

Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 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	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Dick Hartman	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	Present	Y	Y	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. **July 18, 2019 Village Board Meeting-**A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the July 18, 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 the Cusac Final Plat

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the Cusac final plat. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #2.**

b. Approval of contractor’s application for payment #3 for \$379,440 on the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project

Scott DeSplinter reported the sewer project is progressing well.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the contractor's application for payment #3 for \$379,440 on the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #3.**

c. Approval of the IEPA Loan Disbursement Request #3 for \$402,955.18 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the IEPA loan disbursement request #3 for \$402,955.18 for the WWTP #1 Peak Flow Control Phase 2 Project. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #4.**

d. Discussion and approval of the agreement with Woodford County & Participating Municipalities of Woodford County regarding Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) Representation

Mike Hinrichsen gave a summary of how the Tri-County Planning Commission has helped Germantown Hills, how the Board is made up and what communities are a part of it. An agreement of participation was drawn up and Bill Streeter made some changes to it. Some of the municipalities had already signed the agreement so the county was not inclined to sending around a new agreement this year for signatures. They have agreed to use the new version moving forward so for this year the village won't sign the agreement but will pay the fee to participate.

e. Discussion and approval of PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement

Peoria, Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) is the MPO for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission that the village is a part of. The village submitted three streets to be added to the program but we haven't heard back yet if they were approved or not.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the agreement and pay the \$1,313.00 participation cost. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #5.**

f. Discussion and approval on the Village Vision Phase 1 Improvements

Dick Hartman explained that the Phase 1 improvements to the corner lot off of Woodland Knolls and Holland Road will be paid for with the \$25,000 grant and business district funds. Rich Brecklin is getting electrical quotes on the lighting and landscaping quotes on the pavers. He is going to discuss with the landscaping company the best time to plant the trees and estimated costs for the trees. The Metamora-Germantown Hills Rotary Club is applying for a \$2,000 grant for a large evergreen type of tree for the village.

Dick Hartman noted Phase 2 is not funded at this time.

Mike Hinrichsen stated there are a couple of options on funding Phase 2. One option is to use \$25,000 of the \$75,000 grant from the sidewalk. A second option is to use business district funds. Mike's preference is to use \$25,000 of the grant funds.

Todd Rice indicated the village created the business district in order to use the funds specifically for that area and feels that is where the funds should be used. The board agreed better numbers are needed before the funding can be determined.

g. Discussion and update on Village Vision Phase 2 Improvements

Mike Hinrichsen stated he and Marty Clinch had a meeting with the property owner for the proposed bandshell the end of May and things are not moving as they had hoped. The initial meeting with the property owner noted 3 requirements that were needed in order for a potential land donation but since then the tone has changed. The request would include such language in an agreement that if the village didn't meet their requirements the land would revert back with no reimbursement on any improvements that were made. The person also said no bank would lend any money with such an agreement. Mike noted he is not sure if this represents everyone's feelings or not. Bill Streeter questioned what stipulations they wanted in the agreement. The board discussed. Mike noted the need to move forward and demonstrate that we are going to execute the vision and then go back to the property owner at a later date.

Mike Hinrichsen stated once the corner welcome lot is developed then there are items to be completed utilizing the business district funds. They include developing Triangle Park, walkway from the library to the shopping center, intersection improvements along Holland Road and Woodland Knolls along with looking at potential parking lot improvements.

Ann Sasso noted the new business going into the Germantown Crossing shopping center has shared that he has an agreement with the property owner on necessary parking lot improvements that need to be made.

h. Discussion and approval on the Community Center

Dick Hartman stated the park committee had recommended demolishing the Community Center but we need to agree to what is going to be done with the property. This is not in this year's budget. Ann Sasso is checking with the property owner to see if she is still interested and how much space she would need. The board discussed the other options.

i. Discussion and approval of the proposed personnel policy changes in regards to the job classification, pay plan and related benefits sections

This was deferred due to Julia Miller, Personnel Chairperson not being in attendance.

j. Discussion and approval of the bike/walkway master plan

Todd Rice noted the Planning Commission had made a recommendation to the street committee on the plan. The street committee recommended changing the second part of Somerset to priority #10. It was discussed to use local funds to build the sidewalk along Somerset since it won't meet the Safe Routes to School requirements. The street committee had recommended CMT using the remaining funds of the engineering agreement towards bidding and construction but will develop the scope of services for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the bike/walkway master plan. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #6.**

k. Approval of Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Appointments
This was deferred.

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-Discussion and approval and /or terminate the 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. Bill Streeter noted since we are getting close to the deadline that he recommends sending notice of termination of the lease in order to preserve our rights but we can still negotiate a deal once we hear back from them.

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the termination of the lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #7.**

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 Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #8.**

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 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 reported the sewer project is going well along Ten Mile Creek Road and they will be starting the work by the sewer plant soon.

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

h. Economic Development Council-Marty Clinch reported on what had been discussed at the EDC meeting earlier this evening. The Chamber is having their September meeting on the 19th at 8:00 a.m. at Kouri’s. The Community Prayer Breakfast is on October 2nd at Metamora Fields. Dan Mair had reported the school now has a School Resource Officer and they have received good feedback. The school is installing a solar system on their roof and Dan Mair will be meeting with the engineer to get the update on the pedestrian overpass.

Ann Sasso reported she had attended the Midwest CDI for economic development. The new business in the Germantown Crossing shopping center is taking advantage of the enterprise zone incentives with the sales tax waiver. The Chamber is getting ready to send out the magnet and the village is including a newsletter.

9. Reports of Special Committees-None

10. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Sasso noted Congressman Darin LaHood's office is using the village hall on September 13th to answer resident's questions. We are working on setting up a meeting on the Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail and a meeting with a property owner that might be interested in annexing but need to discuss the sewer accessibility.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated he had to get a new flag pole at the park as someone stole it. Rich noted the Woodland Knolls asphalt work came out nice. They had put down some of the asphalt in the rain so Rich did put them on notice as he wasn't happy that they had continued during the rainfall. The chip and seal work is complete and they started sweeping the streets. Rich will work with Scott next year on the possibility of an alternate road process.

Rich noted the sewer project is moving along. There was a grinder pump failure in January and the owner just recently reached out to ask for reimbursement for the village to install a check valve. Rich informed the resident of the village policy.

The EPA is now requiring continuing education for the wastewater licenses.

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 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #9.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk