

Town of Galen

Town Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday – June 10, 2024 – at 7:00 PM

Clyde Municipal Building Board Room

Present; Supervisor Les Carr Jr.

Council Members; Mike Record, Sarah Salerno, Jeff Montemorano

Absent; Nicole Malbone

Town Clerk; Norma Lancaster, HW Supt. Andy Porter

Attending: Walt Voltra

Pledge of Allegiance

Town Council meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carr Jr. at 7:00PM.

Correspondence –

Galen Historical Society - Letter regarding Lock Berlin School House

Motion by; Montemorano /2nd by; Record to enter correspondence to the minutes.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Scheduled Speaker –

No scheduled speakers

Comment Period –

Walt Voltra wished to address the board regarding his recent complaint, he says he no longer has an issue with his neighbor but does have an issue with the Galen Town Board and the Galen Code Enforcement Officer. As requested, he moved his shed that was allegedly over the property line and now is looking for his C of O and has not received because the code officer has requested a survey of the property to be sure he has moved the shed far enough as to not be on the neighbor's property. Mr. Voltra has stated that he believes the code enforcement officer is not doing his job. The neighbor had been inspected by the code officer and was given 60 days to rectify any violations. Mr. Voltra feels that Mr. Hoover has done nothing since the inspection. The board reiterated that the notice gives him 60 days and nothing can be inspected again until the 60 days have commenced, at which time the inspector will visit the property again for any violations at that time.

Review and Adopt Minutes

Galen Board Meeting Minutes – April Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2024 (Emailed on 5/22/24)

Motion by; Salerno / 2nd by: Montemorano to accept the minutes as submitted.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Galen Lyons Landfill Committee Mtg. Minutes – July 8, 2024 (Next Meeting)

Committee Reports

Insurance and Assessment

The Assessment report stated that there were no issues during grievance hearings.

Motion by; Salerno / 2nd by; Record to acknowledge the Assessment report submitted by Kayla Sturgill for the month of May.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Highway and Buildings

HW Superintendent Porter here to present his report as follows;

- **Started repairs and maintenance on dirt roads**
- **Truck #8 dump cylinder has been replaced and is now in service working properly**
- **Completed the first trip around the town mowing and have started the second pass**
- **Hauling of stone for chip sealing is nearly completed and we are on track for sealing roads next week**
- **Have been sending trucks to help Wayne County Highway on their project in Ontario to work on our in-kind balance**
- **Have inquired with Dan Delisio about setting up our keyless entry to unlock the fuel and gas pumps and await a response**
- **#2 truck is nearly completed and should be in service this week**
- **Met with Gary Hubbs of Kelsey rd. to address his concerns of a culvert under Kelsey rd. and have determined that both ends of the culvert need to be cleaned, plan to hire this done as it is not accessible with our equipment**
- **A new employee has been hired on a trial basis to fill the vacant position**

Motion By; Record /2nd by; Salerno to enter the April Highway report to the minutes.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Announced that a quote for remote access to the fuel pump has been received but more clarification is needed before the quote can be presented.

Councilman Montemorano asked why the new hire was not presented for discussion with the board as in previous years. The HW Supt. Did not recall that in the past.

Councilman Montemorano also asked the HW Supt. If he had tried rust prevention on the trucks as they had previously discussed? The HW Supt. Stated that he had talked to several other HW departments and that they do not recommend the procedure as it is very messy while trying to clean trucks, but did state that one of his staff had tried a spray type coating under one of the trucks to see how it held up.

Cemetery and Dogs

No updates on the Lock Berlin cemetery at this time.

Discussion on the trees at Watson Cemetery that need to be taken down. A quote has been received from Livingston Tree Removal, but after review it is believed that he quoted the wrong trees. Supervisor Carr will visit the cemetery with Livingston to verify which trees need to come down and update his quote.

No Animal Control report submitted

Landfill –

Discussion on a quote received for some future work at the landfill regarding annual testing and what tests are done in any year.

Zoning, Judicial and Erie Canal Trail

No zoning report submitted for the month of May.

The Zoning Officer was to present information on what other towns do to prevent a surplus of storage containers on private property. He did not submit any information prior to this meeting.

It is asked that he be present for the July monthly meeting.

Motion by; Montemorano /2nd by; Salerno to accept the two justice reports submitted by that department for the month of May.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Finance and Ambulance –

It was announced that the Galen Fly Car is currently being stripped of any Wayne County equipment and will be turned back over to the town once complete. As discussed at last month's meeting, it may be desirous of the Clyde Fire Department to purchase the vehicle at fair market value.

Industrial Development – Nothing to report at this meeting

Commercial Developments – Nothing to report at this meeting

Alternative Energy Options –

Supervisor Carr attended a joint meeting with the Town of Rose Supervisor and others individuals involved in the Rosalen Solar project. At this time, it would be 2028 before the project is operational.

Human Services / Personnel –

(Note: a standard work day is a minimum of six hours and a maximum of eight hours)

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Resolution No. 6-2024

Be it resolved, that the Galen Town Board hereby establishes the following as a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System:

All Elected Officials

Supervisor

Council Person

Town Clerk

Justice

Five Day Work Week, Six Hour Days

Superintendent of Highways

Five Day Work Week, Eight Hours Days

All Appointed Officials

Members of Board of Zoning Appeals

Members of Planning Board

Members of Grievance Board

Supervisor's Bookkeeper

Deputy Town Clerk

Zoning Inspector

Assessor

Animal Control Officer

Justice Clerk

Five Day Work Week, Six Hour Days

Motion by; Salerno / 2nd by; Record

Ayes; Carr, Montemorano, Salerno, Record

Norma Lancaster – Galen Town Clerk

(Posted on 6/11/24)

Public Work / Public Safety – Nothing to report at this meeting

Other Business –

Discussion on having a clean up event in the Fall of 2024. The Supervisor is gathering information through other townships to see how they conduct them and what items are accepted and or are charged for. The Village of Clyde has stated they will share costs for a village/town clean up event.

Discussion ensued on whether the clean up should take place in the spring of next year as it has not been budgeted for, as well as what is actually allowed to be collected and who will pay for the event. The Supervisor asked for everyone's thoughts.

Supervisor Carr has been asked by the village if the Town would contribute \$1000 towards the senior class banners that are currently up around the Village of Clyde and the Town of Savannah. Supervisor Carr worked hard to get the high school and the Town of Savannah to contribute as well. The school did contribute \$1000 as well as the Town of Savannah. At this time no motion to was made to move forward with the funds.

Supervisor Carr is working with Frank Stowell on the insurance policy premiums as there was a significant increase from last year. A partial bill has been submitted this month.

Department Reports – April 2024

Town Clerk Report – Monthly

Supervisor’s Report- Monthly

Collateral Security Reports – LNB – May/2024

Motion by; Salerno /2nd by; Record to accept all reports as submitted.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Review and Approve Warrants – June 2024

General Warrant: V# 107 - 125 in the amount of \$48,886.49

Highway Warrant: V# 73 - 86 in the amount of \$49,843.00

Landfill Warrant: V# 124 in the amount of \$658.31

Motion by; Salerno / 2nd Record to approve payment for the (3) warrants

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Revenues Received –

Wayne County Treasurer’s Office – March 2024 Snow & Ice - \$14,105.58

Motion by; Record /2nd by; Salerno to entered revenues received into the minutes.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

With no further business before the board a Motion made by Salerno /2nd by Record to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Lancaster – Galen Town Clerk