

**Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2020 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	14-16
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present														
Julia Miller	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Stephanie Chaon(electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Dick Hartman(electronic)	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(electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					

Mike Hinrichsen, Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso were at the village hall on the computer audio. Three board members attended by electronic means as per allowed by the Governor’s Executive Order and the modification of the Open Meetings Act. The village hall was open for the public.

Also, in attendance:

- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Scott DeSplinter, CMT, Village engineer (electronic)
- Bill Streeter & Chuck Urban, Village Attorney (electronic)

2. Minutes Approval

- a. May 21, 2020 Village Board Meeting**
- b. May 28, 2020 Special Village Board Meeting**
- c. June 1, 2020 Special Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to approve the May 21, May 28, and June 1, 2020 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-**Aria Cramer was in attendance to discuss the blue-line flag that is hanging on the flag poles. She feels it displays a connotation of us vs. them and would like the board to search for another symbol of support as she feels this sends different messages.

Lorrie McHugh disagrees that the flag shows negativity and feels the officers in the community are great and it would be disrespectful to have the flag removed.

Tina Holloway stated she wants to support the police and fire but no one intended for the flag to be a symbol of us against them. She would like the board to consider another way to come together.

Aria Cramer stated she feels a possible solution would be to fly the flag at the police or fire station instead.

5. Current Agenda Items

a. Discussion and approval on returning to normal works schedules, opening the village hall and attending meetings in person

Mike Hinrichsen stated he had talked with Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso about opening the hall and returning to normal work schedules. The concern is the unknowing if something would happen with our small staff. Mike felt waiting the two weeks to see if we will move the next phase would be what everyone is most comfortable with. The consensus of the board was to let Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso determine what works best for the village and the employee's and for now to stay with the half work schedule and not open up the village hall at this time. Most of the board members stated they would be ready to start meeting in person but still have an electronic option for those that would prefer to not meet in person.

b. Discussion on opening the Village's parks recreational equipment

The Executive Order does not allow playgrounds to be opened yet so the board agreed to follow the order and open them up when they are allowed. The Village's insurance company has stated they shouldn't be open until the Executive Order allows them to open. Bill Streeter stated DCEO has guidelines to follow.

c. Update on employee performance reviews, department goals and objectives & employee development objectives

Ann Sasso reported the reviews should be completed in July and Julia Miller will have a report at the July meeting.

d. Approval of hiring a summer employee

Rich Brecklin stated he would like to hire someone to keep up on the mowing as we have done in the past. He is recommending Andrew Miller.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to hire Andrew Miller for the summer position. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

e. Approval of the ZBA and Planning Commission Appointments

Mike Hinrichsen made the appointments of Randy Nash to the ZBA, and Jim Willerton, John Taylor and Bill Waters to the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the appointments of Randy Nash to the ZBA, and Jim Willerton, John Taylor and Bill Waters to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #3.**

f. Update on the Build Illinois Grant

Ann Sasso stated she had talked with Ryan Spain and he will have a letter out from his office soon with the official communication on the grant. The village is receiving \$300,000 for sewer improvements (Ryan Spain supported) and \$50,000 (Chuck Weaver supported) for infrastructure and equipment.

Ryan will be providing a letter with more information, but we will need to work together on the timing. He noted realistically, the state capital bill is a 6-year program so he will work with us based on best timing for Germantown Hills to access these dollars.

- g. **Discussion and approval on changing the November Village Board meeting**
Mike Hinrichsen stated there is a conflict in November with the Tri-County Planning Commission meeting so he asked the board about adjusting the meeting date.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve changing the November Village Board Meeting date to November 18th. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice.
Motion passed #4.

- h. **Approval of the contractor’s application for payment #13 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project**
- i. A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the contractor’s application for payment #13 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$354,014.99. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #5.**
- j. **Approval of the IEPA Loan Disbursement Request #13 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project**
- k. A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the IEPA Loan Disbursement request #13 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project in the amount of \$354,014.99. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #6.**
- l. **Approval of the IEPA Change Order #4 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Phase 2 Project**
A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the IEPA change order #4 for the WWTP Peak Flow Phase 2 project in the amount of \$70,524.00. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #7.**

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

7. Presentation of Bills

- a. General/Sewer/Audit/MFT Bills-A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the general, Business District, Audit and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch.
Motion passed #8.

Due to time restraints for the zoom meeting, no reports were given.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

- a. **Finance**-None
- b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice had nothing new to report.
- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller was not in attendance.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch had nothing new to report.
- e. **Parks**-Dick Hartman had nothing new to report.

f. **Sewer**-Jim O'Laughlin had nothing new to report.

g. **Storm Water**-Jim O'Laughlin had nothing new to report.

h. **Economic Development Council**-Nothing new to report.

9. **Reports of Special Committees**-Nothing new to report.

10. **Reports of Officers**

a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso had nothing new to report.

b. **Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin had nothing new to report.

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

d. **Village President**-Mike Hinrichsen had nothing new to report.

11. **Communications to the Board**-None

12. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #9.**
Ann Sasso, Village Clerk