

Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017 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	Absent	-	-	-		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-	-		
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-	-		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Kendall Stevens	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

2. **Approval of the December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes**-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to approve the December 15, 2016 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace.
Motion passed #1.

3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the Germantown Hills library hours**

Mike Hinrichsen explained the library board has proposed 26 hours a week for the new building. Previously the EDC and Village Board had recommended 60 hours a week in order to have the new facility open and more available for the community. The library's premise is that they can't afford it without cutting something.

Mike Hinrichsen and Ann Sasso met with Grant on the proposed hours. Mike has also talked with Grant Fredericksen about their budget and has been gathering information on the library's tax levies and fund balances. In addition Mike and Julia Miller attended the Library Board's meeting in January to discuss the proposed hours. Mike noted the 2014 & 2015 audits showed a healthy excess in the fund balances so it appears the money is there but he is still working on understanding all of the numbers. The library is scheduling a grand opening for January 28th.

Mike discussed with the committee the estimated cost to add more hours and the need for the library to offer programs and add more books.

Marty Clinch introduced Kate Kaufman who is the ICC librarian and a local resident. Kate discussed some of her past experiences working in libraries. Marty Clinch recommended sticking with the 60 hour per week recommendation since it seems reasonable in order to have the library open when it is needed most within our community.

A motion was made by Paul Herzog to recommend to the Village board the 60 hours a week that was previously recommended for the Germantown Hills Library hours. The motion was seconded by Kendall Stevens. **Motion passed #2.**

Mike noted we will continue to work on this and noted the library is important to the community and it will be dependent on us to see this through. Veronica Axelson recommended the committee look at attending the library board's meeting. Ann Sasso noted we would need to give notice if a majority of a quorum would be in attendance.

4. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso explained for the Germantown Crossing Business Community Improvement Grant (BCIP) Justin Nena will be asking the Village board for an extension as there have been some timing issues in order for him to get the pylon sign completed.

The Village Board will be voting on the BCIP for Germantown Grille as this was deferred at the last meeting. They are anticipating opening the new facility towards the end of the month.

Ann noted a statement was added to the BCIP application and process noting the projects should not be started until grant approval. The committee discussed the grant process. Eric McAllister noted the intent of the grant is we are trying to encourage economic development and he wasn't sure we want to be too restrictive on the requirements. Kendall indicated the need for businesses to comply with the rules and process that have been put in place. The committee discussed.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update-Veronica Axelson stated their next Chamber meeting in on January 19th at noon and the social is on January 25th at 6:00 p.m.

6. Business round table updates/public comments

Eric McAllister stated the school is moving along on the construction. Woodford County Special Education and Easter Seals will be moving into the old Grade School with some common areas still shared with the school. Ann noted the two organizations are going to be also sharing some administrative staff.

Veronica Axelson noted a potential concern with the parking at Germantown Grille once they move into their new building since Dr. Kaufman was renting parking space from Video World.

7. Next meeting-February 9, 2017 5:00 p.m.-The next meeting will be at the Village hall on February 9th at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk