

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
Jan 12th, 2026**

The Galatia Village Board of Trustees met for their regular scheduled meeting on January 12th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Paul Wiggins presiding. The Following were present for Roll Call: Darlene Higgins, Rick Thiedig, Derrick Fletcher, Corey Toler, and Perry Whitlock. Not Present: Bill Campbell. Also present for the meeting were: Shannon Mitchell, Justin Aud, John Eaton, Sue Eaton, Janet Harris, Andrea Weeding, Eric Weeding, David Grant, DJ Newsome.

Higgins made a motion to approve Shannon (Shea) Mitchell as Pro-Tem Clerk for current meeting and Whitlock Seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Fletcher, Toler, Whitlock. Voting No: None Absent: Campbell. Motion carried.

Fletcher made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Barbara Marks. Toler Seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Fletcher, Toler, Whitlock. Voting No: None Absent: Campbell. Motion carried.

Fletcher made a motion to remove Barbara Marks from all Legence Bank checking accounts and safe deposit boxes, effective immediately. Toler Seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None Absent: Campbell. Motion carried.

Mayor Paul Wiggins appointed Jersey Hesse for the Village Clerk position. Fletcher made a motion to approve the appointment of Jersey Hesse, and Thiedig seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Fletcher made a motion to accept the December 2025 meeting minutes. Whitlock seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None Absent: Campbell. Motion carried.

Brown and Roberts presented us with a quote from Wiggs Excavating for \$10,500.00. Point repair for a blockage that is south of Church Street. There are no more grant funds to use, and this will have to be paid for with the village's funds.

Higgins made a motion to accept the quote from Wiggs Excavating for \$10,500.00. Whitlock seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Campbell. Motion carried.

Thiedig made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for prior month (December 2025), Fletcher Seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent Campbell. Motion Carried.

Thiedig made a motion to approve January Bills, Toler Seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Fletcher made a motion to approve Amazon Purchases for December 2025. Toler Seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Prior Business was discussed.

Paul Wiggins authorized sending the backhoe to Diamond for repairs. Fletcher made a motion to send it to Diamond and pay the fee. Whitlock seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Street and Alley Dept Applications: We will start calling qualified applicants to schedule interviews.

Fire Dept Bathrooms: Call around and get some quotes from qualified contractors.

Equipment Sale: Board members reviewed the list of titles in the Safe Deposit Box. Will revisit.

Dog Pen: Holding off on buying a dog pen for now.

The Annual Raise Discussion was held.

Fletcher made a motion to raise the Treasurer's pay to \$21, the Sewer and Water position to \$25, the Street and Alley Dept to \$21-All Hourly. New Village Clerk hire in at \$18.00. Theidig seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Rick Thiedig discussed problems with the previous year's audit.

Toler made a motion to change Treasurer pay frequency from Salaried, paid once a month, to hourly, paid bi-weekly. Higgins seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Fletcher, Toler, Whitlock. Voting No: None Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Higgins made a motion to cancel the Verizon phone line ending in 0824, Thiedig seconded. Voting Yes: Higgins, Thiedig, Fletcher, Toler, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held about possibly switching the Verizon line to Andreas's work iPad.

Dates were selected for possible union negotiations. Feb 5th, 12th & 19th will be sent to union lawyer Rhett to discuss with Union Rep Jim Sanchez.

Fletcher made a motion to approve a New Ordinance on Attendance of the Village Board Trustees for Excessive Absences. Whitlock Seconded. Voting Yes: Toler, Fletcher, Whitlock. Voting No: Higgins. Abstained: Thiedig. Absent: Campbell. Motion Carried.

Darlene Higgins, Trustee, left the meeting at 9:35 pm after the ordinance was approved.

Mayor Paul Wiggins announced he is resigning.

Motion was made by Fletcher to adjourn at 9:40. Toler Seconded. Voting Yes: Fletcher, Thiedig, Toler, Whitlock. Voting No: None. Absent: Higgins, Campbell. Motion Carried.

Mayor, Derrick Fletcher

Shannon Mitchell, Treasurer