

Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Mike Hinrichsen, Village President, 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 - 15
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present													
Julia Miller	Absent	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Hinrichsen stated that he would like to do a moment of silence for those serving our Country both near and afar.

Also, in attendance:
 Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
 Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

2. Minutes Approval

- a. **February 15, 2018 Village Board Meeting-** A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the February 15, 2018 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**
- b. **February 20, 2018 Special Village Board Meeting-**A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve February 20, 2018 Special Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was second by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

3. Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-None

4. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-None

5. Current Agenda Items

a. Discussion on the State Treasurer’s Office Community Uplift Program

Robert Baren was in attendance from the Treasurer’s Office to discuss the Community Uplift Program. The program enables qualified financial institutions that operate in Enterprise Zones to access State capital at a lower rate. This gives banks and credit unions additional financial

resources, which position them to increase lending activities and fund more local development efforts. If Germantown Hills has a development that needs funding then they can be linked to a bank that meets the requirements.

Julia Miller arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Mr. Baren also discussed some other programs the State offers.

b. Discussion and approval of a lease agreement for the cable tower property

Bill Streeter reported there has been no more communication on the lease agreement. We will need to look at the agreement next year for renewal.

c. Discussion on amending the sign code

Bill Streeter explained due to a new law the Village has to treat all temporary signs the same. This means real estate directional and political signs have to have the same requirements. Currently the code has different requirements so until the code is modified the enforcement on the political signs would be the same as real estate directional requirements of 5 feet from the edge of the road. The temporary signs would be set up as 5 feet off the road or all have to be on private property. The board consensus was for the code to be changed for all temporary signs to be 5 feet off the edge of the road.

d. Approval of change order #1 for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Phase 1 Project

Rich Brecklin noted the change order was needed for the change in the pipe sizing. The sewer committee had recommended approval.

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve change order #1 for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Phase 1 Project. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #3.**

e. Approval of the contractor's application for payment #1 for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Phase 1 Project

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the contractor's application for payment for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Phase 1 Project in the amount of \$95,310.00. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #4.**

f. Approval of a joint permit application for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project

Rich Brecklin stated the sewer committee recommended approval.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the joint permit application for the WWTP No. 1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #5.**

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

7. Presentation of Bills

- a. General-A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the general bills. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #6.**
- b. Sewer-A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to approve the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #7.**
- c. Audit-A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the audit bill. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #8.**
- d. MFT-None

8. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Finance**-Amy Pace reminded the committee chairs to look at what they will be needing for next year’s budget. She noted the Nixle notification program has been implemented.
- b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice had nothing new to report.
- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller will be scheduling a meeting soon once the reviews are completed.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch noted the Sheriff had sent out a notice that the contract costs might be going up slightly this next year and once he has the final numbers he will let us know.
- e. **Parks**- Julia Miller had nothing new to report.
- f. **Sewer**-Brian Wysocki had nothing new to report.
- g. **Storm Water**-Jim O'Laughlin had nothing new to report.
- h. **Economic Development Council**-Marty Clinch reported on the seminar on small scaled developments that he, Mike Hinrichsen, and Ann Sasso attended.

Ann Sasso reported there is still some interest in the vacancy at Germantown Crossing. There’s hope we might know something within the next week.

9. Reports of Special Committees-None

10. Reports of Officers

- a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso reported:
The St. Jude event has been moved to May 19th instead of the 12th.

The Village received an email from a teacher and student about our storm water information on our website and how it helped her for a project. They sent us a link of information they wanted to share with us for our website if we were interested.

As of June, Google changed security policy if we don’t have a secure name our website would show a warning. The cost is \$300 for webdesign309 to do the change. The board agreed to hold off and check further on this.

The water company is checking with Agera on electrical aggregation rates. Ann informed Bob Sutton about the plan of matching up with Metamora next year to get a better rate.

Rich Brecklin and I completed the Emergency Management class IS-230. This was required so we can attend the emergency class on March 21st

The grant documentation was completed and will be submitted for final payment once we get copies of the cancelled checks on the signs and benches. Ann asked the board if it is ok to move the hookup fee funds of approximately \$269,000 to the sewer operating fund. The board agreed.

Ann sent the weed complaint notice to the property owner in Whispering Oaks. It appears the owner has worked on cleaning up the ditch. The Planning Commission is going to look at a draft Solar Ordinance and Screening Ordinance which will be brought to the board for approval.

- c. **Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin stated they are filling pot holes and he already put the salt order in for next year. He is working on the specifications for the new trucks.

Rich noted the first grinder pump abuse notice was sent. We have been putting storm water information on Facebook.

- d. **Village Attorney**-Bill Streeter had nothing new to report.

- e. **Village President**-Mike Hinrichsen reported the Tri-County Planning Commission has six Village representatives and one board member.

Mike reported he and Ann had met with GPEDC on the Woodford County revolving loan fund about potential projects that could be submitted.

The Village received the estimate for the Germantown Crossing Phase 2 and the estimated cost is \$968,000 which includes a trail, bandshell and restrooms. The next step will be to schedule a meeting to talk to the property owner about the land and putting the vision on the website.

Mike indicated he will be meeting with Darin LaHood next week and there's going to be a Mayor's meeting to talk about what everyone is doing. Mike reminded everyone to please vote on Tuesday.

Mike noted it is coming upon the anniversary of his first year as Village President so he would like to get an opinion from each board member on how things are going. Mike will reach out to each board member in the near future to set up a meeting.

11. Communications to the Board-None

12. Adjournment-A motion was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #9.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk