

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Jeff DeGroot called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Absent	-	-			
John Ford	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	Y			
John Taylor	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y			
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y			
Tammy Heiden	Present	Y	Y			
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also in attendance:

- Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
- Barry Logan, Woodford County Board Member
- Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
- Julia Miller, Village Trustee
- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Dan Mair, Superintendent, Germantown Hills School District

2. Minutes Approval-December 11, 2014

A motion was made by John Ford to approve the December 11, 2014 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutton. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported on the status of the commercial vacancies in the Germantown Crossing shopping center.

Paul Herzog arrived at 5:12 p.m.

4. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

Ann Sasso reported the library authorized the architect to look at the possibility of using the old Ace building for a new library. He stated they should have the report from the architect at their February meeting. The library's financial report for 2013 and 2014 was briefly discussed. The financial report shows all expenses and revenues together for the District with no separate breakdown for each branch. Some members of the EDC are going to attend the next library board meeting on February 3rd at 4:00 p.m. at the library in Metamora to hear the report and discuss the Germantown Hills Branch. The committee discussed the need to keep the library board moving on getting a new facility for Germantown Hills.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

The January Chamber meeting will be at noon on Thursday, January 15th at the Monte Cristo Room. The Chamber is inviting all business owners, not just Chamber members, so they can participate in a discussion on ways to help out the business community.

The Chamber dinner will be held at Metamora Fields on January 21st. Cocktail hour is at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. All business owners are invited.

There will be fundraising benefit on March 11th at the Monte Cristo Room to raise money for Arnie Edwards. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Heartland Bank or Hillside Kleaners. The price includes all you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and subs.

6. Road Infrastructure Update

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works stated the Village engineer is surveying the properties and gathering information to put together a design for the roundabout and Anker Lane extension to Route 116.

Amy DeFreitas questioned if the school gives any instruction to kids on how a roundabout works. Ann Sasso indicated that if anyone has any questions or concerns to let her know as we are compiling a list for the engineer to address to help avoid concerns down the road. The committee discussed the roundabout. Bob Sutton questioned if the roundabout could be large enough in diameter to someday add an additional lane if the traffic would warrant the need. This will be added to the list of questions for the engineer.

7. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments

Dan Mair updated the committee on the schools progress on their proposed construction project. They are still looking at options and potential architects. Dan reported there will be another meeting on the MTCO Park to discuss the development of the property.

8. Next Meeting- February 12, 2015 5:00 p.m.

The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by John Ford to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk