

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Special Village Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 29, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

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

Village President Jeff DeGroot called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present					N	
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim O'Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Todd Rice	Present	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works  
Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of an Ordinance to amend Title 1 Chapter 6 of the Village code creating the Public Works Team Lead Maintenance Worker position**

Julia Miller and Rich Brecklin met with Bret Wernsman and he is interested in the new position.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve Ordinance #751 an Ordinance to amend Title 1 Chapter 6 of the Village code creating the Public Works Team Lead Maintenance Worker position. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #1.**

**3. Approval to assign a Village employee to fill the Public Works Team Lead Maintenance Worker position**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to assign Bret Wernsman to fill the Public Works Team Lead Maintenance worker position. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #2.**

Todd Rice stated no offense to anyone but he doesn't think there needs to be a lead position for the supervision of two employees so that is why he is voting against this motion.

Bill Streeter explained he will have some amendments to the code at the next meeting that will modify some of the other job descriptions as to the reporting mechanism with the creation of this new position.

**4. Approval of an Ordinance to amend Title 1 of the Village Code regarding bidding for public improvements (Deleting subsection 1-10-2.F. (Apprenticeship Program Requirement) and correcting subsections 1-10-2 and 1-10-4).**

Matt Bender from the Carpenters Union was in attendance concerning the responsible bidder ordinance. He stated he was in support of the apprenticeship language and doesn't feel it is a union or non-union issue.

Bill Streeter stated the corrections in the ordinance are to change the \$5,000 limits to \$20,000. This was discussed and approved at a previous meeting but was not changed in all locations of the ordinance so this will correct the error from previous board action.

Jim O'Laughlin read what is currently in the ordinance under section F. Todd Rice stated the problem is not with the apprenticeship program language or the need for training but the continued objections from some board members when the contractor has an ABC contractor apprenticeship program which meets the Village ordinance. Julia Miller stated the concern is a repeated waste of time and money and the board is going through this every year which is not necessary especially when each time the contractor is meeting the Village Ordinance. Jim O'Laughlin stated they have learned their lessons because they did have that conversation. Jim noted they learned that if they have a certification from the Illinois Department of Labor for an approved apprenticeship program that will no longer be a problem.

Rich Brecklin noted documentation from the ABC contractors doesn't get updated every year and that is why there isn't always a current date. Matt Bender confirmed it was every four years.

Ann Sasso noted the responsible bidder ordinance was not included in the Safe Routes to School project because of IDOT and Federal policy conflicts. It will also not be able to be included in the MFT projects due to the conflicts. Ann Sasso noted she had called several other local communities and none of them had an ordinance requiring an apprenticeship program. IDOT couldn't identify all of the conflicts without legal interpretation.

Brian Wysocki stated the ordinance doesn't guarantee the quality of work and how does this language protect the Village when previously a contractor with an apprenticeship program failed to do quality work for the Village and cost the Village \$42,000.00.

Marty Clinch discussed the MFT overpayment and is tired of the overages. He noted the responsible bidder ordinance protects the worker and holds the contractors accountable. He says that most of the contractors the Village works with him and Jim O'Laughlin already know.

Todd Rice explained there were meetings held where the board discussed saving money by having Woodford County perform the construction engineering which was approved. He noted in the future we can either pay extra to measure the roads or have Rich stop the work once we hit the number no matter if the work is complete or not. It doesn't matter who the contractor would be for this to happen but ultimately the Village would pay for the rock and oil that was used to complete the project.

Rich Brecklin stated 99% of projects are done with skilled workers. He stated we haven't had but one problem in all of the years and this was because of the people in charge at the time that didn't follow prevailing wage requirements. Otherwise there have been no problems even before this ordinance was adopted.

Rich asked how we are going to handle the Safe Routes to School project since our ordinance can't be included in the bidding process due to IDOT and Federal conflicts.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to split the motion into two separate ordinances for approval with one being the corrections of subsections 1-10-2 and 1-10-4 and one deleting section F. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #3.**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to amend Title 1 of the Village Code regarding bidding for public improvements correcting subsections 1-10-2 and 1-10-4. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso stated for clarification purposes since it has been stated several times, if a contractor provides documentation that meets the Village ordinance there should be no further discussion even if their apprenticeship program is through ABC Contractors (which does meet the Village Ordinance). The board agreed.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to amend Title 1 of the Village Code regarding bidding for public improvements (Deleting subsection 1-10-2.F. (Apprenticeship Program Requirement)). The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion failed #5.**

## **5. Discussion on the process for internal communications**

Jeff DeGroot noted a lot of things have gotten accomplished but he feels there is some drifting. He feels there are some board members that are working independently and not respecting the chairpersons of the committees. He stated there have been some issues lately that he will address individually with the board members. Todd Rice asked that in order to understand the reasoning that it should be discussed at the next meeting with the full board.

## **6. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #6.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk