

**Village of Germantown Hills  
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2019 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.

<b>EDC Committee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Mike Hinrichsen-Village President	Absent	-	-	-		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-	-		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also, present:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee

2. **Approval of the November 8, 2018 EDC meeting minutes**-A motion was made by Melissa Heil to approve the November 8, 2018 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #1.** The December meeting was cancelled.

3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Ann Sasso reported Dr. Nichols has requested a Business Community Improvement Grant for new signage on his building and for his ground sign. He is proposing a larger sign that he will be requesting a variance for in front of the ZBA. The total cost for the signs is \$4,365.00. The grant would be for \$2,182.50. This is an eligible item request under the Business Community Improvement Grant.

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to recommend to the Village Board the Business Community Improvement Grant to Dr. Nichols in the amount of \$2,182.50. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

4. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**- Ann Sasso noted at the meetings at GPEDC one of the big things being talked about is the Innovation Hub. Ann reported there was a person that came in to say he had bought a piece of property next to Rt.116 hoping he could put a sign on it for the advertisement of businesses. Ann informed him he could not do that and he would have to check with the Village before considering doing anything on that lot as it is not a buildable lot. He has not made a request at this time. The new business that was planning on going to the space at Germantown Crossing is still working on the agreement to finalize the plans. The Village is hoping to hear something soon.

Marty Clinch reported he is attending a solar conference about the Future Energy Jobs Act that funds solar projects.

5. **Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update**-Veronica Axelson noted the Chamber lunch is on Thursday, January 17th at the Germantown Grille and the Chamber Social is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Metamora Fields.
6. **School Updates and upcoming events**-Dan Mair reported he had met with Core Construction on the MTCO park design. Dan will be pulling the team back together soon in order to discuss what is needed in the park. He stated the goal is to be ready in the fall for the ITEP Grant for the park and the pedestrian crossing. The engineer working on the pedestrian crossing is going to be doing the student count in the spring in order to get more accurate numbers of students walking and biking to school.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> the school will have their District State of the District dinner to share with the community where things are at with the school.

Dan indicated at their School Board meeting he presented a levy and was proud the board approved for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row a drop in the rate. Dan Mair stated he has been working with Eric Scroggs at the other School in order to get a Safety Resource Officer for the two schools to share. They have found a retired prison guard that they are going to hire to work at both schools. Dan noted the officer will also be doing some crisis planning and management.

Amy DeFrietas noted the need to do some bicycle safety training at the Germantown School as she sees kids all over the roads at times.

Marty Clinch had to leave at 5:33 p.m.

7. **Germantown Hills Library update**-Ann Sasso had sent the library update provided by Joel Shoemaker to the EDC.
8. **Business round table updates/public comments**  
The DARE program and its effectiveness was discussed. Amy DeFreitas reported the career and education building is going up.  
  
Randy Nash reported the Fire District just got a new ambulance and unfortunately the other ambulance was involved in an accident so they are needing to look to replace it as it may not be repairable.  
  
Bob Sutton reported the Water Company renewed their energy contract and are lining it up to the Village and Metamora's contracts that are up in June.
9. **Next meeting – February 14, 2019 5:00 p.m.** The committee agreed to cancel the EDC meeting scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> and reschedule if necessary.
10. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #3.**  
Ann Sasso, Village Clerk