

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014 - 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	Y		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
John Ford	Absent	-	-	-		
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y	Y		
John Taylor	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Tammy Heiden	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also in attendance:

Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
Don Creemens, Woodford County Board Member
Barry Logan, Woodford County Board Member
Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

2. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported Germantown Hills is now on the sign at the bottom of the hill noting the distance to Germantown Hills. Ann discussed some of the aspects she brought back from the economic development course. Some new ideas and concepts will be discussed at future meetings. Our local economic development effort is important but the regional effort is just as important. This is why it is so important to be involved with FFCI and the EDC. Because 80% of the growth is from existing businesses we are going to want to look a more formal process for business retention visits in order to keep informed of what the needs are of our businesses. We might want to include a representative from the area colleges in our EDC emails in case there are workforce development needs or concerns.

Ann Sasso met with the proposed new owner of the Jubilee building. The owner discussed updating the façade and pylon sign. A Germantown Crossing building owners meeting will be needed soon in order to discuss these issues.

3. Minutes Approval-October 9, 2014

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the October 9, 2014 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Herzog. **Motion passed #1.**

4. Illinois Prairie Public District Library Update

Ann Sasso reported that Grant Frederickson had been authorized by the Library Board to not pursue having the architect look at the possibilities of the library purchasing the old Village Ace building. The committee discussed the need to attend the next library board meeting to see what their plans are. Marty Clinch asked the Woodford County board members what we can do to get movement from the library board to give Germantown Hills an updated library since the community wants and needs one. Ann Sasso will let the committee know the next library board meeting date so that members can attend.

5. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding an Enterprise Zone Located in the Northern Tazewell and Southern Woodford Counties

The Intergovernmental Agreement will show the partnership between Germantown Hills, East Peoria, Washington and Tazewell County to create an enterprise zone. Woodford County is going to need to sign off on the agreement approving the 3' strip in order to make Germantown Hills contiguous to Tazewell County but they will not be a participant in the zone. Woodford County will consider the agreement at their meeting on Tuesday. The States Attorney has recommended approval.

A motion was made by Paul Herzog to recommend to the Village board the approval of the intergovernmental agreement regarding an enterprise zone located in the Northern Tazewell and Southern Woodford Counties. The motion was seconded by Eric McAllister. **Motion passed #2.**

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update/Meeting Sponsors

The Village of Germantown Hills is sponsoring the Chamber lunch on November 20th at noon. Ann asked if the committee would support sponsoring a Chamber lunch in 2015. The committee agreed.

7. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Approval of the purchase of Christmas Banners

Ann Sasso explained some of the costs and timing of getting Christmas banners this year. The committee agreed to look at getting banners in the spring and doing a community banner and then some seasonal banners for Christmas. This will be deferred until spring.

8. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Germantown Hills EDC Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics draft was pulled from another community for discussion purposes. Some proposed changes were discussed. The committee agreed to have the members send their proposed revisions to Ann and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Road Infrastructure Update/Long Range Transportation Plan Applications/Open Houses

The long range transportation plan applications that were submitted included a proposed 10 foot bike/walkway from Germantown Hills to Metamora and a pedestrian overpass from the approximate location of Great Oaks Church/School over to MTCO Park. We are hopeful both will be approved on the long range transportation plans in order to help when we apply for federal funding opportunities. There will be two open houses on the plan in the next week.

The Village is starting the process to construct the right in/right out off Route 116 to Anker Lane and a roundabout. This was determined to be what is needed based on the traffic study. The time line of the construction will be an April letting.

Barry Logan, Woodford County board member recommended the Village explore the possibility of being a part of PPUATS as there maybe some funds available. Barry explained how the program works and noted there could be some benefit to the Village.

10. Round Table Updates/Public Comments

Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County board member reported at their last County board meeting the FFCI budget didn't get passed but the EDC portion did. He encouraged those board members that didn't vote in favor to be held accountable. He indicated Germantown Hills is moving forward in their economic development. Marty Clinch noted that Jennifer Daly, the new CEO of the Economic Development Council came away from the county board meeting noting the need to educate so that the whole process is understood. Marty Clinch and Ann Sasso explained how many resources and tools are available with the involvement of the EDC and FFCI and how it is helping Germantown Hills. Mike Hinrichsen stated the timeline of the two groups merging should be by December 1st.

11. December EDC Meeting Agenda Items Discussion

Any agenda items for the next meeting should be submitted to Ann Sasso.

12. Next Meeting- December 11, 2014 5:00 p.m.

We are going to invite all of the businesses to attend the next EDC Meeting.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Paul Herzog to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk