

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Chairman John Ford called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, and roll call was taken. The meeting was started late due to the street committee meeting running longer than expected.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
John Ford – Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Absent	-	-	-	-	-		
Todd Rice-Electronic	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	P	Y	Y		
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Eric Hansen, Village Engineer, CMT

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer, CMT

Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee

a. September 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the September 25, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #1.**

2. Approval of Journal Entries and Interfund Transfers

Ann Sasso noted there were no journal entries or interfund transfers in November.

3. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Woodland Knolls/ Anker Lane Improvement Projects, Planning and Funding

Scott DeSplinter stated they looked at the health of the general fund and mirrored their effort of what they did with the sewer fund for the facility plan in the general fund for the street plans. Scott stated they included in the budget an estimated payment of \$105,000 for 15 years for the Anker Lane extension and Woodland Knolls roundabout. This would be for an estimated project cost of \$1.2 million. They also included \$160,000 which is the Village's portion of the Safe Routes to School project to extend the sidewalk from Windsor Drive to Wildflower Avenue. The long range street program would be a yearly maintenance program of \$125,000 with \$50,000 out of the general fund each year.

Scott noted they looked at areas of the funds to shift some expenses and the one that has been discussed and makes the most sense is to shift one of the employees to be paid out of

the sewer fund. Currently the Superintendent is the only one paid out of the sewer fund with all employees having sewer responsibilities. Scott reviewed the numbers in the general fund and what the sewer fund will look like if an employee is shifted in the next fiscal year. Both budgets look good and shifting an employee helps the general fund and the sewer fund can handle the additional expense.

Scott noted once they survey work is complete they will be able to select the alignment of the Anker Lane extension.

A motion was made by John Ford to recommend to the Village moving forward with the funding on the Woodland Knolls/Anker Lane improvement projects. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

4. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the funding of the Safe Routes to School Project

A motion was made by John Ford to recommend to the Village board on the funding of the Safe Routes to School project. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #3.**

5. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Tax Levy FY 14-15

Ann Sasso explained the tax levy numbers. There are two restricted accounts that need additional funding so the general corporate tax levy is going to be reduced to offset the needed funds.

A motion was made by John Ford to recommend to the Village board the tax levy for FY 14-15. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #4.**

6. Discussion on the FY 14-15 Budget

John Ford stated the budget discussion would be deferred.

Ann Sasso noted the garbage street maintenance account transfer has not been done but will be done at the end of the fiscal year with the year end transfers. Todd Rice recommended doing it more frequently so the transfer will be done in October and April of each year.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #5.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk