

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
July 8, 2024**

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for their regular scheduled meeting on July 8 2024, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Steve Sloan presiding. The following were present for roll call: Donald Bond, Kenny Stevens, Perry Whitlock, Darlene Higgins, and Bill Campbell. Derrick Fletcher arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also, present; were Paulette Stevens, Monica Ross, Justin Aud, Susie Aud, Andrea Farley, Eric Weeding, Holly Tate, DJ Newsome, Matt Tosh, Carolyn Swan, Mike and Susie Triplett.

Motion made by Stevens and seconded by Campbell to approve minutes of June 10, 2024, regular meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0. Absent 1 Motion carried.

Motion made by Bond and seconded by Higgins to pay the monthly bills for July. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fletcher and seconded by Whitlock to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Discussion with Sheriff Johnson regarding Ordinance 324 Revised and the amount of fines. Sheriff Johnson will get information from other towns. Approval of Ordinance 324 was tabled until next meeting.

Motion made by Stevens and seconded by Whitlock to accept Contractor's Pay Estimate No 2 \$195,678.10 and Brown & Roberts Invoice in the amount of \$7,497.31. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Higgins and seconded by Fletcher to accept Contractor's Pay Estimate No 1 \$51,296.85 and Brown & Roberts Invoice in the amount of \$10,655.71. Village is to pay these bills and submit for reimbursement. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fletcher and seconded by Higgins to pass Resolution No 2024-400 Resolution to Execute Agreement with Brown & Roberts, Inc. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bond and seconded by Fletcher to open an interest-bearing bank account at Legence Bank for the DCEO Grant Money received for the park equipment. Steve Sloan and Paulette Stevens will be the signors on this account. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stevens and seconded by Bond to accept quote from Fowler Heating and Air for replacement of AC unit at the Community Center in the amount of Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Campbell and seconded by Fletcher to talk to possible police office to hire on a part time basis and hire as needed. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Stevens and seconded by Campbell to accept the quote for Wastewater Treatment of the Sludge Pond. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.

Carolyn Swan approached the Board with the issue of feral cats in her neighborhood. The Board told Mrs. Swan she could use one of our cages to catch the cats so she can take them to Saline County Animal Control.

Justin and Susie Aud approached the Board with issues regarding two Facebook pages set up by the Village Clerk and both pages have been deleted since. Mr. Aud explained to the Board that the type of page that the Village Clerk set up was not legal pursuant to Supreme Court Ruling. Justin and Susie Aud also reported that the Village Clerk allegedly spoke or posted to customers in an unprofessional manner.

Board decided we need a new sign at the park. Mark Malone will be getting a quote.

Board decided to order Christmas flags to put up for Christmas where we put the American flags.

The bridge located at Walker and Hickory was discussed about repair and/or replacement. This will be added to the MFT Estimate this year.

Motion made by Whitlock and seconded by Fletcher to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes 6 Nays 0. Motion carried.


Paulette Stevens, Village Clerk


Stephen Sloan, Mayor