

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
March 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for their regular board meeting on March 9th of 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Board Members present for Roll Call: Justin Aud, Darlene Higgins, Bill Campbell, Corey Toler, Derrick Fletcher, and Perry Whitlock. Also present was Travis Farley, Janet Harris, Sue Eaton, John Eaton, Ryan Grant, David Grant, Barbara Grant, Suzanne Gulley, Felica Jackson, Linda Mohler, Jeff Simms, Eric Weeding, Andrea Weeding, Jeron Farley, Jersey Hesse, and Matt Tosh.

Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes for February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting by Aud and seconded by Campbell.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes for the February 17, 2026 Special Board Meeting by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Discussion was held over March bills and was explained by Fletcher and Jersey, Village Clerk.

Motion was made to accept and approve the March Bills by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve the Treasure's Report by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Discussion was made over the time limit ordinance that was recommend for adoption by Jonathan Cantrell, the Village's lawyer. This ordinance allows for 5 minutes per speaker and explains the limitations that the audience has, in terms of interruptions and other common practices.

Motion was made to adopt the ordinance by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Discussion was held for the renewable of CDs. The Village currently has 6 active CDs that they discussed. Two WSMOP CDs are recommended to be combined into one, and two General CDs are recommended to be pulled, in order to ensure the MFT Map can be paid in full for the new roads. The remaining money from these will help pay for the Fire Department bathrooms or be placed into a new General CD. There is a CD from the Corinth Settlement that has \$586,632.26 that was recommended for the Village Clerk to call and find which bank can offer the highest interest rate, and to see if Legence is willing to pay a higher rate.

Motion was made to renew the Corinth Settlement CD, after Jersey calls other banks by Aud and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to pull the two general CDs of \$67,903.82 and \$252,556.34 and place in the General account for future road plans by Whitlock and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to combine the two WSMOP CDs into one WSMOP CD by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Matt Tosh from Brown and Roberts was present in the audience to speak to the progression for the Adams Road Watermain Replacement. He provided the Trustees with a change order that needed their approval and Mayor signature, in order to continue.

A motion was made to approve the change order of \$1,250 to S&W Line contracting by Higgins and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Tosh also spoke on the MFT Mapping for roads. He discussed the roads in the map and explained the wait for the final estimate. Once ET Simonds can generate their quote, then a final draft can be issued.

Inspections are due for the Village's two elevated water towers in 2026. The Board of Trustees have spoken on getting them relined but wanted to consider pricing for new tanks. Tosh was able to generate a rough estimate of the cost, while also including a detailed process of getting the old tanks removed. The Village Clerk is to look into getting a detailed inspection that will cover the 2026 inspections, but also an inspection that can be used to generate a bid for new towers.

A motion was made to get a bid for a detailed evaluation of both tanks, but ensure that it can also cover the 2026 mandatory inspections by Corey and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Jersey Hesse spoke on behalf of Bobby Brown who holds the Village of Galatia's Water and Sewer License. He would like to request that the Village begins taking their water and sewer samples to Summit, or another testing facility, aside from having Brown do them himself. He will continue to hold the Water and Sewer license for the Village of Galatia. Aud spoke on how he would like to see one of the employees get their Water License. Andrea Weeding, employee of the Village, agreed to begin her training for her water license.

The Mayor, Fletcher, appointed Ryan Grant as Fire Chief for the Galatia Fire Department. A motion was made to approve Grant's appointment of Fire Chief by Aud and seconded by Higgins.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Grant accepted his appointment and was sworn in by Jersey Hesse, Village Clerk.

The Village of Galatia had hired a new employee for the Public Works position. Hesse explained the equipment he would need and the cost breakdown of each item.

A motion was made to purchase the proposed on-site equipment items by Whitlock and seconded by Campbell.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

During the previous snowstorm in Galatia, the Kioti tractor that was purchased in 2024, had overheated and was sent to Little Tractor in Harrisburg to be serviced. The tractor has less than 50 hours on it, but unfortunately was not covered under the warranty. Hesse and Fletcher spoke on the details of this. Fletcher requested that the next service for the tractor, be sent to the Benton location.

A motion was made to pay the invoice for the repair made at Little Tractor, Harrisburg by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

A motion was made to have the upcoming 50-hour service done at Little Tractor, Benton by Toler and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Cameras were recently placed at the Village Hall. Hesse spoke on the location, installment, and system to the Board of Trustees.

The Village Clerk's office was recently switched to Futiva phone lines. Discussion was held on the idea of switching all phone lines from Frontier to Futiva. This would include the barn location, fire department, and police department. Mention was had that the barn may not need their phone anymore.

