

Town of Galen

Town Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday – May 13, 2024 – at 7:00 PM

Clyde Municipal Building Board Room

Present; Supervisor Les Carr Jr.

Council Members; Mike Record, Sarah Salerno, Jeff Montemorano

Nicole Malbone @ 7:15

Town Clerk; Norma Lancaster, HW Supt. Andy Porter, Assessor Kayla Sturgill, Zoning Officer Tom Sawtelle

Attending: Walt & Joanne Voltra, Jim Lee, Scott Kolczynski, Brian Howell

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Correspondence –

Walt & Joanne Voltra – Code Enforcement Appeal Letter

Village of Clyde – 4 Year Rental Contract

Resignation Letter – Isaac DeFisher

Dept. of Tax & Finance – Notice of Failure to Attend Assessment Review Training – Kenneth Anstee

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Montemorano

Scheduled Speaker –

Scott Kolczynski and Jim Lee hear to talk about EWEMS and its future. They stated that Eastern Wayne EMS is not in stable financial shape at this time and wants the board to know that they will no longer operate after November 30th, 2024 as that is the expiration of their “Certificate of Need” also known as CON. They intend to join forces with the newly established Wayne County Ambulance organization as of December 1st, 2024. Staffing has been an issue as well as revenue stream. They wanted to let the board know of their intention as not to be surprised and will also have to decide if the Town of Galen will continue with their CON through the state.

Jim Lee also informed the board of the current status of the new EMS building behind the nursing home that will be complete and occupied sometime in August. Three other acquired parcels for ambulance buildings will be built starting with the Sodus location in the coming weeks with the Rose site to follow later this summer. The third site will be in Walworth with hopes to be completed sometime in 2025. Wayne County will be turning the Galen Fly car back over to the town in the coming months once their new vehicles are put in service.

The board thanked Scott and Jim for coming in and giving the updates and thanked them for their service.

Mr. Walt Votra and his wife Joanne wanted to address the board of some zoning concern that they have with their neighbor John Hoover. They do not like nor agree with the current zoning laws regarding storage trailers. They also believe their neighbor is very inconsiderate by keeping all of these trailers on their property along with unlicensed vehicles and various car or truck parts laying around. Mr. Voltra stated that he does not want to meet with Mr. Hoover and a third-party moderator as suggested by the Zoning Officer and the Town Supervisor, instead wishing to take his complaint to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their review. At this time, he filed the grievance with the Supervisor and Clerk for the further appeal.

Comment Period – Brian Howell had a public comment regarding the passing of a former Town Clerk, Donna Carr. He is asking for a remembrance of some sort for her. The Clerk stated she had contacted the Wayne County as well as the Board of Elections to find out exactly which years and how many, but has

yet to receive a response from the Board of Elections. The County Clerk's office said I she would half to go there and go back through the oaths of office to find the information on Donna Carr. It is believed she was in office in the late 80's or early 90's.

Review and Adopt Minutes

Galen Board Meeting Minutes – April Meeting Minutes – Apr. 15, 2024 (Emailed on 4/18/24)

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

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

Galen Lyons Landfill Committee Mtg. Minutes – May 6, 2024 (Emailed on 5/10/24)

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

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

Committee Reports

Insurance and Assessment

Assessor Kayla Sturgill here to give oral report as well as written. Kayla is asking to attend annual training in July in Ithica, Ny.

Motion by; Record / 2nd by; Salerno for the assessor to attend annual training in July expenses to be paid by the Town of Galen this year as last year the Town of Lyons paid for the annual training.

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

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

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

Highway and Buildings

HW Superintendent Porter here to present his report as follows;

- swept some county roads after completing our roads to help with our in-kind service balance with the WCHD
- Smith road pipe project has been postponed due to an excess of rain. We will do the project as soon as the water level at the location allows
- Constantly dealing with a beaver problem on Salerno rd. The problem is diminishing as the water level in that location is receding
- Truck #8 needs a new dump cylinder installed as diagnosed by Repair Plus. The new cylinder has been purchased and will be installed with the assistance of Upstate Heavy Duty to save a considerable amount of money as compared to having Repair Plus do the job
- Proceeded to needle scaling and patching the dump body on truck #2 ourselves and will paint to preserve the body.
- A large amount of trash was dumped on Salerno rd. With the cooperation of the New York State Troopers, we were able to track down the responsible party. The responding trooper was able to contact them and upon my request, insisted that they remove the trash. Since they did not remove the trash completely and the highway department had to complete the cleanup I reached back out to the trooper and requested that the responsible party be ticketed.
- Collin Craft has started hauling stone for chip sealing of roads which is scheduled for mid-June
- We are on the schedule with Suite-Kote to do the Sheppard rd. project in late July
- Currently undergoing some personnel changes
- Started roadside mowing the first week of May

Motion By; Malbone /2nd by; Montemorano to enter the April Highway report to the minutes.

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

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. The Supervisor will seek 2 written quotes for the dead tree removal.

Motion by; Record / 2nd by; Malbone to acknowledge the animal control report for April as submitted by Brian Williams.

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

Landfill – No updates at this time

Zoning, Judicial and Erie Canal Trail

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Montemorano to acknowledge the Zoning report for April submitted by Tom Sawtelle.

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

Discussion on storage containers and Galen local laws regarding these. Tom Sawtelle will research the possibility of updating zoning law regarding the number of storage containers that could be allowed without a special permit. He will have information before the next monthly meeting. All were in agreement that a moratorium on storage containers was not a good idea at this time.

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Salerno to accept the two justice reports and the zoning report submitted by those departments.

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

Resolution No. 4-2024 The Town of Galen Board acknowledges the annual audit report for the Town of Galen Justice records for 2023 for Justice Carr and Justice Heald. The audit was completed February 21,

2024 by Atette & Ingersoll, CPAs, PC. The report indicated that the records of both justices were found to be adequate to fulfill the record keeping requirements according to New York State Laws.

Motion by; Jeff Montemorano /2nd by; Mike Record to adopt Resolution No. 4-2024 independent Justice Audit for 2023.

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

Finance and Ambulance –

Resolution No. 5-2024 Budget Adjustment Capital Outlay

The Town of Galen Board authorizes the Assistant to the Supervisor to make a budget adjustment to the 2024 budget Revenue DB3501A (CHIPS) from \$250,000 to 571,750.67 Per NYS Department of Transportation and Expense DB5112.4 (CHIPS) from \$250,000 to \$571,750.67 based on the additional Capitol Apportionments, Winter Recovery Apportionments, PAVENY and the new POP Balances to include additional carry over from the 2023-24 year.

Motion by; Montemorano /2nd by; Malbone

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

An updated rental agreement received from the Village of Clyde for use of their building. The contract is for 4 years at a set price of \$27,000 per year.

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Record for the Supervisor to sign the 4-year agreement at \$27,000 per year.

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

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. More information to follow. The Village of Clyde has stated they will share costs for a village/town clean up event.

Supervisor Carr is working with Frank Stowell on the insurance policy premiums as there was a significant increase from last year. The voucher was put on hold for now.

It was stated that the fly car will be turned back over to the town in the very near future and will be listed at auction as soon as the board surpluses it.

Department Reports – April 2024

Town Clerk Report – Monthly

Supervisor's Report- Monthly

Collateral Security Reports – LNB – April/2024

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

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

Review and Approve Warrants – May 2024

General Warrant: V# 87 - 106 in the amount of \$32,002.53

Highway Warrant: V# 62 - 72 in the amount of \$16,187.77

Landfill Warrant: V# 106 in the amount of \$3039.85

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

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

With no further business before the board a **Motion** made by Montemorano /2nd by Record to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Lancaster – Galen Town Clerk