

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Street & Police Committee Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Chairman Todd Rice called the street meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Todd Rice – Chair	Present	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y
Brian Wysocki	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-
Julia Miller	Present	Y	-	-	-	Y	Y

Chairman Marty Clinch called the police meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marty Clinch - Chair	Present	-	Y	Y			
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Absent	-	-	-			
John Ford	Present	-	Y	Y			
Brian Wysocki	Absent	-	-	-			
Todd Rice	Present	-	Y	Y			

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
 Sheriff James Pierceall, Woodford County
 Captain Matt Smith, Woodford County
 Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer, CMT

a. April 14, 2014-Street Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the April 14, 2014 street committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #1.**

b. September 11, 2013-Police Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the September 11, 2013 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #2.**

2. Discussion and Recommendations on the Speeding Concerns in the Village

Todd Rice noted there are some speeding concerns within the village specifically along Somerset Drive in Coventry Farm to Whispering Oaks. Donald Blue, 505 Somerset Drive was in attendance to discuss his concerns. Mr. Blue noted there has been multiple times where kids have almost been hurt. Todd Rice asked Mr. Blue to please stop attaching orange cones to the middle of the street since there could be safety and liability concerns if this continues and the committee is going to come up with a better way to handle the speeding problems.

Kitty Cullett, 705 Somerset Drive was in attendance. She noted she brought up the speeding concerns years ago and talked to a representative from IDOT about some possible solutions. Some of the ideas included closing off the street access where Coventry and Whispering Oaks meet, a more constant police presence, traffic calming devices, electronic speed monitoring signs, speed humps, or an island that would cause traffic to slow down. The ideas were discussed with the committee.

Jason Mulvaney, 506 Somerset Drive was in attendance and noted most of the speeding is from adults in the neighborhood. Jason wondered if posts could be put up to prohibit automobile traffic from cutting through but still allow the pedestrian access. Scott DeSplinter reminded the committee you would need to have emergency access or a vehicle turn around for buses, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles.

Rich Brecklin noted there are traffic calming devices available but residents are also blowing the stop signs too. Jim O'Laughlin noted he likes many of the ideas but the first thing is to show a police presence and to not give any leeway on running the stop signs and speeding through the subdivision. Jim questioned if they could use an unmarked car. The Sheriff responded there are none available and they are not equipped with radar guns.

The committee discussed the possibility of speed humps. Rich noted the cost is approximately \$10,000 each. Marty noted we need a short term fix with a police presence and then determine a long term fix. Rich Brecklin explained the pros and cons of the speed humps. The Sheriff noted he likes the idea of speed humps but they can't commit their patrol to one road. Julia Miller asked if we could focus more hours in the morning since she feels a police presence will help minimize the speeding.

The monthly police report was discussed. The Sheriff noted they could focus some hours in the morning for the next month while school is still in session but once school is out other areas will need to be addressed with the kids out of school.

Todd Rice asked if the village is able to ask for an amount of buffer on when tickets are issued. The Sheriff noted there will be complaints. Todd noted the street and police committees will take the complaints. The committee recommended rotating the patrols from week to week on Somerset Drive in the morning and then look at this in the fall to see what is effective.

The Sheriff and Captain will look at the schedule with concentration on Somerset Drive. Rich will look at traffic calming ideas with CMT to see what the alternatives are for this area.

Todd Rice recommended the committee put together a progressive plan of action. The committee noted they would like anything over five miles be ticketed to show the speed limit is being enforced. Captain Smith noted he would be having a meeting next week with the deputies but they would start patrols in this area in the morning.

3. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on Traffic Calming Devices

This was discussed as a part of the speeding concerns.

4. Update on the 2012 MFT Roadwork

Rich Brecklin reported R.A. Cullinan has agreed to the trap rock and two year warranty to redo the 2012 MFT work. Todd Rice recommended a letter be sent out to the homeowners once we know when the work will be done. Scott DeSpinter recommended the 2012 road work be paid out of the general funds since it will be easier and cleaner for bookkeeping purposes than to utilize 2014 MFT funds. This amount has already been put into the budget.

5. Update on the 2014 MFT Program

Bob Markunas from CMT is putting the paperwork together for 2014 MFT program.

A motion was made by John Ford to adjourn the police committee meeting at 6:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #3.**

John Ford left at 6:01 p.m.

Street Committee Meeting continued.

6. Update on Road Repairs

Rich Brecklin reported the spray patching is complete and approximately \$15,000 was spent. Rich noted we won't know if all of the proposed road work can be completed until the bids come in and we see the total costs. The committee discussed the roads that are proposed for repair this year. Rich noted if there are not enough funds to do all of the proposed roadwork the village will do some of the work ourselves.

7. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on making repairs to the Germantown Crossing parking lot

Rich Brecklin had received an estimate for spray patching for the Germantown Crossing parking lot. Ann Sasso reported she had talked with Bob Martin Jr. and Dean Waldschmidt the Germantown Crossing building owners to see if they were interested in getting this done. Mr. Martin stated he has already talked to a contractor about sealing the cracks, filling pot holes, seal coating and paint striping the parking lot. I passed the information along to Dean to see if is interested in doing it at the same time. He is checking with the contractor.

The Clerk noted there is a commercial property management code we might want to adopt. Ann will get a copy to review.

8. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on Reimbursement for Damage to a Vehicle

A local resident presented a picture of some tire and rim damage to her vehicle that she says happened along Town Hall Road. There had been no previous notice to the village concerning the pot hole.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to recommend to the Village Board for payment of the damage to a vehicle in the amount of \$472.00. The motion was not seconded. **Motion #4 failed.**

The clerk will notify the individual that no payment for reimbursement was approved.

9. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on Approval of the CMT Engineering Agreement for the Route 116 Right In/Right Out

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to recommend to the Village Board on Approval of the CMT Engineering Agreement for the Route 116 Right In/Right Out. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #5.**

Scott noted this agreement does not include the survey for a potential frontage road connection. Scott DeSplinter recommended asking CEFCU for their initial survey from Farnsworth which will help CMT to see if an additional connection could be made.

10. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Responsible Bidder Ordinance

This will be deferred until the village board meeting so that the Village President can be a part of the discussion.

11. Discussion on the Village Trucks and Equipment

Rich Brecklin stated he purchased the mower deck but is still looking for a trailer. He will be working on the truck details so that it can be put out for bid soon.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Julia Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #6.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk