

Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y			
John Taylor	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Eric McAllister	Present	P	Y			
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y			
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson-Electronic	Absent	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also in attendance:

- Julia Miller, Village Trustee
- Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Dan Mair, Superintendent, Germantown Hills School
- Don Creemens, Woodford County Board Member

The committee agreed to allow Veronica Axelson to attend by electronic means due to being home ill.

2. Approval of the July 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes-August meeting was cancelled

A motion was made by Amy DeFreitas to approve the July 9, 2015 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported the Enterprise Zone is approved but will not be certified until the state budget gets approved. The zones will go into effect January 1, 2016.

Ann will be attending the IML conference and IEDA conference in September.

The Germantown Hills newsletter was sent for setup and printing and Germantown Hills will be included in the Metamora-Germantown Hills Community Guide.

There is a regional bicycling plan open house in Peoria on September 29th. Ann will send the information to the EDC board.

Marty Clinch reported about the All Hazard preparedness event that was held earlier today. This event focused on disaster preparedness planning.

4. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

Ann Sasso reported the Library District board is in the process of picking out colors and looking at any revisions to the floor plan. Their architect called the Village and the plan is to put the project out for bids first part of the year with construction to be completed by the end of the year.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

Veronica Axelson updated the EDC on the Chamber events. The Chamber breakfast is on September 17th at 8:00 a.m. at Germantown Grille. The Community Prayer Breakfast is on September 22nd at 7:30 a.m. at Metamora Fields. Tickets are available at Heartland Bank for \$20.00.

The Chamber magnets went out to approximately 2700 residents and it was a huge success with many compliments from the community. Veronica thanked the Village for their contribution to the cost.

6. Road Infrastructure Update

Rich Brecklin updated the committee on the Anker Lane roadway extension. Rich noted all of the documents are now in order and the board should be prepared to award the project to the contractor at the board meeting. The contractor will start in the ravine area but the asphalt will not be put down until spring. Once the Anker Lane road extension starts a number of the trees will be removed and we will work with the Germantown Crossing property owners to coordinate the replacement of the pylon sign for the shopping center.

Rich reported the sidewalk on Arbor Vitae is being extended from the school crosswalk to the driveway in order to keep the kids off of the street as much as possible.

Newsletter Update

This agenda item was already discussed.

7. Discussion and Recommendation on Economic Development Incentives and Façade Improvement Programs

Ann Sasso presented a listing of economic development incentives and façade improvement programs. The committee discussed. Ann will bring back a draft application for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments

Dan Mair presented an update on the School District's construction plans. The design was changed over the summer. Dan explained the new floor plan and noted they hope to have all construction completed by the fall of 2017. The school will be issuing bonds but they will be able to do this without increasing the tax rate. Due to the school's limited debt capacity they will not be able to help with the funding of MTCO Park.

Paul Herzog left at 5:54 p.m.

Dan Mair discussed with the committee the bond and public input process.

9. Next Meeting- October 8, 2015 5:00 p.m.

The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk