

Village of Germantown Hills

Special Village Board and Economic Development Council Meeting

April 4, 2017 4:00 p.m.

The Village Board and Economic Development Council attended the Illinois Prairie District Public Library Board meeting at the Metamora Branch.

Agenda

Discussion on the Marcella Schneider Branch Library in Germantown Hills, the former library building located at 101 Warrior Way and recommendations to the Library District's Board of Trustees.

Those in attendance:

Village Board Trustees

Jim O'Laughlin
Amy Pace
Brian Wysocki

Economic Development Council

Ann Sasso

ILLINOIS PRAIRIE DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

at Illinois Prairie District Public Library
Metamora Branch Library
208 E. Partridge Street
Metamora, Illinois 61548

1. Call to order.
2. Minutes of the last regular meeting.
3. Public comments.
4. Germantown Hills site.
5. Personnel matter.
6. Director position search-progress report.
7. Policy Review.
8. Treasurer's report-approval of bills and requisitions.
9. Comments to guide future agendas.
10. Adjournment.

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Village Board Trustees, EDC members and others spoke during public comments.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the Village is pleased about the hours but it would be helpful to understand how the board is going to measure the success. Mike asked if the Village will have an opportunity to collaborate on what success would be since they are still in the process of getting books and programs and having these in place will develop even more interest.

Ken Maurer stated they would want to look at usage. Kim Scurlock, Assistant Librarian, stated they already have sign in sheets tracking the number of people at each library and the usage.

Laurie Walker, resident of Metamora stated she is a strong supporter of the community and the library. She offered to help in any way she can.

Jack Weddle, library board member, stated they know they need to do improvements at the other libraries but needed to see where they were with Germantown Hills.

Jim O'Laughlin thanked the library board for the library and the increased hours.

Donna Adami, Washburn Librarian stated they are in need of more hours and computers. Ken Maurer stated she should let the library board know the hours and the number of computers that are needed.

Kim Scurlock, Assistant Librarian stated she has worked at the library for 19 years. She noted most of the programs are in Metamora and all the residents are welcome to come to the Metamora Branch. She stated she welcomes the suggestions on programs.

Ken Maurer agreed the need to have a plan to look at the needs of all of the library branches.

Ann Sasso indicated a question had been raised on the comment in the MTCO brochure about sponsoring a book through the Jr. Women's Club. The article made it appear there are limited funds available which is not what the library financials have indicated. Kim explained the book sponsorship program and it was unclear who made the statement.

Ann Sasso noted the confusion at these meetings with some of the employees being very defensive when this should be a team effort to want the Germantown Hills branch to be successful. She also noted there might be programs that could be a good fit in the Germantown Hills facility and all communities would be welcome to take advantage of those too.

Kitty Cullet thanked the library board for reconsidering the employment of a Germantown Hills resident.

Amy Pace stated she echoes many of the comments that had been stated today and agrees everyone should be advocating for Germantown Hills and not against it. She stated her family too has started to navigate to the Germantown Hills library but previously had to go elsewhere in order to serve the needs. She noted she hopes the library board will consider this as until the library has books, programs and the resources there will be a transition period for people to make the move, so it could take time to fairly analyze the use. Ken stated they would.

Germantown Hills Site-The new hours at the Germantown Hills branch started on April 3rd.

Personnel Matter-The board went into executive session.

The board returned and hired Kari Holman back. They discussed the hiring process for the Director position and the timeline. They agreed to a special meeting on April 11th to talk about the qualifications and qualities for the director.

The majority of the Village Board and EDC members left at 5:21 p.m.

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk