

**Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 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	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Dick Hartman	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Todd Rice (Electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	Y						

Todd Rice 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
- Bill Streeeter, Village Attorney (Electronic)
- Chuck Urban, Village Attorney (Electronic)
- Jeff DeGroot

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 the Planning Commission and ZBA had made a recommendation to the Village Board on the rezoning.

The public hearing was closed.

3. Minutes Approval

a. February 18, 2021 Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Jim O’Laughlin to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #1.**

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

5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items

Jacob Cupples was in attendance. He's an employee at Worth Township and is running for Worth Township Highway Commissioner. He noted he would like to be able to continue the good working relationship the Township has with the village and appreciated the Village's support.

Farrell Lord, Worth Township Supervisor was in attendance to show his support for Jacob Cupples. He noted Jake has the qualifications and work ethic for the position. He asked the board to spread the message to the Village residents as Jake is the man for the job.

Rich Brecklin stated because our roads tie together with the Township that it is important to have a good working relationship with the Road Commissioner and Jake is a great guy to work with.

6. Current Agenda Items

a. Special Recognition of Deputy Jeff Boone

Mike Hinrichsen stated the Village wants to give a special recognition to Deputy Jeff Boone for all of his dedication and years of service to the Village of Germantown Hills. Mike stated we are a safe community for what Deputy Boone and the Sheriff's office do for us. All of the board members shared their appreciation and support. Deputy Boone will be missed and was wished well on his retirement.

Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso thanked Deputy Boone for all of his help and appreciation of knowing he was always there when help was needed.

Jeff Boone shared that he very much enjoyed working with the Village of Germantown Hills but it was time for him to go.

b. Introduction of Woodford County Deputy's for the Germantown Hills Contract

Captain Marc Wright explained there will be two deputies working between the Germantown Hills contract and the Washburn contract. He will bring them to a meeting so the board can meet them.

c. Approval of the Annexation Agreement for the Donald Fandel property

Bill Streeter noted the board will be approving the annexation agreement tonight in order to annex approximately 42 acres of property. Bill highlighted the aspects of the agreement which included waiving procedural requirements of approving the plat, waiving sewer hookup fees, not requiring them to hook on to the sewer until their septic fails, and the rezoning of Tract 1 and two adjoining lots along with a special use.

Bill Streeter stated the Planning Commission and the ZBA recommended rezoning Tract 1 and the two lots from residential to agricultural subject to the property reverting back to residential if the property is ever conveyed to someone other than immediate family members. The ZBA recommended approval of the special use permit to permit two horses and a structure closer than 400 feet to the residential property. Public hearings were held and there were no complaints from the residents. Bill noted the drawing of where the structure is to be will define the scope of the special use. Fandel Lane will be able to remain in the condition it is so long as only the 3 parcels use the lane for access.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve Ordinance #835 and Ordinance approving the Annexation Agreement for the Donald Fandel property. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #2.**

d. Approval of the Hannah Drive road improvements

Rich Brecklin stated the street committee had recommended Tazewell County Asphalt to repair the road in the amount of \$240,000. Two estimates were received by the Village as there isn't time to put the project out for bids as it is a bonified emergency. The road & bridge funds (\$70,000), garbage street fund (\$15,000) and general funds will be used. The MFT funds are being saved for next year's road projects.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the Hannah Drive road improvements with Tazewell County Asphalt doing the work for \$240,000. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #3.**

e. Approval of the purchase of a backhoe and skid steer

Rich Brecklin reviewed the estimates for a new back hoe and skid steer. The street committee had made a recommendation to the Village Board. Rich noted both machines will do what we need them to do.

Ann Sasso shared the street committee recommendation.

Rich Brecklin stated it is hard to write specs when each manufacture has different options. Rich noted it will be fairly easy to get attachments in East Peoria when they are needed.

Marty Clinch stated it makes sense to deal with one dealer.

Bill Streeter noted you can take the higher bid if you can articulate reasons that add the extra value for the extra money.

The board discussed the advantages with going with Altorfer with the available attachments, close proximity to the village, the product links in order to monitor the machine and potential savings on service calls.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the purchase of a backhoe and skid steer from Altorfer due to the extra value received from Altorfer with available attachments, proximity to Germantown Hills, advantages to having one dealer and the extra monitoring of the equipment. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #4.**

Todd Rice voted to abstain as he is employed by Caterpillar.

f. Discussion and approval on the Community Cleanup Day in May

Ann Sasso noted the potential dates that are available.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the week of May 10th for the Community Cleanup Day for Germantown Hills and to use the spring cleanup as our free pickup per the garbage contract. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #5.**

g. Discussion and approval on the May & July Village Board meeting dates

There are conflicts with the May and July board meeting dates. The board agreed to change the May meeting to May 13th and the July meeting to July 22nd.

h. Approval of a ZBA appointment

Mike Hinrichsen made the appointment of Julie Mawazini to the ZBA to fill Glen Riley's vacancy.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the appointment of Julie Mawazini to the ZBA. The motion was seconded by Stephani Chaon. **Motion passed #6.**

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. The personnel committee meeting will be in April.

b. Approval on the development of Triangle Park with a Veteran's Display-Rich Brecklin presented a proposed design of the Veterans Park. The area would include lights, benches, concrete and the military branch monuments. This will be discussed at the park meeting. Rich is getting a cost on the sidewalk to connect the park to the library.

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 #7.**

9. 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 stated she will be scheduling a committee meeting in April.

d. Police-Marty Clinch had nothing new to report.

e. Parks-Dick Hartman was not in attendance.

f. Sewer-Jim O'Laughlin stated there was a sewer line that broke.

g. Storm Water-Jim O'Laughlin stated there was a meeting to discuss getting the MS4 permit updates.

h. Economic Development Council-Marty Clinch noted the EDC had a meeting on March 11th. Two new members were introduced. The Chamber Spring Fling is set for May 1st. Marty congratulated Mike Hinrichsen and Ann Sasso on the WMBD interview on the air purifiers.

Ann Sasso stated she is talking to someone interested in bringing a Farmers Market to Germantown Crossing. We are still working out the dates, times and location. Ann noted she

is still trying to get a hold of the artist about the sculptures coming to Germantown Hills for the Chamber event.

The Monte Cristo Room has been remodeled and is beautiful. Paul Herzog has a vacancy in his building if anyone knows of someone that is interested.

Mike Hinrichsen stated Germantown Hills is going to be receiving some America Rescue funds but we don't have any information on the requirement of how the money can be used at this time.

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

11. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Sasso stated she received information for the light it up purple for April and donate life month. The village will be receiving the next installment on the MFT soon.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated there was a sewer line break on Holland but it was the resident's responsibility.

Rich explained they still can't figure out what's wrong with the generator at German Hills lift station and indicated they may have to buy a new one soon.

The employees are sweeping the streets and patching pot holes. The sidewalk on Woodland Knolls is moving along.

The power has been disconnected at the Community Center. We are waiting on the asbestos report as they took samples. The fire department would like to use the building for training purposes if possible before the demolition.

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

d. Village President-Mike Hinrichsen had nothing new to report.

12. Communications to the Board-None

13. Adjournment-A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #8.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk