

Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Village Trustee Julia Miller called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 - 14
Jeff DeGroot – President	Absent													
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Todd Rice	Present	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
 Bill Streeter, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Amy Pace to make Julia Miller temporary chairman due to Village the President Jeff DeGroot not being to attend due to a work conflict. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #1.**

2. Minutes Approval

- a. **July 28, 2016, Village Board Meeting-**A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the July 28, 2016 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #2.**

4. Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-None

5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action items-None

6. Current Agenda Items

a. **Discussion and approval on the Holland Road sidewalk**

Rich Brecklin explained the issue with the placement of the sidewalk along Holland Road. Rich has talked with the property owner who has agreed to grant the Village an easement. and is proposing to put a pipe in the bottom of the ditch as the best option. Rich explained the location and appearance and noted the cost will be more doing it this way but will be done in a matter to minimize problems with drainage. He stated the project can be put out to bid and once the bids are in the Village board will need to approve. In order to still do it this construction season we will need to get the bid published soon.

Marty Clinch noted with his class at ICC he is checking on being able to do a 100-200 feet section of the sidewalk as a class project to help with costs. Todd Rice indicated he doesn't want to wait too long as we need to keep this going in order to get it done this construction season and we have been talking about this for months. Marty Clinch stated he will know in two weeks. Scott reported they will have design done in the next two weeks and could provide an alternate bid if needed. The board agreed to have the bid go out in two weeks.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the Holland Road sidewalk going out to bid with the piping at the bottom of the ditch. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice.

Motion passed #3.

b. Approval of an Ordinance establishing the compensation of the Village President and Trustees

The board discussed whether or not the compensation should be changed. Todd Rice brought to the board a couple months ago information from other communities and a recommendation on changing the compensation for Trustees per board meeting and for the Village President. He had asked everyone to think about it and let him know if there were any questions. The compensation had not been changed since 2008 and would not go into effect until after the next election.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve an ordinance establishing the compensation of the Village President and Trustees at \$125 per board meeting for Trustees and \$5,000 a year for the Village President. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion failed #4.**

c. Discussion and approval on culvert lining in Whispering Oaks

Rich Brecklin explained the culverts that need to be lined.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve culvert lining in Whispering Oaks. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #5.**

d. Discussion and approval to extend the sewer in Whispering Oaks

No discussion needed.

e. Discussion and approval on the easement agreement for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Trunk Sewer Extension

No discussion needed.

7. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

8. Presentation of Bills

a. General-A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the general bills. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #6.**

- b. Sewer-A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #7.**
- c. Audit-A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the audit bills. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #8.**
- d. MFT-None

9. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Finance**-Amy Pace stated she will be meeting with Ann about the tax levy soon.
- b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice had nothing new to report.
- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller reported an employee had an injury outside of the workplace. The employee will be off work for several weeks but our summer help is still around in order to help out with the workload.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch reported some cars have been broken into lately and wants to remind people to keep their cars locked.
- e. **Parks**-Julia Miller stated the mulch is coming and the Village received notice we had been awarded from IDNR the RTP grant for J.R. White Park bike/walkway. Julia reported she and Ann had attended a meeting with the U of I Extension on our needs collectively in the area on recreational opportunities so that we can coordinate efforts to not duplicate. We will be meeting again in September.
- f. **Sewer**-Brian Wysocki reported there were some action items on the agenda.
- g. **Storm Water**-Jim O'Laughlin noted with costs on culverts and drainage we may need to look at funding opportunities.
- h. **Economic Development Council**-Marty Clinch noted with the EDC meetings we have a lot in play but not much new is going on. He noted we may talk at our next meeting on what our next steps are and if we need to meet each month.

Ann stated her thoughts were to change up the agenda to incorporate more business ideas in order to help our existing businesses.

Ann reported she had attended the retail connection event. The event provided information on companies and their specific requirements for their developments. The CEDS document was recommended for approval in order for it to be submitted to the GPEDC Board of Directors. They are looking for a call for projects later this year.

The Village received official notification that the IDNR RTP grant has been awarded in the amount of \$80,000 for the bike/walk path at J.R. White Park. There will be additional registration requirements that have been started.

The Community Prayer Breakfast is on October 5 and they had the chamber meeting with MABA at Snyder Village. There was a good turnout.

Community cleanup day is set for the week of October 17th. There is new travel expense reporting legislation that will require an ordinance in the coming months.

10. Reports of Special Committees-None

11. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-New Hope Community Church is having their open house on August 28th 1-3.

Ann stated she is interested in attending the IML Annual Conference this year if it ok with the board. The board agreed.

Ann asked if they want to do an ad in the community guide this year. The cost is \$280. Ann will send a draft of the ad that Cassandra and Ann put together to the board for review.

Ann met with the Woodford County Roundtable group. We are meeting every other month to do updates on what is happening in their county and to help Brittany Brown, GPEDC Rural Economic Development Coordinator plan larger knowledge sharing experiences that the region can benefit from.

The Planning Commission updated the sidewalk plan for the Village with a recommendation to the EDC.

Ann mentioned due to some conflicts with several people Jeff is looking to reschedule the September meeting. Ann will send out an email with the date.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich reported the Safe Routes to School project on Fandel Road is moving forward.

Rich noted the law enforcement flag is gotten a lot of support on Facebook.

Rich stated Anker Lane is almost completed with final grading and seeding. He indicated we might need to look at posting no parking along the road once it is completed and open to traffic.

The second speed radar sign is in. Bret Wernsman is working on building the trailer for the sign. Rich suggested the Village look at drafting an ordinance concerning vehicles and trailers on the roads due to some abuse that is creating some problems.

c. Village Attorney-Bill Streeter had nothing new to report.

d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot was not in attendance.

12. Communications to the Board-None

13. Adjournment-A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #9.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk