

Village of Germantown Hills
Special Village Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Village President Jeff DeGroot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present				
John Ford	Present	Y			
Brian Wysocki	Absent	-			
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y			
Marty Clinch	Present	Y			
Todd Rice	Present	Y			
Julia Miller	Present	Y			

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
 Arnie Edwards, Village Trustee Elect
 Bill Streeter, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Update on the 2015 MFT Project

Jeff DeGroot explained why he called this special meeting and that it was to address any concerns with the contractor's documentation in regards to the Village's responsible bidder ordinance. Jeff DeGroot had asked Rich Brecklin to confirm the information.

Rich Brecklin stated he talked with the owner of Steffens 3D Inc. and he confirmed he meets all requirements of the Village's responsible bidder ordinance. Mr. Steffen gave Rich the name of the person that he works with on the apprenticeship training. Rich talked to Mr. Halverson and he confirmed Steffens 3D is in good standing and has valid documentation with the Illinois Department of Labor. He stated he sends others to Darin because of his training program. Rich Brecklin has also talked with the Associated Builders and Contractors of Illinois, Inc. to confirm Steffens 3D is up to date. Darin Steffen doesn't pay his employees laborer wages but pays them journeyman/operator wages. Rich noted Steffens was the low bidder and most all of his workers are from Woodford County. Steffens meets the Village's ordinance and everything in it is required by State statute other than the apprenticeship program which the Village added. Rich Brecklin stated this company worked well with the Village in the past. There was an issue years ago but it was due to an engineering problem.

John Ford noted Steffens 3D did the best job they could do under the circumstances and were great to work with. John Ford stated the Village had better luck working with Steffens 3D than

the Village did with R.A. Cullinan on the Fandel Farm road issues. Steffens was more receptive to what needed to be done to make things right.

Jeff DeGroot stated he had asked Rich Brecklin to report back on his findings. Jeff noted since Steffens 3D meets our ordinance he sees no reason to not move forward.

Marty Clinch apologized to the board for his outburst at the last meeting but stated he is very passionate about this issue. Marty Clinch asked about Mr. Halverson and his credentials. Rich Brecklin explained his company and position. Rich Brecklin stated they are a part of the ABC apprenticeship program which was stated when the ordinance was adopted met the ordinance requirements. Marty Clinch explained that Cullinan has a laborer certificate but this outfit has the one certificate for all of the workers. Marty Clinch stated he is not convinced, will not support this and will be watching.

Rich Brecklin asked what can be done to avoid having to go through this every year for future projects and does the board want to rewrite the ordinance to use union laborers only? The board stated they did not. Rich indicated this has taken up a huge amount of time. Julia Miller questioned what non-union apprenticeship program is acceptable if our language goes more towards union. It has been stated that the ABC apprenticeship program meets the requirements. Bill Streeter noted this demonstrates that a contractor doesn't have to be union as long as they are a part of an apprenticeship program. Julia Miller noted we can't keep going through this every time we want to use a company that is non-union but meets our ordinance. Julia noted the time Ann Sasso and Rich Brecklin have put into this is not necessary, and is embarrassing. Ann Sasso indicated a year ago it was stated that as long as they have an apprenticeship program with ABC we could ask the contractor if they meet our ordinance and that is all that had to be done. Julia Miller noted this was approved on April 23rd, they sent the documentation on May 4th and it is embarrassing that it has gone on this long. We have an ordinance in place and a company that meets our ordinance so there was no need to have two additional meetings.

Jeff DeGroot noted this meeting tonight is to bring closure to the street committee meeting.

Bill Streeter recommended asking the contractor to submit their documentation when they submit their bid. At the street committee meeting Ann Sasso asked if the contractor meets our ordinance if we could move forward and we still couldn't move forward even after confirming the information. Rich Brecklin stated he will make sure they add to the bid requirements to have the contractor submit the documentation with the bid.

Rich Brecklin explained with chip and seal it is not a perfect process and every year there have been some form of problems. This is a maintenance program and you will have loose rock, guaranteed. He noted there hasn't been a year when there wasn't a problem.

Jeff DeGroot stated Steffens 3D Inc. is the low bidder and the board has approved moving forward as long as they meet the responsible bidder ordinance and they do.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #1.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk