

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
May 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for a special board meeting on May 27th of 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Board Members present for Roll Call: Justin Aud, Bill Campbell, Corey Toler, Derrick Fletcher, and Perry Whitlock. Also present was Jersey Hesse, John Eaton, Sue Eaton, and Kyle Chambers.

No public comments were made.

Motion was made to enter executive session by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Enter Executive Session at 6:01pm.

Motion was made to exit executive session by Campbell and seconded by Aud.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Exit Executive Session at 6:22pm.

No voting action was taken.

Motion was made to resume regular session by Aud and seconded by Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Resume Regular Session at 6:23pm.

Motion was made to hire one full-time employee by Aud and seconded by Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to offer Kyle Chambers the full-time position by Aud and seconded by Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to hire two part-time or seasonal employees by Toler and seconded by Whitlock.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to offer Gavin Horton the part-time position by Campbell and seconded by Aud.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to offer Karsen Baird the seasonal position by Campbell and seconded by Aud.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to pay the part-time employee 18.00 dollars and hour and the seasonal employee 13.00 dollars and hour by Aud and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to grant a \$500 budget to purchase a 3" trash pump by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

The Board discussed the need for a new attorney that can be present at meetings and for communicative purposed with the office.

Motion was made to hire Kolby Smithpeters on retainer for \$750 a month and sign the contract by Whitlock and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

E.T. Simonds was planning to cover the grade school parking lot and sent a quote to do the Village Hall's back parking lot or the front. The total cost was \$7,400 for the back parking lot and for just the front gravel of the Village Hall was \$9,932.05. The Board decided not to accept the quote.

The Board of Trustees has previously voted on a water rate increase for Corinth Water District. Since they were not in agreeance, the Board drafted a new one.

Motion was made to rescind the current Water Rate Increase for Corinth Water District by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to implement and send the new Water Rate Increase to Corinth Water District by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

With the recent transmission line break, Corinth Water District customers began calling the Village Clerk's office repeatedly. The Board had a Contact Procedures Letter drafted to address the informality of the situation.

Motion was made to send the Corinth Contact Procedures letter to Corinth by Whitlock and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

A new pole saw is needed for trimming overhanging limbs throughout the village.

Motion was made to grant a \$1,500 budget to purchase a new pole saw, chain, oil, backpack blower, and chaps by Campbell and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

In Old Business, the solar ordinance has been sent back the Village Attorney and ready to be voted and implemented.

Motion was made to accept the Solar Ordinance by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

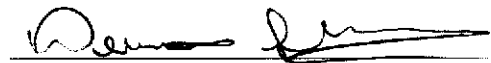
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Campbell and seconded by Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09pm.



Jersey Hesse, Village Clerk



Derrick Fletcher, Mayor