

Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2019 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	14-17
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present														
Julia Miller	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dick Hartman	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Todd Rice	Present	Y	P	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also, in attendance:
 Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
 Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer
 Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works.

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

2. Minutes Approval

a. March 21, 2019 Village Board Meeting-A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the March 21, 2019 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim O’Laughlin. **Motion passed #1.**

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

4. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-Jason Huser, 412 Kingsbury and Daniel Marquette, 408 Kingsbury were in attendance to discuss a water issue and drainage concern in and around their properties. They explained how impossible it is to maintain their properties with the drainage problem.

Rich Brecklin stated he looked at the drainage and this is an area that was addressed years ago. Jim O’Laughlin noted the Village doesn’t have any authorization to do anything in the backyard on personal property but is glad to meet with the property owners. Rich Brecklin, Jim O’Laughlin, and Scott DeSplinter will meet with the property owners to discuss the issue.

Farrell Lord was in attendance and has property on down the way and hopes that whatever solution they come up with doesn’t affect his property.

5. Current Agenda Items

a. Discussion and approval on the electrical aggregation and administrative Village accounts

Ann Sasso explained because Amerencilco will have their rates in May we felt it was in the Village's best interests to wait until after that to solicit bids for the administrative Village accounts and the electrical aggregation rates.

b. Discussion and approval of authorizing a letter of exclusivity for the Village's energy supply and community aggregate

Ann Sasso explained because energy supply and the community aggregate can be confusing and complicated the thought would be to have Nathan Henricks who is very familiar with the industry and a village resident to take care of it with a letter of exclusivity. Metamora is also looking at doing this.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve authorizing a letter of exclusivity with Nathan Henricks for the Village's energy supply and community aggregate. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

c. Discussion and approval of the donation to the Odyssey of the Minds

Ellen Krasin the Germantown Hills Odyssey of the Minds Coordinator was in attendance along with some Odyssey of the Minds students to ask for a donation again this year. She explained how many teams they have going this year. She completed a donation application and noted previously the village approved sending two kids to the competition and would appreciate any support the village could provide.

Jim O'Laughlin stated everyone is very proud of all of the student's accomplishments. Todd Rice indicated how important this is in helping to develop future leaders and feels it is a worthwhile investment in our community

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve a donation to fund two students to attend at \$595.00 each for the Odyssey of the Minds competition for a total of \$1,190. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #3.**

Todd Rice recommended in moving forward to have someone talk to the school about the need to get more funding from the school for this event.

d. Approval on the Kouris MATBO Event

Ann Sasso reported the MATBO event will be held on April 26th at Kouri's and they are requesting approval again to do a similar event.

A motion was made by Amy Pace to approve the Kouris MATBO event on April 26th. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #4.**

e. Approval on the Michael's Run for Life Event

Ann Sasso explained in previous years the Village has helped with the portable toilets, fencing and the garbage dumpster for the Michael's Run for Life. At a previous meeting Shane Mitchell noted with the band that is coming they will need a tent and questioned if the Village could assist with that cost of this at approximately \$350. This year's event should be considerably larger so there will be a lot more people in the community.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the Michael’s Run for Life and the Village providing the portable toilets, fencing and garbage dumpster. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #5.**

Todd Rice explained he voted no as he thought the Village should also support paying for the tent with the increased revenue to the community this event will provide.

f. Approval of the Keegan’s Superhero 5K & Bags Tournament Event

Melissa Koepfel was in attendance about the event being held at Germantown Grille on June 8th.

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the Keegan’s Superhero 5K & Bags Tournament Event on June 8th at Germantown Grille. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #6.**

Rich Brecklin noted due to the sewer construction work off of Ten Mile Creek Road we may need to work with the contractor once we know the construction dates during this event.

g. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Woodford and the Village of Germantown Hills for police services

A motion was made by Amy Pace to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Woodford and the Village of Germantown Hills for police services. The motion was seconded by Jim O’Laughlin. **Motion passed #7.**

h. Approval on the award of the MFT and road maintenance work for 2019

Todd Rice stated there had been a street committee meeting and the award to Steffens 3D had been recommended for approval on the MFT and road maintenance work for 2019.

A motion was made by Dick Hartman to approve the award to Steffens 3D Construction in the amount of \$113,944.90 for the MFT and road maintenance work for 2019. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #8.**

i. Discussion and approval of the additional road maintenance work for 2019 and engineering agreement

Todd Rice stated there had been a street committee meeting and there had been a recommendation to the board to approve the additional road maintenance work for 2019 and the engineering agreement.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the additional road maintenance work for 2019 and the engineering agreement in the amount of \$8,500. The motion was made by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #9.**

j. Discussion and approval of action on Somerset Drive

Todd Rice discussed the sidewalk options for Somerset and how we will need the preliminary engineering completed in order to take advantage of any grant opportunities in the future. Todd noted there is money in the general fund for this expense but in addition if we get the grants this would offset the cost.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the preliminary engineering for the Somerset sidewalk option B in the amount of \$29,000. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #10.**

k. Approve and accept the IEPA SRF Loan in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the WWTP Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project

Scott DeSplinter stated the Village had been approved for an IEPA loan with a \$500,000 principle forgiveness.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve and accept the IEPA SRF loan in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the WWTP Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #11.**

l. Award the WWTP Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project to the apparent low bidder and authorize the Village President to execute contract documents

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the award of the WWTP Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project to the apparent low bidder Stark Excavating in the amount of \$3,365,000 and authorize the Village President to execute contract documents. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #12.**

m. Discussion and approval for the attorney to send notices to abate nuisance violations and unpaid garbage bills for a property in the Whispering Oaks Subdivision

Ann Sasso explained there is a resident that has not been paying their garbage bill for years and the Village has received nuisance complaints about their property in regards to unregistered vehicles and debris. They have ignored the requests for compliance.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the attorney to send notices to abate nuisance violations and unpaid garbage bills for a property in the Whispering Oaks Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Jim O’Laughlin. **Motion passed #13.**

n. Approval of the FY 19-20 Budget

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the FY 19-20 budget. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #14.**

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-Discussion and approval of a lease agreement for the cable tower property

Bill Streeter sent a memo to the board identifying the options for the next steps on the cable lease agreement. The Village Board agreed to have Bill Streeter and Ann Sasso negotiate the lease agreement and have Rich Brecklin monitor who is utilizing the tower property.

7. Presentation of Bills

a. General-A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the general bills. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #15.**

b. Sewer-A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #16.**

c. Audit-None

d. MFT-None

8. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Finance**-Amy Pace stated the budget had been approved. She appreciated serving and working with everyone. Mike Hinrichsen thanked Amy for her service.
- b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice had nothing new to report.
- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller was not in attendance.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch stated the police agreement had just been approved.
- e. **Parks**- Dick Hartman stated he saw the merry-go-round had been removed, the mulch is in the park and there are new trash can lids.
- f. **Sewer**-Jim O'Laughlin noted the IEPA loan had been approved.
- g. **Storm Water**-Jim O'Laughlin noted there will be a meeting set up to discuss the Coventry Farm drainage concern.
- h. **Economic Development Council**-Marty Clinch noted he and Ann Sasso had met with the Peoria Heights Economic Development representatives to talk about their successes.

Ann Sasso noted at the TWG meeting this month CareerLink discussed their services.

Ann asked the board if they would be willing to share in the cost of sending out the Chamber magnet and the Village could include a newsletter from the village in the mailing.

DCEO has been requesting information so Ann felt it was a good sign we are getting the two grants the village applied for.

Ann indicated that Dr. Nichols hasn't completed his sign installation yet so the grant reimbursement will be in the new fiscal year.

9. Reports of Special Committees-None

10. Reports of Officers

- a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso noted: IDOT eliminated the flashing yellow along Rt. 116 and will be putting up new signs soon. They noted this was necessary due to their procedures and processes. Ann has called them several times discussing the complaints received concerning the lights and the timing.

There's a property outside of the Village but within the mile and half that is looking to develop and Woodford County allows a private road with multi accesses. The property owner has asked if the Village would allow the same thing due to the cost to make it a public road and the subdivision will most likely never be in the village limits. The question is if the village could allow for a waiver of the subdivision requirements so it could defer to Woodford County requirements. Bill Streeter and Scott DeSplinter have preliminarily looked at the issues. There are several questions that would need to be answered so more information will be needed.

Ann heard a presentation with Blue Stem Energy Solutions about renewable energy community information. They are looking to install 3 turbines in North Peoria and have them

set up by fall 2019. The company wondered if Germantown Hills is interested in being a part of it. This program offsets the utility costs. The rep is coming out in a couple of weeks to discuss further if Germantown Hills would be interested.

There's a company interested in putting up a small wireless facility. In looking at our code it looks like it needs to be updated. Ann asked if the board would be interested in exploring the possibility of amending the code. Ann will get some information to the Planning Commission in order to make a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The auditor is coming in May.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin reported some of the mulch has been spread and the rest will be completed weather permitting. The new swings and merry-go-round have been ordered. They are planning on opening the restroom next week. The garbage lids were made, which saved the village \$3,000.

Streets-The roads have been swept a couple of times. The pot holes have been filled as they find them. The striping from last year has failed so CMT is talking with the general contractor and has made contact with IDOT.

We have the temporary speed humps for Somerset and the residents, school, fire and police have been contacted.

Sewer-The sewer flows are maxing out due to the illegal sump pumps. The board discussed putting something on Facebook educating the residents about sump pump connections. Tuck-a-way is doing a lot of upgrading of their sewer lines and making the place look so much better

Rich has been doing training on the lift stations with the new employees. The team has a goal of 75 grinder pumps this year.

c. Village Attorney-Bill Streeter had nothing new to report.

d. Village President-Mike Hinrichsen stated he has not heard anything new on the feral cats. He stated he would be doing committee appointments next month. Jim O'Laughlin is interested in being on ESDA.

The projects for the Woodford County Revolving Loan Fund have been submitted which include three pedestrian crossings and ADA compliance for the Village hall. The estimated costs need to be in by May 6th.

For PPUATS the Village added some additional collector roads. Fandel Road may possibly be approved but the next step is for it to go to IDOT.

11. Communications to the Board-Mike Hinrichsen had received thank you notes from the Girl Scouts for him speaking to their troop. Ann Sasso copied and presented the board with copies of the Girl Scout thank you notes and their comments.

12. Adjournment-A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #17.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk