

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Also in attendance:

Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee

Grant Fredericksen, Director, Illinois Prairie Public District Library

2. Minutes Approval-September 11, 2014

A motion was made by Amy DeFreitas to approve the September 11, 2014 EDC minutes.

The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Library District Update

Marty Clinch reported he had attended the library board meeting. The library board discussed their plans for Germantown Hills. The Village Ace is closing on December 3rd and Grant Fredericksen has been checking on the possibility of the building for a library. The library board gave the authorization for the architect to look at the building to see if it could work for what they need. Grant reported the board did give him authorization to move forward with this and he is encouraged that they are willing to keep things moving. Marty Clinch stated the EDC and Village Board are willing to help in any way they can.

4. Enterprise Zone Update

Ann Sasso reported on the status of the enterprise zone. The Village will need to approve an intergovernmental agreement and there will be a public hearing first part of November. We recently learned the agreement will also need to be approved by Woodford County since there is a 3' strip through Woodford County connecting Germantown Hills to Tazewell County. Ann Sasso will coordinate this with Mike Hinrichsen to get in on the board's agenda.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

The Chamber is having their Halloween on the Hill on October 25th. The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was a huge success with over 165 people attending.

6. Round Table Updates

Jeff DeGroot commented he is impressed with the Water Company's water quality. Bob Sutton stated he would pass that compliment along to the water board.

Bob Sutton asked Mike Hinrichsen if the county has approved the money in the budget for FFCI & EDC. Mike stated this will be discussed at the next meeting to try and get it in the budget. Mike encouraged as many members as possible to attend in support.

Tammy Heiden thanked everyone that was able to attend the CEFCU after hours event.

Ann Sasso reported Tri-County Planning Commission has received word that the grant to work on the trail from Germantown Hills to Metamora has been approved and is being processed by IDOT. They will let us know once the work can get started.

Ann noted she had attended an event in Chicago with site selectors and made some great contacts and will follow up with them for potential opportunities in Germantown Hills. The IDC awarded Ann with a scholarship to attend the economic development course through SIUE. Julia and Ann attended the IDC luncheon and scholarship presentation in Springfield.

Jeff DeGroot stated he has a good feeling about the EDC and moving Germantown Hills forward.

Mike Hinrichsen noted Woodford County has revolving loan funds that could be available to a business in Germantown Hills. Ann Sasso will pass the information along.

7. Next Meeting- November 13, 2014 5:00 pm

The next meeting will be held on November 13th at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by John Ford to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk