

**VILLAGE OF GALATIA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
March 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

The Village of Galatia Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on March 26th of 2026 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm. Board members present for Roll Call: Justin Aud, Bill Campbell, Corey Toler, Derrick Fletcher, and Perry Witlock. Absent for Roll Call: Darlene Higgins. Also present was Jersey Hesse, Travis Farley, Suzanna Gulley, Janet Harris, Shannon Mitchell, John Eaton, Sue Eaton, Mark Malone, Andrea Weeding, Eric Weeding, Rick Thiedig, Jeron Farley, Kelly Murphy, Tina Haney, Carlyn Scott, Corey Toler, Eric Boe, Jerod Campbell, Merlina Pritchett, and Gary Brown.

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

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Eric Boe from Brown and Roberts was present to speak on behalf of the MFT mapping and plans. Boe discussed the signatures and votes needed to continue the process of issuing new roads for the Village of Galatia. He explained three items to the Board.

Motion was made to approve the Estimate of Maintenance Costs at a total of \$277,704.08 by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to approve the Maintenance Engineering to be Performed by a Consulting Engineer by Fletcher and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Jersey Hesse spoke on the CDs that the Village of Galatia maintains. They are up for renewal and the Board has spoke at the last meeting about making adjustments.

Motion was made to Close the CD# 6527413-6527413 and transfer the funds to the General Fund account by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to Close the Williams Energy Phase 1, CD# 6370793-6370793 and Williams Energy Phase 2, CD# 6041959-6141959 by Whitlock and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to join Williams Energy Phase 1 and Williams Energy Phase 2 and open a new CD titled WSMOP by Toler and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Motion was made to leave the remaining CDs and allow the rates proposed by Legence Bank by Fletcher and seconded by Whitlock.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Ameren Discount Energy was tabled for the next meeting, upon gathering further information. They proposed that the Village of Galatia is subject to commercial rates.

Motion was made to table Ameren Discount Energy by Aud and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Jersey Hesse opened the sealed bids for the Sewer Lagoon fence. There were three bids. The first bid opened was from Stone's Outdoor Services with a bid of \$43,500. The next bid was from All Around Fence with a bid of \$45,180. the last bid was from 360 Fencing, LLC., with a bid of \$30,200. Of the three bids 360 Fencing, LLC., was the lowest.

Motion was made to contact 360 Fencing for a submittal and schedule their services by Aud and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

The Village of Galatia would like to make a contribution to the annual easter egg hunt that the Lions Club puts on at the park. Fletcher proposed that the Village donate a special wooden egg for each age category with a \$50 reward. Fletcher also recommends that \$200 be donated for the filling of eggs.

Motion was made to donate \$200 to the Lions Club for filling the easter eggs and issue a wooden egg in each of the four age category hunts, with reward of \$50 by Fletcher and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

The Old Settlers Days is approaching. The Lions Club would like to put in a water source. They would tap on to the Village's main.

A motion was made to assist in the process of putting in a 1" tap on in order to meet the start day of Old Settlers Days by Fletcher and seconded by Aud.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

The two elevated water towers are due for inspections in 2026. Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group issued a bid for the Jordan Fort Tank and the Smith Street Tank.

A motion was made to approve the bids from Pittsburg Tank and Tower Group of \$1,325 for the Jordan Fort Tank and \$1,325 for the Smith Street Tank by Aud and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

In preparation for the new roads, there are several culverts in need of being replaced. Derrick Fletcher and Randall Tolbert, Public Works employee, has located various plastic culverts that will need to be replaced to metal. Tolbert is locating and taking measurements of damaged plastic culverts to generate a list for the Village to order and replace.

Jeron Farley spoke on behalf of the Galatia Fire Department to address their needs. The trucks at the fire department are required to serviced as well as have performance tests issued. Sentinel Emergency Solutions has provided a bid that covers all 5 trucks for a cost of \$5,121.19.

Motion was made to have the trucks serviced and tested by Sentinel Emergency Solutions for \$5,121.19, and inquire about a contract that can ensure the department can have them regularly checked by Aud and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Farley also spoke to the Board about the safety equipment that is needed for the Fire Department. This included a pair of boots, 4 pairs of gloves, and two hoods. The quote, minus the two hoods was \$696.80. Hoods range from \$120-\$220.

Motion was made to approve the quote of \$696.80 and add a \$200 each budget for the hoods by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

The f-150 that the Fire Department utilizes, is in need of tires that can withstand the elements that it will be needed for. A quote from Buchanan Tires for new tires, mount, and balanced at a total price of \$652.

Motion was made to approve the quote at \$652 from Buchanan Tires by Campbell and seconded by Fletcher.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Justin Aud discussed his conversations with IDOT regarding the flooding in town. There will be a meeting with several IDOT employees, the Public Works employee for the Village of Galatia, and the Mayor on Monday, March 30th at 9:00am.

Jersey Hesse explained to the Board of their paperwork that they are required to fill out and return to the Saline County Clerk/Recorder & Election Authority. They are to fill them out and return to Jersey Hesse prior to the deadline in May, and she will take them to the Court House.

New security software programs need to be installed into the computers in the Village Hall. The treasurer is also in need of a new computer. The Board discussed having a company come to run diagnostics and provide a new computer, and transfer all information properly.

Motion was made to have a full inspection and purchasing of a new computer after receiving quotes, and installing a protective software and backup system by Aud and seconded by Toler.


Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Items in the old business included, keys that would need to be purchased for one of the trucks at the barn, in preparation for the sale. The Mayor will look through applications to have a few names for the Board to look at.

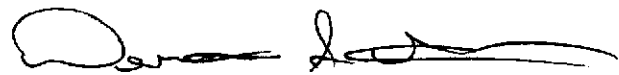
Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Fletcher and seconded by Toler.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.



Jersey Hesse
Village Clerk



Derrick Fletcher
Mayor