

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**  
**December 10, 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	14 - 15
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present													
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marty Clinch	Present	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	Y	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

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Minutes Approval**

**a. November 19, 2015, Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the November 19, 2015 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

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

**5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action items**

Scot Guariglia from Best Version Media was in attendance to learn more about Germantown Hills.

**6. Current Agenda Items**

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

Rich Brecklin reported he and Scott DeSplinter had met with the School to discuss options on handling the additional sewer with the School expansion. The School would like to look at another option which would send the flows to the Village at a lower controlled rate. Their engineer will put together some information to bring to the Village in order for the Village to evaluate the feasibility. The School is not sure they want to put in a pump station and pump the sewer to Whispering Oaks so they would like to explore this possible option.

Scott DeSplinter stated they did the surveys and found no concerns with the lines going to Whispering Oaks so if the School would want to go that direction there will be capacity.

**b. Approval of the amendment of the professional services agreement with Good Energy**

Bill Streeter noted amending the professional services agreement with Good Energy puts the agreement concurrent with the service agreement date.

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the amendment of the professional services agreement with Good Energy. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin.

**Motion passed #2.**

**c. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (Electric Aggregation)**

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve Resolution 2015-03 authorizing the execution of a service agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (Electric Aggregation). The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #3.**

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

Ann Sasso explained the loan process and noted if we lock in the rate now we can either take a draw for the contractors pay request or wait until the spring. The board discussed.

A motion was made by Amy Pace to authorize the Village President to executive loan documents for the Anker Lane Extension Road Improvement project in the amount of \$860,000 at a 3.31% interest rate for 10 years amortized over 15 years. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #4.**

Marty Clinch left at 6:33 p.m.

**e. Approval of the Joint Funding Resolution for the Safe Routes to School Project**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the joint funding Resolution 2015-04 for the Safe Routes to School Project. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #5.**

Todd Rice indicated the need to have a crosswalk light put up once the sidewalk extension is completed in order to draw attention to the area for the safety of those crossing Fandel Road.

**f. Approval of contractor's application for pay request #1 for the Anker Lane extension road project**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the contractor's application for pay request #1 for the Anker Lane extension road project in the amount of \$237,434.85. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #6.**

**g. Approval of the Village of Germantown Hills Board of Trustees, EDC and Planning Commission 2016 Meeting Schedules**

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the Village of Germantown Hills Board of Trustees, EDC and Planning Commission 2016 meeting schedules. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #7.**

Ann Sasso noted some of the board meeting dates had to be adjusted due to scheduling conflicts.

**h. Approval of closed session minutes**

Defer.

**i. Approval of Resolution Regarding Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tape Recordings**

Defer.

**j. Approval of the purchase of backhoe tires**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the purchase of backhoe tires not to exceed \$1500. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #8.**

**k. Discussion and approval on the maintenance of the Village website and change of hosting provider**

Ann Sasso explained the problems we are experiencing with the website lately. She noted we are still gathering information and should have a recommendation at the next meeting for a solution.

**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 December. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #9.**

**b. Sewer**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the sewer bills for December. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #10.**

- c. Audit-None
- d. MFT-None

## 9. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Finance**-Amy Pace stated she would be having a finance committee meeting soon to address some of the changes with the Illinois Funds and the Village accounts. Ann Sasso reported there are a couple of steps with ordering new checks and setting up some new accounts locally that will need to be done soon.
- b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice had nothing new to report.
- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller stated she will have a personnel committee meeting in January.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch was not in attendance.
- e. **Parks**-Julia Miller reported we are looking to install the same type of siding at the pavilion at J.R. White Park to match the Village hall.
- f. **Sewer**-Brian Wysocki stated there have been some power outages and Rich Brecklin is talking to Amerencilco about the problems. There have also been some electrical issues with the blower at Plant 2.
- g. **Storm Water**-Jim O'Laughlin stated he had looked at some areas with Rich Brecklin. Rich Brecklin stated there are some areas we will monitor and fix them as needed.
- h. **Economic Development Council**

Ann Sasso reported there is some interest in the Video building and the Germantown Crossing property owners are discussing putting up a new pylon sign for the shopping center.

The street pole banners have been put up along Jubilee Lane.

Ann mentioned the idea if there is a need for another funding mechanism the Board could create a Business District to help offset the infrastructure costs. This could be discussed at a finance committee meeting.

Ann noted a couple of business owners have asked about the possibility of a residential use in a commercial district. The board discussed and recommended the Planning Commission address the possibility.

The library has submitted their site plan for a formal review.

## 10. Reports of Special Committees-None

## **11. Reports of Officers**

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

Ann stated she was approached about a Catholic Run/Walk on March 13th from St. Mary's to the Sister House to see if it is ok with the Village as they would be going through the Village. There will be a meeting to discuss the event.

Because of the changes with the Illinois Funds we ordered new checks for our checking account at CEFCU and the MFT account. We met with CEFCU to figure out the process. The Village can also get a credit card that doesn't need a personal guarantee which would help when one is needed. The board discussed. This will be further discussed with the finance committee.

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

Rich Brecklin reported we have put the snowplow policy on the website and the first snow fall went well.

The radar speed sign seems to be a good deterrent with some of the speeding in the Village. Rich will be meeting again with the Deputy's to discuss the data.

Some of the MFT funds have been released and deposited into the Village account.

Rich noted he is starting to look at the roads for the MFT program for next year.

Jake Craig and Zack Hecht have been doing a number of grinder pms and have corrected some concerns.

Rich Brecklin discussed the problems with the power outages and alarms the Village is experiencing.

Rich noted when they met with the school he asked again for the drain lines to be disconnected in the stair wells at the Grade School.

Rich discussed the trees by Anker Lane and noted parts of them are in the Village and parts are CEFCU's. He is hopeful more clearing can be addressed next year.

### **c. Village Attorney**

Bill Streeter thanked the Village board for the opportunity to work with them and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

### **d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot had nothing new to report.**

## **12. Communications to the Board-None**

## **13. Approval of Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act, for the semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated.**

A motion was made by Amy Pace to go into executive session at 7:32 p.m. pursuant to Section 2(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act, for the semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #11.**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to come out of executive session at 7:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #12.**

#### **Approval of closed session minutes**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the closed session minutes for the following dates in 2014: September 17, October 22, 23, 30 and 2015 dates: January 22, April 21 & 23, September 3 & 10, October 22, and November 6 & 19. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #13.**

#### **Approval of Resolution Regarding Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Tape Recordings**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve Resolution 2015-05 regarding release of closed session minute and destruction of audio tape recordings. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #14.**

#### **14. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #15.**

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk