

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Storm Water Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 2015 5:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Jim O’Laughlin called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and roll call was taken.

| <b>Village President/Trustees</b> | <b>Roll Call</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> |
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| Jim O’Laughlin – Chair            | Present          | Y        | Y        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Jeff DeGroot – Village President  | Present          | Y        | Y        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Todd Rice                         | Absent           | -        | -        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Julia Miller                      | Present          | Y        | Y        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Marty Clinch                      | Absent           | -        | -        |          |          |          |          |          |          |
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Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Brian Wysocki, Village Trustee

**2. Minutes Approval-March 26, 2015**

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the March 26, 2015 storm water meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. Motion passed #1.

**3. Discussion on the MS4 Permit Requirements**

Rich Brecklin stated as part of the MS4 permit requirements the Village has to hold committee meetings to discuss any concerns and to let the community know to keep the ditches clean and don't dump or burn anything in the drainage ways. Rich noted communities are starting to look at a storm water utility since this is an unfunded area in most communities and keeping up with the improvements could be costly.

**4. Discussion on drainage concerns within the Village of Germantown Hills**

Rich Brecklin noted a previous meeting discussion on the ditch along Sullivan Circle. He stated this ditch has some fall and the rain garden is not stopping the water. Rich reviewed pictures of the ditch and rain garden with the committee and that although this area may hold water after a heavy rainfall it does drain. The Village has several areas that hold water but will go down within a short amount of time.

Rich Brecklin stated he is not sure how all of the storm water problems will be handled but this will be a learning process.

Jim O'Laughlin asked if the Village added a storm water utility what would be the best way to do it. Add it to the sewer bill or taxes? Rich Brecklin stated he will check with some other communities to see how they are implementing the fee. Julia Miller recommended we educate the community as much as possible. The storm water issue is going to be included in the newsletter that is going to area residents.

Rich Brecklin reported that Don Fandel's attorney was informed that his drainage issue is not the Village's responsibility and he is to maintain the culverts because they are on his property. Rich stated the Village had cleaned up both sides of the bank which is more than we typically do for these types of areas.

Rich Brecklin stated they are still trying to work on the storm water map as time allows.

## **5. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. Motion passed #2.

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk