

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

**August 24, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

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

Chairman Todd Rice called the street meeting to order at 6:00 pm and roll call was taken.

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

Chairman Marty Clinch called the police meeting to order at 6:00 pm and roll call was taken.

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

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works  
Sheriff Matt Smith, Woodford County  
Deputy Marc Wright, Woodford County

**a. July 6, 2015-Street Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the July 6, 2015 street committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #1.**

**b. August 28, 2014-Police Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the August 28, 2014 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #2.**

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

Todd Rice stated that IDOT has done some adjusting of the timing at the stop lights to allow for the lights from all directions to be red when the crosswalk button is pushed. This should help address some of the concerns at the school crosswalk. Todd noted there will also be a new sidewalk constructed to extend from the school crosswalk to the driveway along Arbor Vitae.

The Sheriff and Deputy along with some individuals from Coventry Farm and Whispering Oaks subdivisions were in attendance to discuss the speeding concerns on Somerset Drive. Kitty Cullett, Jason Mulvaney, and Donald Blue were in attendance to ask that something be done to address the speeding along Somerset Drive.

Todd Rice noted there have been previous discussions on increasing the police presence which has helped.

The committee, representatives from Coventry Farm Homeowners Association and Village residents discussed the speeding concerns throughout the Village. The committee discussed the possibility of speed humps or rumble strips be placed along Somerset to slow the traffic down, with some possible cost sharing with property owners. They also discussed the possibility of closing Somerset Drive off. Julia Miller indicated the need to update the bike/walkway plan to re-evaluate the priorities within the Village with the increased pedestrian traffic. Ann Sasso will have the Planning Commission take a look at the plan.

Rich Brecklin stated there are certain criteria that needs to be set and met in order for some of the alternatives to be implemented. We also don't want to do something that will shift the speeding concerns onto another area and cause new problems. The committee agreed that adding more speed limit signs would not help.

The committee's agreed to have the Coventry Farm Homeowner's Association send a notice out to their residents identifying the options and asking for their input. We will also get the notices out to residents in Whispering Oaks Subdivision along Somerset Drive.

The options discussed included increased police presence with increased police contract hours, rumble strips, speed humps, or closing the road.

Todd Rice explained that since some of the options will require funds that are not in the budget most likely we wouldn't be able to do anything until next year. Todd stated the committee could meet again to discuss the alternatives once there is more information and input from the residents. The Sheriff stated he would get a cost estimate on adding more hours to the police contract.

### **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 2015 MFT Roadwork**

Rich Brecklin stated the MFT roadwork is supposed to start on Thursday or Friday of this week.

### **5. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Julia Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk