

Update from the Mayor - Village of Galena – Harlem Township Agreement



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

I wanted to provide a brief statement regarding our proposed agreement with Harlem Township 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, Council women Doucette and I have been working with Harlem Township during the past year to establish a unique working relationship between our two communities.

This will take the form of a “partnership agreement” that addresses many of the interests and challenges that our two communities jointly share.

In this agreement Harlem 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 helps to achieve 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*