

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

**May 18, 2017 5:15 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Brian Wysocki called the meeting to order at 5:15 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	Present	Y	Y	Y	
Julia Miller	Absent	-	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)  
 Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

**a. February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the February 2, 2017 sewer committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #1.**

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

Scott DeSplinter reported the design is complete and we have the necessary permits but are waiting on the easements for phase 1. Once we get the easements it will be two weeks in order to get things out for bid with a 60 day process in order to get the bids and award the project with a notice to proceed.

Scott noted the Clark's have brought up a drainage issue by the crossing at the creek. Scott explained the concerns and background. The attorney's are working on this as this is a separate issue from the easements. Bill Streeter is optimistic that the Village will still have an agreement. He felt we had an agreement in principle before Mr. Clark's attorney left on vacation. His attorney has communicated to Mr. Clark it is two separate issues. Scott explained where the trunk sewer is going and there will be some improvements made to the creek crossing.

Julia Miller arrived at 5:19 p.m.

Rich explained the history of the creek concerns since the plant was constructed.

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

Scott Desplinter noted the rest of the improvement surveys have been completed and they are working on the design. They are looking at alternatives for the screen types. Everything is still on schedule and we are looking to submit for an IEPA permit in September.

**4. Update on the Woods at Germantown Hills Subdivision**

Scott explained there had been a meeting with Mike Hinrichsen, Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso on the annexation issues for the Woods at Germantown Subdivision. The developer's engineer had submitted a response letter which Scott met with Devin to discuss. Some of the issues discussed included the following:

-The extension of the sewer across Ten Mile Creek Road is not necessary now since the sewer will already be extended down part of Ten Mile Creek Road.

-In regards to sidewalk construction the developer first asked for 5-6 years before all of the sidewalks would need to be constructed but is now asking for 3 years or 80 % of the lot development. The Village Ordinance requires sidewalks to be built prior to acceptance.

-Another issue was the installation of the "Wyes" but due to the cost we have now decided on just putting in the "T's" and capping the ends.

-Rich has asked for flowable fill to be used at the roadway crossings. As one option they would like to use select granular backfill but then they would pay for additional testing. Rich explained his reasons behind wanting the flowable fill and all of the problems we have had in other subdivisions. The committee discussed in length and will wait to hear back on the developer's recommendation.

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

Rich Brecklin noted the Village services the grinder pumps in the Village 24/7 365 days a year and there aren't other providers that provide such a service. He noted the new pumps are costing approximately \$2,600 each. Rich discussed the proposed policy and procedure for a pm. The committee discussed the fees and time frame for answering an emergency call. The committee recommended the employees check the messages on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays.

Brian Wysocki noted he would also like to bring up at some point the possibility of adding a fee per month to those owners of a grinder pump system but currently these fees proposed would only address grinder system abuse.

The Village will need to communicate the new policy to the Homeowner's Associations in order to educate the residents that have a grinder pump system. The committee agreed to set the time limit at 36 months before the timeline starts over for fees based on abuse.

A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to recommend to the Village Board on the grinder pump alarms and procedure that the time limit be set at 36 months for fines of abuse before the time starts over and to have the employees check the messages on Saturday, Sundays and holidays by 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

Rich Brecklin stated once this is implemented the emergency number will be taken off of the answering machine.

#### **6. Adjournment-A motion was made by Brian Wysocki to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk