

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 2, 2017 5:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**

Brian Wysocki called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m. and roll call was taken.

<b>Village President/Trustees</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Brian Wysocki – Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y	
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Absent	-	-	-	
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer, Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly (CMT)

Amy Pace, Village Trustee

Todd Rice, Village Trustee

Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

**a. October 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the October 13, 2016 sewer committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #1.**

**2. Review of the status of the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Trunk Control Project Phase 1**

Scott DeSplinter noted Plant 1 sees high flows and in the 2012 facility plan the recommendation was to construct a trunk sewer from plant 1 to plant 2.

With the knowledge of a proposed new subdivision the project was split into two phases. The Village has made attempts to secure a sewer easement with the property owner, Mr. Clark. We were getting some positive feedback but then nothing. Scott explained the history with Mr. Clark and the Village. Mr. Clark has made a request of payment for the easement that is not feasible. The Village has started the appraisal process with potential eminent domain.

**3. Review and recommendation for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Trunk Control Project Phase 2**

Scott stated they have started on Phase 2. In working on the next portion there became a question about some of the property lines. Scott and Rich met with Bill and they have determined there needs to be more information from a field survey. Scott noted he would get this going and then we can add this area to the appraisal to keep things moving. He will get his surveyors out next week.

The IEPA permit has been submitted and we are hopeful to have the permit in a couple of weeks. Once we get the appraisal the Village Board can make an offer to Mr. Clark.

Scott DeSplinter reviewed the Village's existing sewer system. The facility plan will need to be refreshed as it is good for five years. In 2018 we will need to do an update in order to be eligible for EPA funding.

Scott explained the project to connect the pipe from plant 1 to plant 2, the improvements to plant 2 and the sewer plant road. The screen structure and costs were discussed along with the loan process.

Scott reviewed the proposed sewer rates and the financial impact of the loan improvements.

Rich explained he has not been able to run the filters so he is talking to some manufacturers to see if something can be retrofitted.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to recommend to the Village Board to authorize CMT to design the WWTP Peak Flow phase 2. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #2.**

**4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the easement agreement for WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Trunk Sewer Extension**

This was deferred.

**5. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the grinder pump alarms and procedure**

Rich Brecklin explained his proposed grinder pump alarm procedure and fee schedule. Rich noted there has been more abuse than mechanical failure lately. He doesn't feel there are any reasons employees should be coming out in the middle of the night when residents can wait until the next day. He stated there are some homeowners that continually have alarms due to abuse. The committee discussed the costs.

Rich asked the committee to look at the policy and procedure in order to make a recommendation to the board. Rich noted we will need to get the word out on the website and through the Homeowner's Associations on the policy and procedure.

**6. Sewer Plant 1 EPA Permit Renewal**

Rich Brecklin has started to work on the permit renewal. There may be some regulatory changes.

**7. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Julia Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk