

Town of Galen

Town Council Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday – November 11, 2024 – at 7:00 PM

Clyde Municipal Building Board Room

Present; Supervisor Les Carr Jr.

Council Members; Mike Record, Sarah Salerno, Nicole Malbone

Absent; Jeff Montemorano

Town Clerk; Norma Lancaster, HW Supt; Andy Porter, Account Clerk; Ashley Fratus

Attending:

Drazen Gasic

Grant Cushing

Shawn Grasby

Todd Rood

Steven J. Groat

Emily Passmore

Chris Arp

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Scheduled Speaker – EDF – ROSALEN Solar – Presentation and Updates

Drazen Grasic of EDF Renewables announced that there will be a public presentation on the ROALEN Solar project at the Clyde Fire Hall on November 19th at 5:00pm for a viewing and verbal presentation at 6:30pm with a question-and-answer session to follow. A public mailer was sent out to all Galen residents.

He introduced the project team, most were present. He explained an overview of the project and its current timeline. This a 200-megawatt, 1100-acre solar project. 35% of the acreage is in Rose and 65% of the acreage is in Galen. Construction may begin as early as 2028 with a possible start up in early 2029. Some of the project benefits are \$1,000,000 in annual direct payments to the Towns of Rose and Galen, Wayne County, and the school districts. PILOT and Host community agreements will need to be negotiated. 200 jobs at the peak of construction, with 2 full-time, highly skilled, high paying positions during the 30-year life of the project. \$20,000 per year to support local organizations.

The solar panels are from Texas and will be recycled in Texas upon end of life or decommissioning.

Drazen Grasic asked if there were any questions.

The board thanked the group for coming and the update on the solar project.

Public Comment Period – No public Comment

Assessment

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Cemetery and Animal Control

Update on the trees at the Watson Cemetery – The trees that needed to be trimmed or removed have been completed.

There was no Animal Control report submitted for the month of September or October.

Resolution No 8-2024 Changing the Appointed Position of Animal Control Officer to a Per Diem Contract Rate Per Call – Resolution put on hold to be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Collateral Security Reports – LNB – September & October 2024

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Correspondence –

Danyamark LLC – Cemetery Stone Cleaning

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Financials -

Resolution No. 9-2024 Adoption of the 2025 Town of Galen Budget

Motion by; Salerno / 2nd by; Record to adopt Resolution No. 9-2024 approving the fiscal budget for the Town of Galen for 2025, \$ 565,029 Levy amount at a 1.01% percent increase from 2024.

Inside Rate to be \$2.506 per thousand & Outside Rate to be \$2.820.

Lock Berlin Lighting District levy of \$3500, rate per thousand is \$.983.

Fire District levy is \$275,000, a rate per thousand of \$1.29.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Malbone, Salerno, Record

Highway and Buildings

HW Superintendent Porter here to present his report as follows;

Town of Galen Highway report 11-11-2024

- Worked with towns of Lyons and Savannah as in-kind service owed to them for all of their help through this summer's work
- Mower tractor was put back in service after having brake work done at Hoover's repair shop and we started a 4th pass mowing only to have emissions issues with the tractor, Landpro came out to resolve the issue. After being back in service there was an issue with a rear tire on the tractor requiring replacement. Nolt's tire service installed the new tire.
- All sanders have been serviced and are ready for use
- Some plow equipment has been installed and we are prepared to install the rest when the weather requires us to
- Installed a new driveway for John Davey on Gannett Rd. as he requested
- Trucks 1, 2, 5, 8, 13 and the payloader have all been treated with Krown rustproofing
- Working on some small ditch and shoulder issues in various locations throughout the town as time allows
- Working on negotiations with Wayne County for the 2025 snow and ice contract.

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Justice

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Landfill –

Supervisor Carr notified Larsen Engineers that their services are no longer required.

Announced that the electrical panel has been installed and properly hooked up.

No minutes to record at this time – The next meeting is scheduled for early December 2024.

Review and Adopt Minutes

Galen Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2024

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Galen Budget Public Hearing Minutes – November 4, 2024

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Other information for this meeting;

The annual Christmas employee/guest was discussed. It was decided the date will be December 19th at the VFW at 3:30pm. Les will schedule with the VFW. Finalities to be discussed at the December Board meeting. Spouses will be invited to attend as well as some retirees.

Motion by; Record /2nd by Malbone to hold December 2024 – April 2025 Galen Town Board meetings at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Revenues Received –

Wayne Industrial Development Agency – PILOTS - \$4,601.44

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Malbone, Record

Supervisor

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Town Clerk

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Zoning

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Review and Approve Warrants – October 2024

General Warrant: V# 217 - 235 in the amount of \$53,840.30

Highway Warrant: V# 157 - 179 in the amount of \$54,206.32

Landfill Warrant: V# in the amount of \$ No Landfill warrant this month

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

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Salerno to enter executive session at 8:15pm to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Motion by; Record /2nd by; Salerno to return to regular session at 8:30pm.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

The following Resolution was approved at this time;

TOWN OF GALEN RESOLUTION: 8-2024

Changing the Appointed Position of Animal Control Officer to a per diem contract rate per call.

WHEREAS, in an effort to monitor and control upcoming annual budgets for our community, and

WHEREAS, Licensing municipalities are required to provide an animal control officer, and

WHEREAS, Licensing and fine revenues pay for this service, and

WHEREAS, Municipalities are not required to spend more than is received from licensing and impound fees, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Galen may choose at any time to change the salaried position of Animal Control Officer to a contracted per diem contract rate per call, and

WHEREAS, the current annual appointment of the Animal Control Officer expires on December 31st 2024, and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Galen Board unanimously has decided to change to the per diem contract rate per call, and, may it be further,

RESOLVED, that the Town of Galen will enter into a contractual agreement with an Animal Control Officer that shares duties with several other towns, to fulfill the Animal Control Officer contract, effective on January 1, 2025. The contract service shall include; the delivery of animals to the Wayne County Shelter if necessary and a detailed report of billed services. This position will be re-evaluated and appointed on an annual basis.

Motion by; Malbone /2nd by; Record to adopt Resolution No. 8-2024 Change to per diem contract for Animal Control Services.

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

With no further business before the board a **Motion** made by Salerno /2nd by Record to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm

Ayes; Carr Jr., Salerno, Record, Malbone

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Lancaster – Galen Town Clerk