

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

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for their regular board meeting on February 9th 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. Not present for Roll Call: Bill Campbell. Also, present was Justin Aud, Rick Thiedig, Andrea Weeding, Jeron Farley, D.J. Newsome, Sue Eaton, John Eaton, David Grant, Gaylon Parks, Regan Grant, Travis Farley, Suzie Gully, Eric Weeding, Linda Mohler, Janet Harris, Jennifer Peyton, Matt Pluta, Brooke Carlton, Felica Jackson, Matt Tosh, and Jerod Campbell.

A motion was made to accept the resignation letter of former Trustee, Rick Thiedig. The motion was made by Whitlock and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Fletcher spoke on the next item on the agenda; Appoint Board Trustee. Fletcher recommended Justin Aud to be fill the vacant seat. Motion was made to appoint Justin Aud as a new Village Trustee by Whitlock and seconded by Higgins.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Village Clerk, Jersey Hesse swore in Justin Aud. He was then seated on the board as Village Trustee, continuing the meeting.

Motion was made to accept meeting minutes for January by Toler and seconded by Higgins.

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

Motion was made to accept the Special Meeting minutes by Aud and seconded by Toler.

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

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

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

Fletcher discussed the need to move the approval of February Bills to the next Special Meeting, due to the Village Hall being unable to write checks at that time.

Motion was made to table February bills to the next meeting by Aud and seconded by Toler.

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

Motion was discussed to table Bobby Brown, due to absence and mistype by Village Clerk. Motion was made by Toler and seconded by Whitlock.

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

Matt Tosh from Brown and Roberts Inc, discussed the project for Adams Road watermain replacement. The first item discussed was to provide authorization from Mayor, Fletcher to being. This was rewarding S&W Line Contracting for placing the lowest bid and receiving the job. Motion to authorize Fletcher and allow his signature, was made by Aud and seconded by Toler. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve the Design Engineering Bill #1 at \$15,163.20 by Higgins and seconded by Whitlock. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made on the Post Bid Analysis of funds for the Adams Road Replacement by Higgins and Seconded by Toler. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Aud Requests Bid Tabulation on Contract C – Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Matt Tosh agrees to have one sent over to the Village Clerk’s Office.

Motion was made to approve Grant funds for Contract C – Sanitary Sewer Improvements of \$99,895.30 by Aud and seconded by Toler. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve \$39,000.57 for Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Visu-Sewer, by Toler and seconded by Higgins. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve \$10,500 to Wiggs Excavating for Point Repair by Higgins and seconded by Whitlock. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve \$4,000 for Construction Observation Services by Higgins and seconded by Toler. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve \$5,591.37 for Grant Administration Services by Higgins and seconded by Aud. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve \$4,525 for Construction Observation Services by Toler and seconded by Whitlock. Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Matt Tosh also spoke on the MFT Maps and the progress being made towards new roads in Galatia Township. The funds will help cover the expenses and meeting dates are to be set this week with officials to continue moving forward.

Discussion was held on the Relining of the Water Towers. (Smith Street and Jordan Fort) The company that placed bid was Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group. Their bids are \$153,150 for the Jordan Fort Tower and \$166,970 for the Smith Street Tower. The Board spoke about acquiring new bids from other companies and seeking grants for additional funding.

Matt Tosh explained the Village's Water Purchase Contracts and how they typically have a longevity of 20-25 years. The Clerk's Office will look into these contracts and find when they are due to expire.

Fletcher discussed the Village's lawyer and how if any Board member would like to be put in contact with him, they much go through the Jersey Hesse, Village Clerk. Fletcher explained how this would save the lawyer time and the Village money.

Motion was made that all lawyer contacts were only to be made through the Village Clerk by Aud and seconded by Toler

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Naves: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Jordan Fort Tower is in need of Emergency Repairs for a leak. Two companies placed bids. Pittsburg Tank and Tower's bid was \$12,150. The countering bid from Elevation Coatings and Restoration, LLC was \$4,950. Flechter explained that having dealt with Pittsburg Tank and Tower, it would be advised to go through the company, knowing that they have been to the Jordan Fort Tower, to assess the leak. Board members agreed.

Motion was made to grant Pittsburg Tank and Tower the signed contract to begin Emergency Repairs by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Naves: 0. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carries.

Discussion among Board members was had over the topic of Inspecting Water Towers. This is needing to be done by the end of this year, so it was brought to their attention to be scheduled at a later date.

Rick Thiedig, CPA, prepared packets for the Board on his ability to help the Village mange, budget, report, and generate goals. He spoke on each topic and how he believes the Village has potential to grow when following the appropriate steps.

The discussion of Fire Departments Bathroom bids was had. The Village has received three bids to renovate the bathrooms at the Fire Department. Trade Masters placed a renovation bid at \$20,000 - \$25,000 per bathroom. The next bid was from Middle Miller Services LLC to replace both bathrooms and other needed work, for a total of \$35,500. The final bid was Lane Erectors, Inc. Construction and Repairs. Their bid was \$45,853.30. Fletcher discussed these bids.

Travis Farley from the Galatia Fire Department spoke to the board on their needs and requests. The five main topics included, OSHA compliance, Public Safety, Department Facility, Grants, and Fundraising. Farley described their needs and they were addressed. The Fire department needed hoses and hose reels and a storage cabinet for flammables. All items are required to stay in compliance. Farley also requested their need for a washing machine for their turn out gear, as it is required to be washed each time after use. A Fit test is required by OSHA and Jerod Campbell is helping with a donation of this form his department. Chainsaws are needed for various purposes,

as well as a generator and radios. These items were mentioned and will be returned to the board with quotes from various companies. Truck maintenance was the other topic mentioned and it will also be brought back to the board with quotes.

Motion was made to approve \$1,000 budget for hoses and hose reels, and a cabinet by Aud and seconded by Higgins.

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

Motion was made to approve a \$1,000 budget for the washing machine by Aud and seconded by Whitlock.

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

Public Comments Section included topics of grants for new roads, e-citations, helicopter landing pad, and hauling scrap to the scrap yard.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Toler and seconded by Fletcher.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm

Jersey Hesse,
Village Clerk

Derrick Fletcher,
Mayor