

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Police Committee Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

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	Y			
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Absent	-	-	-			
John Ford	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Todd Rice	Absent	-	-	-			

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
Marc Wright, Woodford County Sheriff's Deputy
Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
Julia Miller, Village Trustee

a. July 8, 2014-Police Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by John Ford to approve the July 8, 2014 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #1.**

2. Discussion on Germantown Hills Police Protection Services Expectations

Deputy Wright was in attendance to discuss police protection services for Germantown Hills. He has taken over the patrol in the area in providing the police protection services for Germantown Hills and will be working approximately 90% of the hours with Deputy Jeff Boone covering the remaining hours. Deputy Wright has been talking with Village residents and Ann Sasso about what they can do to better improve the service. He has also met with the school representatives and crossing guard. The committee discussed ways to slow the traffic down and what can be done collectively to handle all concerns.

Marty Clinch noted the major issue is handling all the kids that walk to the Middle School and the speeding along Somerset Drive. Marty Clinch noted most of it comes down to police presence but we may also have to address the speeding with traffic calming devices. The IDOT engineers are looking at plans to put in a larger approach for the kids at the school crossing to the Middle School.

Deputy Wright indicated he has been out in the mornings and afternoons but he can't be everywhere. He discussed the process of how the school is getting the kids across the highway and has been on site to assist and see the concerns first hand.

Kitty Cullett asked about possible traffic calming devices along Somerset or some type of barrier to only allow emergency vehicles access. Deputy Wright stated he has spent a considerable amount of time along Somerset and most of the people speeding are residents bobbing through to get around the kids as they walk to and from school. Kitty suggested closing off Somerset in order to allow only walkers and bikers access through since they didn't have this problem years ago.

Marty Clinch recommended having the street committee and Village engineer look at this issue to come up with a recommendation on ways to address the concerns.

Deputy Wright stated he wants to help in any way he can and is committed to help the Village. He noted we can work with the hours we have currently and they can be adjusted as we go along if needed. There have been many compliments from Village residents and parents on the additional police presence.

3. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the purchase of a new radar gun

The Clerk explained that the lidar radar gun we currently have is in need of repair and due to the age of the device we need to look at replacing it. The County has limited hand held radar guns that are available for use.

A motion was made by John Ford to recommend to the Village board to approve the purchase of a radar gun not to exceed \$2,600. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

4. Discussion on ways to Improve the awareness of the Speed Limits and other signage in Germantown Hills

The locations of the speed limit signs in the Village were discussed. Jim O'Laughlin stated he would like to see the default speed limit for the Village to be 25 mph on all streets unless otherwise posted. In order for this to be implemented there are sign posting and ordinance requirements. The street committee will discuss the speed limit and signage issues and make a recommendation to the Village Board. Marc Wright noted adding some flags to some of the stop signs will help raise awareness.

Dave Raffel, Principal at the Germantown Hills Middle School was in attendance. He stated the school wants to work with everyone to improve bicycle and walking safety and awareness and will do what they can do to help.

A motion was made by John Ford to adjourn the police committee meeting at 5:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk