

**Town of Galen
Town Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday – February 10, 2025 – at 6:00 PM
Clyde Municipal Building Board Room**

Present; Supervisor Les Carr Jr.

Council Members; Mike Record, Jeff Montemorano, Sarah Salerno, Nicole Malbone
Town Clerk; Norma Lancaster, HW Supt. Andy Porter

Attending: Sue Mendel, Jackie Salsbury, Both of Gannett Road.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Town Council meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carr at 6:00PM.

Scheduled Speaker – No scheduled speakers

Public Comment Period –

Sue Mendel addressed the board about how her road is being plowed and the damage she believes is being caused by the plow/driver. She presented photos and a written letter that she was going to mail but, decided to present it at the meeting tonight. The photos showed the damage to the edges of the road and she also stated that the driver that went through today was traveling way too fast down Gannett Road. Supervisor Carr stated to Sue and Jackie that he would forward this information to the Highway Superintendent and get back to them in a day or two with an update.

Ms. Mendel also inquired about the County holding a hazardous waste recycle event. The clerk was able to pull up the ad for a hazardous waste collection in November of 2024 that was posted on the Town's Face Book Page as well as the Soil and Water Face Book page. The Supervisor will forward this information to Ms. Mendel when he calls her back in the next couple of days, as both ladies had left the meeting already.

Assessment

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Malbone, Salerno

Cemetery and Animal Control

The clerk gave an update on the Lock Berlin Cemetery, the suggested as has been placed in the Wayne Times for three weeks and a sign of ad has also been placed at the cemetery for the public hearing which is scheduled for march 19th at 2:00pm in the Galen Board room.

Collateral Security Reports – LNB – January 2025

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Record to acknowledge the collateral report.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Malbone, Salerno

Correspondence –

NYS D.E.C. – Montemorano Mining Permit – Pit #1
NYS D.E.C. – Montemorano Mining Permit – Home Pit
Anderson Van Horne – Annual Disclosure Statement
LNB – Revocable Trust Letter

Financials -

No financial reports submitted.

Highway and Buildings

HW Superintendent Porter here to present his report as follows;

Town of Galen Highway report 2-10-2025

- 49.5 plow trips were made in the month of January
- Making repairs on equipment and roads as needed
- A two-way radio was installed in the excavator for added safety / communications while working in traffic. A two-way radio was also added in the highway barn to better monitor weather and plow needs.
- #12 truck has been down frequently over this past season. The latest repair needed was an oil cooler and u bolts on front springs. Repairs have been made and the truck is back in service.
- A road temperature sensor has been installed on truck #1 and has greatly helped in decision making for sanding roads during temperature changes, it has saved 1 trip out this month alone.
- #8 truck has broken exhaust manifold bolts that will need repairing after the plow season slows down.
- #5 truck went into a ditch while pushing back snow drifts. We attempted to recover the truck with no success. Featherly's Garage was called for the recovery. No damage to truck. Only pride was hurt.
- Looked at a few different tractors but have yet to find one that meets our needs.
- A part time plow driver damaged the doorway at the barn by backing in without completely raising his wing. Repairs were completed to the wall by Modern Masonry the same day. Nobody was injured and there was no damage to the truck.
- Gathering prices for road projects this coming season, once prices are received it will be determined what road projects can be accomplished.
- With the current salt shortage statewide and the persistent weather conditions this season we have started blending a stockpile of 75% sand 25% salt as a precaution to be able to have enough deicing / traction material to treat roads if we cannot get salt that we have contracted. Our normal blend is 50/ 50 sand / salt. The 75 / 25 blend will not melt the roads off as well but will provide traction. If salt becomes more available, we can remix this pile to a 50/ 50 blend. This is just a precaution to be ready for a bad situation that may or may not arise.

Motion By; Record /2nd by; Montemorano to enter the January Highway report to the minutes.
Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Malbone

Councilman Montemorano inquired about incident reports and whether they are submitted for every incident to include mailbox damage. The Highway Superintendent replied that he has not submitted incident reports for mailboxes being knocked down by plows. All other incidents reports have been submitted to the clerk. The board asked him to submit incident reports for any incident in his department.

Councilman Montemorano also questioned the over loading of truck boxes with sand and salt. Other board members have seen the trucks over loaded as well. It was asked if the HW Superintendent could monitor the loading of the trucks to be sure they are indeed below weight limits. The extra weight puts more stress on the springs, frames, and tires. Members of the board are also concerned about the speeds at which some drivers go, as they have been seen going faster than normal for the weather conditions.

The board inquired about the sand/salt supply, Superintendent Porter says the supply is good right now, but is using a 75/25 mix as apposed to the 50/50 mix that he has been using.

Justice

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Malbone, Salerno

Landfill –

There was a landfill meeting today, February 10th, 2025 in the Galen board room at 1:00.

A Barton & Loguidice Engineer was present at the meeting today to give an update on their services completed to date and what is left for the year. All is in line with what has been quoted for the year and they are compiling the annual report now.

Review and Adopt Minutes

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Malbone

Other information for this meeting;

An email request was received today from the USDA for a “Property Access Request” to trap for invasive pests on Town property. This is an annual request.

Motion by; Salerno /2nd by; Malbone to grant access to town property for the trapping of invasive pests.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Malbone

Revenues Received –

Wayne County Treasurer – Jan Snow & Ice - \$42,011.83

Galen/Clyde Fire Dept. – Fly Car Purchase - \$6,000

Mid Town Square – Nicoletta – Annual Lieu Tax Payment - \$15,500

Motion by; Malbone / 2nd by; Salerno to enter the revenues to the minutes.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Malbone, Salerno

Supervisor

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Record to accept the Supervisor's report as submitted for the month of January.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Malbone, Salerno

Announced that the Lock Berlin School House has been listed for sale for \$19,900 and had an offer for \$12,500. This was countered with \$15,500 by the town. The offer has been accepted by the potential buyer for the amount of \$15,500 to include all closing, filing, and attorney fees. At this time the board needs a permissive referendum to sell the property. The following resolution was received from the Town's Attorney:

**RESOLUTION No. 3-2025 TO SELL 1970 STOKES ROAD, TOWN OF GALEN
(TAX ID: 542489-072-112-0000-345-272-0000) TO SHARON GRISWOLD FOR
THE SUM OF \$15,500**

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Galen, County of Wayne, New York, held at the Town Hall at 6 South Park Street, Clyde, NY 14433 on the 10th day of February 2025;

A motion was made by Jeff Montemorano, seconded by Nicole Malbone, to authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into a purchase offer for real property located at 1970 Stokes Road, Town Of Galen (Tax ID: 542489-072-112-0000-345-272-0000) for the sum of \$15,500.00. Said amount was the highest offer received for the property. Said purchase offer shall first be reviewed by the Town Attorney, and such approval shall be subject to any changes recommended by the Town Attorney. The Town Supervisor shall be authorized to sign any and all necessary documents to effectuate such sale; it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum. Unless a petition protesting this Resolution is received by March 12, 2025, this Resolution shall be adopted.

Ayes; Lester Carr Jr., Sarah Salerno, Mike Record, Nicole Malbone, Jeff Montemorano

Supervisor Carr announced that he would like to attend a training seminar in Albany in February and is asking the board to approve the training.

Motion by; Montemorano /2nd by; Salerno for the Town Supervisor to attend the training in Albany with expenses paid for by the town.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Record

Town Clerk

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Record to accept the Town Clerk's report as submitted for the month of January.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Record

Zoning

Motion by; Record /2nd by; Montemorano to accept the Zoning report as submitted for the month of January.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Malbone

Board members asked what the status of the Voltra/Hoover complaint and attorney letter to the town.

Supervisor Carr informed all that the letter has been turned over to the towns' attorney for his interpretation. He is doing some research and will reply with a letter to the Voltra's attorney with his findings. Supervisor Carr will share any information he receives from Mr. St. Martin.

Review and Approve Warrants – February 2025

General Warrant: V# 20 – 44 in the amount of \$26,137.48

Highway Warrant: V# 18 - 43 in the amount of \$47,985.59

Landfill Warrant: V# 43 in the amount of \$3,151.60

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Salerno, Malbone

Councilwoman Malbone inquired about a Bicentennial Palmeroy sign, wondering if it had been placed somewhere or if there were any signs submitted in this grant cycle yet?

(After the meeting, it was determined that the sign is installed over the bridge near the community garden.)

With no further business before the board a **Motion** made by Montemorano /2nd by Record to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm

Ayes; Carr Jr., Montemorano, Record, Malbone, Salerno

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Lancaster – Galen Town Clerk