

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 24, 2017 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.

<b>Village President/Trustees</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 - 14</b>
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present													
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Brian Wysocki	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

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

**2. Minutes Approval**

- a. **July 13, 2017-Special Village Board Meeting-** A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the July 13, 2017 Special Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #1.**
- b. **July 27, 2017-Village Board Meeting-** A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the July 27, 2017 Village board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #2.**

**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. Discussion and approval on the Germantown Crossing Vision**

Mike Hinrichsen presented and discussed the Germantown Crossing Vision to the Village Board. The EDC had recommended approval. The board was excited and impressed with the vision. Mike noted there are many things that we need to do that are critical to get everyone to catch the dream.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the Germantown Crossing vision. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #3.**

**b. Discussion and approval of a Village Cleanup Day**

Ann Sasso asked the board if they wanted to do another Village Clean Up Day. The cost is the same as last year and we have many people asking if we are going to do it again.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the Village Clean Up Day for the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #4.**

**c. Discussion and approval to change the date of implementation of the grinder pump policy**

Mike Hinrichsen explained that since the grinder pump letter went out he has received a few phone calls and it appears there is some misinformation. Mike feels there is a need for a meeting to discuss the grinder pumps in order to help clarify any misunderstanding. The ordinance is written that the Village owns the grinder pump and maintains it but doesn’t say anything about 24/7 service. There are things the homeowner needs to be aware of in order to mitigate their risk. Mike discussed the list of items. In order to have a meeting to discuss the information he recommends the date of implementation of the new policy be changed to October 1<sup>st</sup>. The information will be sent to the Homeowner’s Associations about the special meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Sasso shared that although Brian Wysocki was unable to be in attendance he would like to leave the date for implementation of the policy as is.

Julia Miller stated she is in favor of an informational meeting but not in favor of changing the date. She feels someone has spread some misinformation but it shouldn’t change what has been discussed and decided by the board.

Marty Clinch stated the need for a public meeting to let the residents speak.

Mike Hinrichsen noted at all of the public meetings that have been held nothing had been raised until it was raised at the last meeting. Mike indicated the need to have the discussions if there is a concern prior to a vote so a concern is clearly noted. Mike explained he had put together an informational document that he can share but nothing in the Ordinance states the Village has to provide 24-hour service.

Jim O’Laughlin and Amy Pace stated there should be an informational meeting.

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to change the date of implementation of the grinder pump policy to October 1<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Jim O’Laughlin. **Motion passed #5.**

The board agreed to leave the special meeting date of September 11<sup>th</sup> unless they hear differently.

**d. Approval of an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code regarding traffic regulations (Sign Map)**

The street committee recommended an additional stop sign be placed on Sunset by the park.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve Ordinance #787 an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code regarding traffic regulations (Sign Map). The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #6.**

**e. Discussion on the Village's Communication Plan**

Mike Hinrichsen explained to the board he had drafted a communication plan and had shared it with GPEDC as they are working on one themselves. Mike went over key elements of the plan that will create a venue to listen better to the community. Cassandra Schlatter has the capabilities to do a lot of this work and will allow her the capability to grow in her job. He noted the need to build a database so the Village can develop and deliver messages among different venues. The board agreed it was a great idea and appreciated the time Mike has put in.

**f. Discussion on a Metamora-Germantown Hills community brochure**

Mike Hinrichsen stated he had talked with Ken Mauer, Metamora's Village President about doing a Metamora-Germantown Hills brochure similar to what GPEDC did for the investor communities. He noted we will all be Redbirds and doing this together sends a stronger message for people looking to move to the area. The two communities have so much to offer. He explained we have talked with the Germantown Hills Chamber President, Veronica Axelson and she is supportive so we would reach out to the MABA President to get their support. The hope is to have all four groups share in putting this together.

Mike noted he has talked with GPEDC and they like the idea. The only thing they ask is to keep the look and feel similar so they are consistent. They have shared their files and stock photos and are very supportive. Cassandra Schlatter is able to do this work. We will need to get some cost estimates and get a draft together for review.

**g. Discussion and approval of Stipulation for Payment of Just Compensation and For Vesting of Title in re the matter of Village of Germantown Hills v. Comedora N. Clark and Imogene R. Clark**

Chuck Urban reported he spoke with Mr. Clark's attorney Andy Lankton and all the documents have been set to his client for signature. Chuck noted the Clarks also still have not filed an answer to the complaint or entry of appearance. The unknown owners will be in default as of September 1st. They will prepare to enter default on both.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the Village has been very patient and we need to move forward as things have not changed.

Chuck Urban stated he understands the board is extremely concerned of the need to move forward with too many delays and the time to respond has passed. His attorney knows the Village is being more than fair and Chuck is still optimistic this will be resolved but either way things are still moving forward.

**h. A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the Stipulation for Payment of Just Compensation and For Vesting of Title in re the matter of Village of Germantown Hills v. Comedora N. Clark and Imogene R. Clark. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #7.****

**i. Discussion and approval of amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding the number of Class "B" Liquor Licenses**

Ann Sasso reported since the previous request for a liquor license did not fall into place as planned it is recommended to change the number of licenses allowed until such time something changes.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve Ordinance #788 an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding the number of Class "B" liquor licenses. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #8.**

**6. Ongoing Agenda Items-None**

**7. Presentation of Bills**

- a. General-A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the general bills as amended. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #9.**
- b. Sewer-A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #10.**
- c. Audit- A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the audit bill. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #11.**
- d. MFT-None

**8. Reports of Standing Committees**

- a. **Finance**-Amy Pace noted the audit presentation will be at next month's meeting.
- b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice stated at the street committee meeting it was discussed the need to get possibly two new trucks. The proposed street work for next year was also discussed. Todd mentioned the possibility of he and Rich Brecklin attending the public meeting on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program IDOT is hosting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller reported Rich Brecklin is on vacation for two weeks.
- d. **Police**-Marty Clinch stated they had a police committee meeting with the Sheriff's Office and School to talk about the traffic at the school. Mike Hinrichsen noted they have asked to give things until Labor Day to get things worked out. Mike sent a thank you note to the Sheriff concerning all the good work the Deputies are doing.
- e. **Parks**- Julia Miller stated they are getting a lot of compliments on the J.R White Park Trail. There has been some vandalism in the park restroom.
- f. **Sewer**-Brian Wysocki was not in attendance.

**g. Storm Water-**Jim O'Laughlin noted he is not sure if the drainage issue on Warrior Way has been resolved or not.

**j. Economic Development Council-**

Marty Clinch stated he appreciated what Tom from InVision Studios did on the Germantown Crossing vision.

Amy Pace thanked Mike Hinrichsen for all of his hard work in putting the vision together and driving it forward.

Ann Sasso reported she will be attending the ICSC Deal Making event in September again with the other ED regional partners and IML.

A new person is moving into the space by Sonshine Studio. It is called Laser Solutions it is an acupuncture and laser therapy business. A restaurant that was looking to come into the ATC building is not coming now as planned but there is still some interest in the building.

Ann asked the board if they wanted to be in the Metamora Basketball Media Guide. The board agreed.

Ann had been getting some calls about the tarps on the roof of the Kaufman Center. Dr. Kaufman stated he is having his roof repaired in the next few weeks so the tarps will be removed.

**9. Reports of Special Committees-None**

**10. Reports of Officers**

**a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-**Ann Sasso noted:

The MTCO Connected magazine is going to do a spotlight story on the J.R. White Park Trail. The asphalt at J.R. White Park is being put down on Monday weather permitting. We have to have a permanent sign up so Ann will be checking on plaque options. It will need to indicate the IDNR RTP Grant donation.

MTCO is putting fiber in all of Whispering Oaks. They are really excited about this and would like to put up a sign noting the improvement. Our sign ordinance currently doesn't have a provision for this type of sign. Any thoughts to adding a new type of sign to the code? The board discussed and felt this was important. Ann will draft a modification to the code for board review.

Ann reported we will transfer \$17,000 from the garbage fund to offset the road work costs as agreed upon.

The sewer is being hooked up to the house on Whispering Oaks Drive in the next two weeks. They were waiting on an easement agreement.

The owner of Diamond Oaks was looking at building some more 4-plexes along Woodland Knolls Road. In order to do this, he will need to modify the PUD and special use.

IDOT did a MFT audit for January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016 and the Village is in compliance.

**b. Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin was not in attendance.

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

**d. Village President**-Mike Hinrichsen reminded the board members that are required to do the open meetings act training to do so.

Mike discussed and presented a monthly update to the board:

Mike is meeting with the new library director tomorrow.

Mike and Julia attended a meeting with GHAA to talk about the MTCO Park. There was also a meeting with a Village resident that may have some contacts in order to help with getting the development of the MTCO Park going.

Mike Hinrichsen reported Tri-County is receiving some planning funds from IDOT for the trail from Metamora to Germantown Hills. This project is on the CEDS list.

The GPEDC has approved an individual for the position of CEO. They are hoping everything gets approved so they will be in place by mid-September. Mike noted he will be the GPEDC Co-Chair when the new CEO starts.

Mike Hinrichsen and Amy Pace attended the Mayor's Association meeting. After the meeting, several of the area Mayor's met. Woodford County is looking to cut funding for economic development. Mike noted with all of the representation from the municipalities in favor of supporting it there is a need to attend the County meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> to show the support since these areas make up 2/3 of the County.

**11. Communications to the Board**-The Village received a thank you note from St. Mary's School for the donation on their annual outing.

**12. Adjournment**-A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #12.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk