

**Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance- Mike Hinrichsen, Village President, called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present														
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Dick Hartman	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Jim O’Laughlin (Electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Marty Clinch (Electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Todd Rice (Electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y										

Todd Rice and Marty Clinch attended the board meeting by electronic means as per allowed by the Governor’s Executive Order and the modification of the Open Meetings Act. The village hall was open for the public.

Also, in attendance:

- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Scott DeSplinter, CMT, Village engineer (Electronic)
- Bill Streeter, Village Attorney (Electronic)
- Chuck Urban, Village Attorney (Electronic)
- Jeff DeGroot, (Electronic)

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 near and afar preserving our freedom.

2. Public Hearing-Donald Fandel Annexation Agreement

No one was in attendance for the Public Hearing. Ann Sasso noted due to additional requests by the property owner the public hearing for the annexation will be at the next meeting on March 18th.

3. Minutes Approval

- a. January 21, 2021 Village Board Meeting**
- b. January 26, 2021 Special Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the January 21, 2021 & January 26, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #1.**

4. Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-None

5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items

Dan Mair, Superintendent of Germantown School District was in attendance to take the time to personally thank the board for the purchases of the Iwave air purifiers. They were able to install them in every class room and common area. He noted their numbers since the holidays have been fantastic.

6. Current Agenda Items

a. Discussion on the Donald Fandel property Annexation Agreement

Bill Streeter noted when we first started talking about the annexation, we asked Mr. Miller to get us a list of items of what he wanted so they could be considered as a part of the annexation agreement process. We never received those. An annexation agreement was put together and now Mr. Miller has asked for some other items to be included.

Bill Streeter noted the issues besides the special use for two horses is a structure that will be closer than 400 ft of residential property, rezoning of the property to agricultural and the construction of a fence. The village is waiting on a site plan and design for the fence and structure so that we know what is being requested.

The process includes the Planning Commission making a recommendation to the ZBA on the rezoning. The ZBA will then hear the special use requests and make a recommendation to the Village board. The ZBA will also hear the variance request if one is needed. The village board will act on the annexation agreement at their regular meeting on March 18th.

Ann Sasso noted the deadline for all of this to happen is tomorrow as there are publication requirements. Ann will reach out again to request the information. Otherwise, the annexation won't be able to take place until April.

b. Approval of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and EDC Appointments

Mike Hinrichsen made the appointment of Nathan Henricks to the Planning Commission, Wayne Moses to the ZBA, Tom Eckstein to the EDC and Denny Couri to the EDC.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the appointments of Nathan Henricks to the Planning Commission, Wayne Moses to the ZBA, Tom Eckstein to the EDC and Denny Couri to the EDC. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #2.**

7. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

a. Discussion and approval on returning to normal works schedules, and opening the hall-The board agreed to leave things as is. Julia Miller noted she would schedule a personnel meeting in order to start the conversation on moving forward and what that entails.

b. Approval on the development of Triangle Park with a Veteran's Display-Rich Brecklin is still waiting on the weather in order to meet with the concrete guy. Rich noted he was going to have CMT put together a mock up but wants to keep the design simple and clean.

Scott DeSplinter stated they already have the fly over information from doing the business district that they can use to put something together.

Dick Hartman stated he is looking at options for the veterans display and will schedule a park committee meeting.

8. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer Bills-A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the General and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #3.**

9. Reports of Standing Committees

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

b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice stated he would be scheduling a street committee meeting soon in order to talk about the roads and the quotes on the new equipment.

c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller stated she will be scheduling a committee meeting to discuss opening up the hall and work hours along with the job descriptions.

d. **Police**-Marty Clinch stated with Deputy Boone retiring and the Village getting a new person to work the Germantown Hills contract that we should invite them both to come to the next meeting.

e. **Parks**-Dick Hartman stated he would be scheduling a park meeting.

Rich Brecklin stated the community center is almost empty and most utilities have been shut off. He will contact the contractor as soon as all the utilities are off for the demolition.

f. **Sewer**-Jim O’Laughlin had nothing new to report.

g. **Storm Water**-Jim O’Laughlin stated he will be scheduling a meeting soon.

h. **Economic Development Council**-Ann Sasso noted the owner, AJ of Buttermilk Café passed away unexpectedly. Also, a long time Rotary member, Dick Hansen passed away recently.

The Chamber is planning their spring fling on May 1st with a porkchop sale, vendor event and garage sales. Ann had shared with them the idea of having the artist that makes the animal sculptures bring them into the village as a part of this event. The Chamber was interested. Ann will reach out to see what it will take to bring them to town.

10. Reports of Special Committees-Nothing new to report.

11. Reports of Officers

a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso stated there are still some discrepancies on the cleanup bill so the insurance company is still sorting out what will be paid.

A person is interested in building a house on the corner of Forrest and Woodland Knolls. He will need to annex and hook on to the sewer system. Rich is checking on where the connection will be made.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated he is starting to work on the road inspections but over all our roads are in good shape. He noted there will just be overlays this year. He is checking on a crack filling machine.

He stated there have been problems with businesses and homeowners pushing snow across the roads or leaving it on the roads. The Village sent out a message to the businesses through the Chamber.

Rich is getting pricing for a new backhoe and skid steer and is reviewing them now.

Rich noted the grinder pump calls have been challenging with the cold weather. There have been some fees issued due to the wipes. Rich noted the need to get the word out about how big of a problem this is for our sewer system.

Ann Sasso noted we can look at doing another newsletter.

c. Village Attorney-Bill Streeter and Chuck Urban had nothing new to report.

d. Village President-Mike Hinrichsen stated that PPUATS and the Tri-County Planning Commission are merging since there was a duplication of efforts. The target date is July 1st.

12. Communications to the Board-None

Jim O'Laughlin thanked Ann Sasso for the work that was done getting the air purifiers and grant funds.

Ann Sasso thanked Jim and stated she is still looking to see if we can get reimbursed for the amount, we went over on purchasing all of the business air purifiers.

13. 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 #4.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk