

Village of Germantown Hills
Germantown Hills Fire Department
Special Village Board Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Village President Jeff DeGroot called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present					
John Ford	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Brian Wysocki	Absent	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	N	Y	Y	
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Also Present:

Chuck Urban, Village attorney

Bill Streeter, Village attorney

Jeff DeGroot asked if anyone had an objection to Brian Wysocki attending the Village board meeting by electronic means due to being away for work purposes. There were no objections.

2. Approval on the Enforcement of the Mailbox Ordinance and Roadside Obstructions

Mike and Veronica Axelson were in attendance and stated they had heard about the mailbox ordinance after their brick mailbox was constructed. Mike stated they did not know there was an ordinance prohibiting brick mailboxes and would like to propose a change to the ordinance or see if they can file for a variance to allow it.

John Ford asked about the liability if someone would hit the mailbox and noted concern about potential safety issues with damage to vehicles and injury to residents. Bill Streeter stated the board needs to decide if they are going to enforce the ordinance and, if not, then the ordinance needs to be changed. Todd Rice stated he had looked at other communities to see if they had any provisions for brick mailboxes and could only find Morton locally that did have an ordinance. Julia Miller stated she had found several close to Chicago but feels if we are going to allow brick mailboxes there should be some parameters on size and location. The board discussed the need to review the mailbox ordinance to see if there needs to be any changes.

A motion was made by John Ford to recommend having the street committee review the mailbox ordinance for any potential revisions and authorize the attorney to look at the liability issue. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #1.**

The board asked for the Planning Commission to start reviewing more of the Village ordinances that may need to be updated.

3. Approval of the Hiring of Public Works Maintenance Workers for the Village of Germantown Hills

Jim O'Laughlin stated the personnel committee had made a recommendation to the Village board on the hiring of two new public works maintenance workers.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the hiring for the public works maintenance worker positions Zackery Hecht and Jacob Craig at \$15.00 an hour with a review in three months. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #2.**

4. Approval of a Christmas Bonus for Village Personnel

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve a Christmas bonus for Village personnel in the amount of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #3.**

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk