

# Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

**August 13, 2020 5:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>EDC Committee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Mike Hinrichsen-Village President	Absent	-	-			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-	-	Y	
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Vacant						
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Also, present:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee

Dick Hartman, Village Trustee

2. **Approval of the March 12,2020 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve the March 12,2020 EDC meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Duane Campen, Germantown Automotive was on the phone. He is requesting a grant to assist in getting the building painted. Duane is wanting to get the building cleaned up in order to lease the building.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to recommend to the Village Board a Business Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$2,615 to paint the building. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso noted Dr. Kaufman has requested a grant in order to replace windows and canopies on his building in the amount of \$3,369.

A motion was made by Randy Nash to recommend to the Village Board a Business Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$3,369. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #3.**

Veronica Axelson arrived at 5:11 p.m.

4. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the Germantown Crossing Sign** Ann Sasso stated she had received an estimated cost of \$400 to redo the Germantown Crossing entrance sign by Ricky's with a new panel. Business District funds from the shopping center could be used to make the improvement. The question is whether or not to have just Germantown Crossing on the sign or to have all of the business names on it. The committee discussed and agreed to get input from the property owners, so this was deferred.
5. **Germantown Crossing Update**  
Marty Clinch noted since we are getting more traffic crossing Rt. 116 by State Farm, we are looking to get an estimated cost to construct a sidewalk. Ann Sasso reported that the board will need authorize a small engineering effort in order to get a proposed cost.  
  
Ann Sasso noted we are also meeting with Doug Pinter in September as we had previously discussed in order to discuss the proposed plans for the shopping center improvements.
6. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**-Nothing new to report.
7. **Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update**  
Veronica Axelson noted the August Chamber meeting has been cancelled. They are still discussing what to do about the Community Prayer Breakfast and are open to suggestions.  
  
Stephanie Chaon noted with Best Buddies they are doing a virtual event.  
  
Veronica noted they are looking to participate with Halloween on the Hill if the Fire Department elects to do it this year.
8. **School Updates and Upcoming Events**  
Dan Mair stated the students started school today and it went well. They are dedicated to keep the kids in school as much as possible.
9. **Germantown Hills Library Update**-The library update was sent by email from Joel Shoemaker.
10. **Business Round Table Updates**  
Veronica Axelson stated at some point she may want to discuss the possibility of allowing chickens in the Village with the Village Board. Marty Clinch explained that Woodford County has changed their code.  
  
Randy Nash reported the Fire Department replaced the concrete parking lot along with a new sign. Dutch Landscaping donated the landscaping around the sign. The department is now self-sustaining their own EMS with full time medics.
11. **Next meeting – September 10, 2020 5:00 p.m.** September 10<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the village hall.
12. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutton. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk