

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Police Committee Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2019 5:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**

Chairman Marty Clinch called the police meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

<b>Village President/Trustee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Marty Clinch - Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Mike Hinrichsen – Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Dick Hartman	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Stephanie Chaon	Absent	-	-	-			

Also, Present:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney

Captain Marc Wright, Woodford County Sheriff’s Department (Electronic)

Deputy Jeff Boone, Woodford County Sheriff’s Department

**a. March 21, 2019-Police Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to approve the March 21, 2019 police committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #1.**

**2. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board amending the village code regarding Section 5-3D-4 regarding possession and use of cannabis**

Bill Streeter explained he felt it was a good idea to talk with the Sheriff’s office to coordinate the enforcement side of the new law in regards to cannabis possession and use.

Captain Marc Wright stated in reading the proposed village ordinance and discussing the changes in the State law that the department’s stance is the same as it would be with any new law and that is, to enforce the law. He noted if the Village wants the deputies under the village contract to enforce a violation as an ordinance violation then they would need to know that is an option and have ordinance tickets available. There are several options if the village would choose to include these in the ordinance. Marc noted they include: issue a ticket as a village ordinance violation, issue a ticket as a county ordinance violation or follow the state statute. Captain Wright noted having the option of an ordinance violation gives the officer some discretion depending on the severity of the violation. An ordinance violation wouldn’t go on a person’s record as a ticket written under the state statute.

The committee discussed a couple of different scenarios with the officers. Bill Streeter explained that local governments can regulate possession and use.

Captain Wright noted they don’t anticipate doing anything different but to enforce the law like they always do based on the state statute. Captain Wright gave an example of a person under

21 years of age that if there's a village ordinance on cannabis then it would be up to the officer on whether or not to arrest the individual or give them a cannabis ordinance violation ticket.

Bill Streeter stated the rules have changed on possession and use. The ordinance would prohibit use (but not possession) in a public place. The new trailer bill that just passed inserted parks into the public place definition.

Captain Wright noted their normal process is to make adjustments on their citation procedure as the laws change.

The committee discussed the ticketing process. Ann Sasso noted years ago there was an ordinance ticket that could be issued on other violations in the village but that process hasn't been used for years.

Bill Streeter noted the proposed ordinance prohibits as much as the village can under the new law.

Captain Wright stated they will continue under their normal practice (citations under state law) and see how things go. If changes need to be made later than they can be discussed and adjusted.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to recommend to the Village Board amending the village code regarding Section 5-3D-4 regarding possession and use of cannabis. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #2.**

### 3. Update on village issues

Deputy Boone stated he feels the speeding is down within the village.

The committee discussed the red arrow issue that has been a problem since IDOT changed it. IDOT is supposed to be looking at updating the intersection so we are hopeful the arrow issue may be resolved down the road.

Ann Sasso asked if there was any update from the State's attorney on the restitution on the park vandalism from years ago. Both Captain Wright and Deputy Boone have checked on the issue with no new information. Ann Sasso stated she would make a call to check on the status.

Todd Rice thanked Captain Wright and Deputy Boone for all of their help with the community and serving our country. He noted they do a wonderful job for the village.

### 4. Adjournment-A motion was made by Todd Rice to adjourn the police committee meeting at 5:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk