

**Town of Galen**

**Town Council Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Monday – August 12, 2024 – at 7:00 PM**

**Clyde Municipal Building Board Room**

**Present;** Supervisor Les Carr Jr.

Council Members; Mike Record, Sarah Salerno, Nicole Malbone, Jeff Montemorano

Town Clerk; Norma Lancaster, HW Supt. Andy Porter

**Attending:** Brian Howell, Walt Voltra

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Town Council meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carr Jr. at 7:02PM.

**Correspondence –**

NYS Association of Towns – Annual Membership Dues for Budgeting

**Motion** by; Malbone /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Record to enter correspondence to the minutes.

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

**Scheduled Speaker –** No Scheduled speakers

**Comment Period** – Brian Howell asked when the last time the books had been audited. The clerk stated that the (Supervisors, Justice, Tax Collection and Town Clerk’s books) are audited by an outside accounting firm every year. He then asked when they were audited by the state. The clerk stated the Supervisor’s and Clerk books were last audited in 2014.

Walt Voltra here to express his opinion of the performance of the Zoning Officer in saying he is not doing his job and feels that the board has not overseen his responsibilities regarding his complaint of storage trailers on his neighbor’s property in the Town. Mr. Voltra was informed that the Zoning Officer had been out to inspect the complaint and subsequent violation at its termination date and that the violations had been corrected to include a letter of compliance dated today August 12, 2024. Mr. Voltra doesn’t feel this is true and voiced other concerns regarding the Zoning Officers performance.

**Review and Adopt Minutes**

Galen Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2024 (Emailed on 7/29/24)

**Motion** by; Salerno / 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Malbone to accept the minutes as submitted.

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

Galen Lyons Landfill Committee Mtg. Minutes – July 8, 2024 (Emailed on 8/4/24)

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

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

**Committee Reports**

**Insurance and Assessment**

Supervisor Carr stated that he talks to Assessor Sturgill every couple of weeks reminding her of the re-evaluation project to start next year and that it will be an in-house re-evaluation as in previous years in the Town of Galen.

**Motion** by; Salerno / 2<sup>nd</sup> by; Record to acknowledge the Assessment report submitted by Kayla Sturgill for the month of July.

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

## **Highway and Buildings**

HW Superintendent Porter here to present his report as follows;

### Town Of Galen Highway Report 8/6/2024

- Swept all excess stone from oil and stoned roads to prevent damage and to prepare Welch and Kelsey roads for striping. Planning to stripe 1 or 2 additional roads each year when sealing roads to eventually have all the higher traffic roads striped.
- Removed a large amount of trash from River rd. Mostly furniture that was dumped in front of some culvert pipes.
- River rd. has been graded and we are waiting on the proper conditions to add material to some remaining low spots
- Alta Equipment diagnosed the problem with the loader to be a faulty camera. The estimate for the repair was \$2000. After a firm discussion with the salesman the loader has been repaired at no expense to the Town of Galen.
- The Village of Clyde assisted us in milling out rebates on Sheppard rd.
- Suit-kote delayed our paving date for Sheppard rd. therefore we were forced to fill in the rebates and dig them back out closer to the new date.
- Removed pavement from the intersection of Smith and Turnpike rd. in preparation of repaving the intersection.
- A local farmer called with concerns about damaging Brand rd. if he continued to use it in the extreme heat. After accessing the situation, I determined it best to heavily apply some

manufactured sand with a sander to the area. The farmer being cautious and the sand being applied saved the road from any damage

- Some snowplow equipment has been removed from truck #12 and taken to eagle welding to be repaired due to wear
- The wing from the #2 truck was taken to AW welding to have a new surface made and installed due to the old surface being rotted out. A new wing is approximately \$7,000 the estimated repair to the old wing is under \$2,000
- Spoke with the Town of Savannah superintendent about working together to do some shoulder cutting in both towns as neither town has enough men to do the job efficiently. We are in agreement that it will be in both towns best interest to work together at this after the Sheppard rd. project is complete.
- Schwab Road rail road crossing post needs to be removed to place guard rails
- The Gansz Road underpass ditches need to be cleaned as the last storm with heavy rain left the underpass under water.
- Inquiry about pipe policy for private ditches, The Town's policy only covers new driveway pipes. Supt. Porter will check into the County Highway policy to see if its something the town needs to adopt.

**Motion** By; Montemorano /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Malbone to enter the July Highway report to the minutes.

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

Discussion on the sand bid that was tabled back in the early Spring due to fuel prices. At this time

**Motion** made by; Montemorano /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Salerno to except the bid from Colin Craft to be the lowest responsible bid for the hauling of sand.

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

### **Cemetery and Dogs**

No updates on the Lock Berlin cemetery at this time.

Supervisor Carr stated he has a meeting with Josh Livingston to rebid the correct trees for removal at Watson Cemetery. He will also seek another quote from a couple other local contractors. Tabled until next month.

**Motion** by; Record / 2<sup>nd</sup> by; Malbone to acknowledge the animal control report for July as submitted by Brian Williams.

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

**Landfill –**

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GALEN TOWN BOARD APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE FOR THE MONITORING AND REPORTING SERVICES FOR THE GALEN/LYONS LANDFILL EFFECTIVE UPON THE SIGNING OF THE TOWN OF GALEN SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN OF LYONS SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS OF THAT DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Galen Board desires to authorize an agreement with Barton & Loguidice for engineering services for the Galen/Lyons Landfill to include monitoring well purging, field sample collection, landfill walkover and landfill inspection, subcontracted analytical laboratory services, laboratory data review, and preparation of an annual Environmental Monitoring Report. Any addition services will be presented and preapproved by the Galen Town Board, Lyons Town Board and the Galen/Lyons Landfill Board/Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GALEN:

Section 1. The Town of Galen Council hereby approves the agreement between the Galen/Lyons Joint Landfill and Barton & Loguidice Engineering Group for monitoring and reporting services not to exceed \$19,400 in its first year. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute the agreement.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect from and after its date of adoption by the Galen/Lyons Landfill Board/Committee.

**DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Galen on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2024.

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

Apposed; 0

**Zoning, Judicial and Erie Canal Trail**

Motin by; Salerno /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Record to acknowledge the July Zoning report submitted by Tom Sawtelle.

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

**Motion** by; Malbone /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Record to accept the two justice reports submitted by that department for the month of July.

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

**Finance and Ambulance –**

**Motion** by; Montemorano /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Record to surplus the 2017 Ford Fly Car

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

**Motion** by; Montemorano /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Salerno to accept the bid of \$6000 from the Clyde Fire Department for the 2017 Ford Fly Car. This fair market value for the government vehicle.

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

**Industrial Development** – Nothing to report at this meeting

**Commercial Developments** – Nothing to report at this meeting

**Alternative Energy Options** – Nothing to report at this meeting

**Human Services / Personnel** – Nothing to report at this meeting

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

**Other Business** –

A request has been received from the Galen Historian Steve Groat for an outlook email address to be added to the Town's website

Motion by; Montemorano /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Malbone to approve the purchase of \$75 per year for the Historian email address.

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

Discussion on the annual senior citizens dinner usually held in the fall and available dates. The Clerk has inquired about November 9<sup>th</sup> at Stone 8 Tap House. The date is available. It was requested that the dinner be scheduled a little earlier for guests to get home before dark.

**Motion** by; Record /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Salerno to hold the dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Stone 8 Tap House.

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

The first budget workshop will be held at the next meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> following the regular monthly meeting.

Announced that the Wayne County Fair has opened today.

### **Department Reports – July 2024**

**Town Clerk Report** – Monthly

**Supervisor’s Report**- Monthly

**Collateral Security Reports** – LNB – July/2024 N/A

Motion by; Malbone /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Record to accept all reports as submitted.

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

### **Review and Approve Warrants – August 2024**

**General Warrant:** V# 154 - 174 in the amount of \$33,335.61

**Highway Warrant:** V# 108 - 117 in the amount of \$6,942.72

**Landfill Warrant:** V# 173 in the amount of \$3,036.44

**Motion** by; Malbone / 2<sup>nd</sup> Record to approve payment for the (3) warrants

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

### **Revenues Received –**

No revenues received for the month of July

**Motion** by; Malbone /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Salerno to go into executive session at 7:40pm to discuss a personal issue.

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

**Motion** by; Malbone /2<sup>nd</sup> by; Montemorano to return to regular board session at 8:15pm.

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

With no further business before the board a **Motion** made by Salerno /2<sup>nd</sup> by Montemorano to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Lancaster – Galen Town Clerk