

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 - 19
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present													
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works  
 Bill Streeter & Chuck Urban, Village Attorney's  
 Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer, CMT

**2. Minutes Approval**

**a. October 22, 2015, Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the October 22, 2015 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the corrected October 22, 2015 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #2.**

**b. October 29, 2015 Special Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Amy Pace to approve the October 29, 2015 Special Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #3.**

**c. November 6, 2015 Special Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the November 6, 2015 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #4.**

**4. Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-None**

**5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action items-None**

**6. Current Agenda Items**

**a. Approval of the purchase of a new Bobcat bucket**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the purchase of a new Bobcat bucket. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #5.**

**b. Discussion on the sewer infrastructure for the Germantown Hills Middle School Expansion Project and Combs Cove lift station**

Brian Wysocki stated the sewer committee met and discussed the alternatives to address the capacity of the Combs Cove lift station with the Germantown Hills Middle School expansion project. Brian noted the first option was to eliminate the pump station and extend the main down to sewer plant #2 but this is going to be cost prohibitive and the Village wouldn't be able to meet the timing for the school.

Scott noted they looked at other options and feel it would work for the school to install their own pump station and connect at Whispering Oaks. There appears to be a 12" casing and if the documents are correct it looks like there is room to add a 2" force main and then tie into the gravity system. The sewer committee recommended having CMT do some additional surveying to confirm the information and capacity as long as the school is agreeable. Brian Wysocki noted this alternative is something the Village should be able to handle and meet the school's timing. This option would be at the schools cost.

**c. Approval on the Thornridge lift station transfer switch**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the purchase and installation of an automatic transfer switch for the Thornridge lift station not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #6.**

**d. Approval of the Tax Levy for FY 15-16**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve Ordinance #753 the annual tax levy ordinance for FY 15-16. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #7.**

**e. An Ordinance amending the Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding Superintendent of Public Works**

A motion was made by Amy Pace to approve Ordinance #754 an Ordinance amending the Village code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding the Superintendent of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #8.**

**f. An Ordinance amending the Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding the duties of the Public Works Maintenance Worker**

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve Ordinance #755 an Ordinance amending the Village code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding the duties of the Public Works Maintenance worker. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #9.**

**g. An Ordinance amending the Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding Village Administrator**

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve Ordinance #756 an Ordinance amending the Village code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding the Village Administrator. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #10.**

**h. Approval of a Christmas bonus for Village personnel**

Julia Miller recommended keeping the Christmas bonus the same as last year for Village personnel.

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve a \$250 Christmas bonus for Village personnel. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #11.**

**i. Approval of the revised construction date of completion for the Anker Lane Extension**

Scott DeSplinter stated the construction date for completion needs to be revised. IDOT guidelines has an official construction start date so the contractor's schedule builds off of that and Scott feels the date is reasonable.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the revised construction date of completion for the Anker Lane extension of July 1st. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #12.**

**j. Approval to authorize the Village President to execute loan documents for the Anker Lane Extension Road improvement project**

Ann Sasso explained the timing of payments and the availability of funds for the Anker Lane project. The board agreed to check with the bank and auditor on the timing and need for payments.

**k. Approval to authorize the Village President to sign the letter of understanding with the Illinois Department of Transportation on modernizing the existing traffic signals with retro reflective back plates at various locations within the Village of Germantown Hills**

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to authorize the Village President to sign the letter of understanding with the Illinois Department of Transportation on modernizing the existing traffic signals with retro reflective back plates at various locations within the Village of Germantown Hills. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #13.**

**Approval of closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending or probable or imminent litigation**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to go into executive session at 6:53 p.m. pursuant to Section 2(c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending or probable or imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #14.**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to come out of executive session at 6:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #15.**

**I. Approval of the Resolution approving the settlement release and dismissal of lawsuit (Foth Litigation)**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the resolution approving the settlement release and dismissal of lawsuit (Foth Litigation). The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #16.**

**7. Ongoing Agenda Items-None**

**8. Presentation of Bills**

**a. General**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the general bills for November. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #17.**

**b. Sewer**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the sewer bills for November. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #18.**

**c. Audit-None**

**d. MFT-None**

**9. Reports of Standing Committees**

**a. Finance-**Amy Pace stated the finance items were addressed on the agenda.

**b. Streets/Equipment**

Todd Rice noted there is an area downstream from the new road we may need to look at in the future for any erosion issues. Scott noted we can also look to see if there are any funding opportunities.

**c. Personnel**

Julia Miller stated there have been some issues that have come up and there were some discussions on a plan of action to address them. The issues involve a member of the community and two trustees. Julia noted as board members they need to provide a safe working environment. Julia noted she will be scheduling a personnel committee meeting soon.

**d. Police-**Marty Clinch had nothing new to report.

**e. Parks**

Julia Miller reported the Recreational Trail Grant project for the J.R. White Park trail was discussed at the Chamber meeting.

**f. Sewer-**Brian Wysocki stated there was a committee meeting this evening.

**g. Storm Water-**Jim O'Laughlin had nothing new to report.

**h. Economic Development Council**

Ann Sasso reported all the communities met on the enterprise zone. There will be some things to complete once the zones are formally approved.

Rich Brecklin, Amy Pace and Ann Sasso attended the Chamber breakfast and presented Village updates on Anker Lane, the J.R. White Park bike/walkway, Safe Routes to School sidewalk and the street pole banners which will be in next week. There will be two of each design and the hope is to have more put up around the Village next year. The Chamber is encouraging all businesses to put up white lights.

Ann noted she is talking with Justin Nena about putting up a new pylon sign for the shopping center.

**10. Reports of Special Committees-None**

**11. Reports of Officers**

**a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**

The Annual Treasurer Report was completed and published as required.

There was a meeting on ideas for a swimming pool in the area. Several ideas were discussed. The main idea was to have the YMCA's involvement but there will be another meeting to discuss options.

FEMA has notified Tri-County Planning that the Hazard Mitigation Plan application has been "identified for further review." This means that we are still in the running to receive a grant to fund the planning work. They may need additional information but there has been no word yet.

Ann met with Good Energy representatives on the Village's electrical aggregation. The contract is up in June 2016. They will need the board to approve an addendum since the agreement runs out before the contract.

The library is working on the landscaping plan for their new building. There might need to be an adjustment to the requirements on the types of trees allowed as per the Declaration since things have changed over the years as the recommended types of trees that should be planted.

Ann noted another tool the board may want to explore as a funding opportunity if there is a need is a business district in order to bring in some funds to offsite the infrastructure costs.

#### **b. Superintendent of Public Works**

Rich Brecklin stated the Christmas lights are up and he will put the street pole banners up when they come in.

Rich noted they are starting to evaluate the roads for next year's program for chip and seal and spray patching. The Village has not received their MFT funds yet.

The Anker Lane project is going well but they are stopping for the winter. Rich has talked with Justin Nena about the trees to see if there can be more taken out. This will need to be discussed.

Rich discussed the results from the new radar sign. The data shows most people are not speeding. Rich has talked with the Deputies and they love having that information.

Rich noted the snowplow equipment is ready to go.

Zack Hecht and Jake Craig are signed up to take the Wastewater exam. They are also getting their hepatitis shots.

Rich is looking into what areas in Whispering Oaks need more lining and point repairs.

#### **c. Village Attorney**

The attorney's thanked Todd Rice, Brian Wysocki, Scott DeSplinter and Rich Brecklin for their time in getting the agreement with Foth resolved.

**d. Village President-**Jeff DeGroot stated he would like to have a discussion on storm disaster preparedness.

### **12. Communications to the Board**

Ann Sasso read a thank you note from Valerie Gabriel for the Village's support with her nomination for Illinois State Teacher of the Year.

### **13. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #19.**

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk