

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES  
February 17, 2026 at 6:00pm**

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for a special board meeting on February 17th of 2026 at 6:00 pm. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Board Members present were: Corey Toler, Perry Whitlock, Darlene Higgins, Derrick Fletcher and Justin Aud. Not present for Roll Call: Bill Campbell. Also present was Jersey Hesse, John Eaton, Sue Eaton, Janet Harris, Jeron Farley, Rick Thiedig, Suzanne Gulley, Andrea Weeding, Linda Mohler, Jeff Simms, Randall Tolbert, Tim Shasteer, David Grant, and

A motion was made to suspend the Attendance Ordinance/Rule for the duration of the meeting. A 4/5 vote is required to carry. Motion was made by Fletcher and seconded by Whitlock. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve February bills, which was tabled at the last meeting, by Aud and seconded by Whitlock. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve the Professional Financial Consulting Services provided by Rick Thiedig, CPA., by Whitlock and seconded by Higgins. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Discussion among the Trustees was held over the hiring of a new employee. Randall Tolbert was present to answer any and all questions that that were asked, as the prospective hire. Tolbert's position will be dual role, meaning he will work in the Water and Sewer Department, as well as the Street and Alley's. Motion was made to give Tolbert his offer letter by Aud and seconded by Whitlock. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Security measures are being taken at the Village Hall, including cameras and other reinforcements. To install two new cameras, the approximate total would be \$1,144 and will be paid for out of the Building Rent account. There is a new ordinance that is currently being drafted by the Village's lawyer. A rough draft of this was sent in and shown to the Trustees for reference. Motion was made to approve the \$1,144 bid for the two new cameras and the software by Aud and seconded by Toler. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

There were repairs in the Village Hall that needed to be addressed. Noah Miller from Middle Miller Services LLC., came to look at and agreed to repair these needs. Motion was made to approve the repairs by Aud and seconded by Higgins. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

The Board discussed and reviewed chainsaw bids for the fire department. There were various types and kinds with ranging prices. At this point, the current lowest bid is from Sydenstricker Nobbe in Benton. The Village is waiting to hear back about grants for this purchase, so no action was taken.

There was a prior bid notice that was brought before the board for new radios, needed for the fire department. Novacom gave a bid that was totaled at \$6,707.88 for 12 new portable radios and 12 new speaker mics. Travis Farley had spoken on this topic at the last meeting and prepared information on the need for the new radios. Motion was made to approve the bid of \$6,707.88 for new radios for the fire department by Aud and seconded by Higgins.  
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

The Board of Trustees have been reviewing bids for the remodeling of the fire department bathrooms. Upon further discussion, the lowest bid was Middle Miller Services LLC., with \$35,500. Motion was made to approve this bid and move forward with the remodeling by Higgins and seconded by Toler.  
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Discussion was made for the highway flooding and road deterioration on Washington and State Street. IDOT was made aware of the issue, as the Village is working to allocate funds and responsibility for the repairs.

Due to the Villages backhoe being serviced by Diamond Equipment, INC., a rental backhoe is needed. To rent the backhoe for one month is \$2,400 with an additional \$300 fee for delivery. Motion was made to approve the rental agreement with Diamond for a backhoe by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.  
Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries

Public Comments Section was opened where Fletcher briefed the public on his efforts to continue moving forward with MFT, for street repairs.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:52pm.

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Jersey Hesse,  
Village Clerk

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Derrick Fletcher,  
Mayor