wednesday January 28,2026 due to scheduling conflict. Everything else remained unchanged and is listed on the Village's website.

Mayor Kinnell handed out the 1792 S Old 3C Hwy property information for Council's review and will be discussed soon as to what action Council wants to take on the property.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Kathy Krupa made a motion to adjourn. Jill Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a 6-0 voice vote.

Council adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting (Organizational Meeting) will be held on January 28, 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.