A motion was made to switch all remaining phone lines to Futiva internet-based lines by Campbell and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Aud discussed his proposed ordinances for the tap on fee for both water and sewer. The most recent ordinance that the Village has is from 1991. Aud expressed the need to adopt due to the cost that is covered by the Village. Both proposals will need to be sent to the lawyer for review in order for them to be adopted. Once tailored, then they can come back before the Board for voting.

A motion was made to send the Tap-on ordinances for water and sewer, to the lawyer for review by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Travis Farley was present to speak on behalf of the Fire Department. The radio that was purchased for the new fire truck has never been properly installed. By having Novacom install the radio, it can be utilized to its full potential with rear mics and wired speakers. Farley proposed that the Trustees allow for the quote of \$1,222.96 from Novacom be approved for installation of the radio.

A motion was made to approve the quote of \$1,222.96 from Novacom by Campbell and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Farley also spoke of a system called ESO for the Fire Department. This system allows for all inventory, fire calls, maintenance, regulations, and many other items to be placed into an online platform. This will help the department when they're required to send their fire call sheets to various places and stay in check with all state regulations. The quote includes an annual charge of \$898 and a Fire Setup and Online Training session of \$625, one-time fee.

A motion was made to approve the quote of \$1,523 for the ESO system, paid out of the Fire Department General account by Fletcher and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Aud discussed the Illinois Rural Water Association performing free energy efficiency assessments. He recommends that the Village take advantage of this program.

A motion was made to schedule an assessment from IRWA by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

With Spring and Easter quickly approaching, there is maintenance that is needed for the park bathrooms. There was a water leak that occurred over the winter and is needing fixed. Andrea Weeding said that she knows what is needed and how to fix the problem. Weeding will work to have them completed before the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park. The Village's cleaner, Carl, will begin cleaning them twice a week once they are opened.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has a program called FEPP. This will be utilized by the fire department for receiving used equipment from the state. There is paperwork that is required to be filled out before the department can begin screening. Jersey Hesse will work alongside the fire department to fill out the paperwork.

A motion was made to sign up for the FEPP program by Toler and seconded by Campbell.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

The Village of Galatia have issued scholarships to Galatia Highschool seniors in the past. Jersey Hesse made a scholarship application breakdown for the board to approve. This included the questions, amount of each scholarship, and how many. The Board of Trustees will issue two scholarships at \$1,000 each.

A motion was made to approve the scholarship application and to be posted on the website by Toler and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Discussion was held on where the funds for the scholarship will be taken from.

A motion was made to pull the funds for the \$2,000 out of the Heathman CD by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

The Sewer Lagoon is required to have a EPA approved fence built. Due to the cost of this fence, there will need to be a sealed bid application. Aud prepared an Advertisement of Bid for the fencing that will need to be posted on the website for 10 or more days.

A motion was made to open the sewer lagoon fence bids and post on the website by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

In previous years, the Village has paid another company to come through town and spray for mosquitos. It was discussed that the Village purchase their own fogger and send an employee to get the proper training or certifications needed. Rather than waiting to approve a quote at the next meeting, the Board would like to set a budget to purchase their own fogger.

A motion was made to give a \$6,000 budget for the purchasing of the Village's mosquito fogger by Aud and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Old Business:

The Lions Club would like to water access for the Old Settlers Days. The Board discussed potential options to ensure that water can be easily accessed without distrusting the residents.

There have been issues regarding the furnace in the Fire Department building. The heat rises and there is nothing to help keep the heat pushing throughout the building. The Board has recommended conduit, insulation boards to go across the rafters, and or large fans in the ceiling. This will continue into the next meeting, seeking final vote and approval.

Travis Farley recommended that the Village purchase updated cameras for the park. There are cameras that do work, but he stressed the importance of having enhanced cameras for the safety of the children in the neighborhood. This will be looked into, as the park will be opened up the weekend of Easter.

Update was given on progress for getting a new hallway door with a new keycode lock. The door was ordered and once Noah Miller received it, he will begin installation.

A motion was made to enter a 10-minute recess by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to enter Executive Session by Whitlock and seconded by Aud.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Executive Session began at 9:35pm

No voting action was taken.

Motion was made to exit Executive Session by Flether and seconded by Aud.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

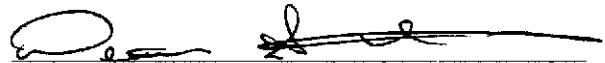
Executive Session ended at 10:42pm.

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 10:42pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Aud and seconded by Toler.
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent: 0. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43pm.


Jersey Hesse
Village Clerk


Derrick Fletcher
Mayor