

Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes

July 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	14-16
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present														
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Dick Hartman	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Todd Rice	Present	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						

Also, in attendance:
 Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
 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 here and afar.

2. Minutes Approval

- a. **June 20, 2019 Village Board Meeting-**A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the June 20, 2019 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #1.**

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. **Approval of contractor’s application for payment #2 for \$113,580 on the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project**

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the contractor’s application for payment #2 for \$113,580 on the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 project. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #2.**

- b. **Approval of the IEPA Loan Disbursement Request #2 for \$149,510.14 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project**A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the IEPA Loan Disbursement Request #2 for \$149,510.14 for the WWTP #1

Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #3.**

c. Discussion and approval of a modification and/or the abbreviated procedure of the subdivision requirements on the Cusac Plat

Lisa Cusac and Ron Holliger were in attendance for the Cusac Plat. The Planning Commission had recommended the abbreviated procedure of the subdivision requirements and a modification that the sidewalks weren't required for the Cusac plat. The sewer is currently not accessible but may be down the road when phase 2 of the Woods at Germantown Hills is developed.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the abbreviated procedure of the subdivision requirements on the Cusac Plat with a modification that sidewalks aren't required to be built. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #4.**

d. Discussion on regulating cannabis in the village limits

The board discussed the new law and IML's model ordinance. Bill Streeter noted the board could prohibit or regulate cannabis within the village limits. The board agreed to look to regulate and not prohibit cannabis within the village limits. Bill Streeter and Ann Sasso will draft an ordinance for board consideration.

e. Approval of compensation for Cassandra Schlatter

The personnel and finance committee as a part of Cassandra Schlatter's compensation this year recommended to the village board giving her pro-rated personal and sick time. Cassandra would be allowed pro-rated days based on her average hours worked, which currently is 30 hours a week. Chuck Urban at the last meeting recommended doing this by agreement instead of resolution. A letter of agreement has been drafted.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the compensation for Cassandra Schlatter contained in the letter of agreement. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #5.**

f. Discussion and approval on the August Village Board Meeting Date

The August meeting date needs to be rescheduled due to some conflicts.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to change the August board meeting to August 27th at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #6.**

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-Discussion and approval of a lease agreement for the cable tower property-Ann Sasso reported we had sent a draft lease agreement to Mediacom but have not heard back yet.

7. Presentation of Bills

a. General-A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the general, sewer and audit bills. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #7.**

8. Reports of Standing Committees

a. **Finance-**Stephanie Chaon had nothing new to report.

b. **Streets/Equipment-**Todd Rice had nothing new to report.

- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller had nothing new to report.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch had nothing new to report.
- e. **Parks**- Dick Hartman was not in attendance.
- f. **Sewer**-Jim O'Laughlin reported the sewer project is going well along Ten Mile Creek Road.
- g. **Storm Water**-Jim O'Laughlin noted the drainage in the Woods Subdivision looks good.
- h. **Economic Development Council**-Marty Clinch had nothing new to report.

Ann Sasso reported someone may be leasing the open space in Germantown Crossing soon but she has not received notice yet that the agreement has been signed.

9. Reports of Special Committees-None

10. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Sasso noted after talking to IDOT we most likely won't need to do a traffic study. If the village was hoping that the blinking light might change that won't happen as a part of the study based on the communication from IDOT. They have stated the main driving factors are the alignment of the left turn lanes on IL 116 and crash history. The left turn lanes have a negative offset, which reduces sight distance for left-turners because the left-turners in the opposite direction obstruct the view of oncoming vehicles. Regardless of the speed limit being lowered, these issues still exist and will continue to warrant the protected only left turn operation at that intersection. They are currently working on the design for a safety project to realign the left turn lanes, however, the project is unfunded so there is no schedule for construction at this time.

The Illinois Funds is a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) operated by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. Ann explained years ago we changed away from the Illinois Funds because of changes they were making that wouldn't work for the Village at that time. Cassandra looked into it recently and now we could make it work. The Illinois Funds interest rate is much better than our present bank, which would be a significant increase in the monthly interest. The village board approved moving the village's funds from Heartland Bank and the ICS funds to the Illinois Funds.

Ann Sasso noted she, Rich Brecklin and Eric Hansen from CMT met with IDOT for the bi-monthly coordination meeting on what would work for Somerset and IDOT stated Safe Routes is the best fit. ITEP won't work because it is not a trail meeting up with a trail. Unfortunately, the village missed this go around and will have to wait for the next cycle for grant funding but it is imperative to get the project shovel ready in order to take advantage of a grant opportunity.

Ann reminded the board there's still an opening on the Planning Commission as well as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated the MFT and roadwork will be done in August.

Rich updated the board on the sewer project. The staff has met their goal of doing 75 grinder pumps this year and are actually closer to 90 that have been completed so far. Rich noted they will be hauling sludge soon.

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 Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #8.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk