

**Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Jeff DeGroot, 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
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present														
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Dick Hartman	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Jim O’Laughlin	Absent	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Todd Rice (Electronic)	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			

Also, in attendance:

- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Zack Hecht, Public Works
- Scott DeSplinter, CMT, Village engineer
- Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
- Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim O’Laughlin arrived at 6:01 p.m.

- 2. Public Hearing-Appropriation Ordinance**

No one was in attendance for the public hearing. The public hearing was closed.

- 3. Minutes Approval**

- a. May 13, 2021 Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the May 13, 2021 Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #1.**

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

- 5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items**

Jeff DeGroot stated that Dick Hartman had turned in his resignation but didn’t state a reason in his letter. Jeff noted if anyone is not happy with their position on the board or feel like they can’t serve Germantown, as they are voted by the people, they are free to go. He wants everyone to be inclusive with good communication and work as a team.

Jim O’Laughlin stated he was leaving at 6:03 p.m. and would be submitting his letter of resignation in the morning.

Jeff DeGroot noted the board needs to be open and honest with each other. The board needs to talk, discuss, argue, agree but work as a team.

6. Current Agenda Items

a. Village President discussion in regards to professional services

Jeff DeGroot noted 8 years ago he had discussed with the board the need to minimize the cost for professional services and to funnel questions through Ann Sasso, Rich Brecklin and himself. He asked for this to happen again moving forward.

b. Village President Committee Appointments

Jeff DeGroot made the appointment of Julia Miller to the Park Committee as chairperson and the Pro-tem Village President when needed. The additional committee appointments will be made at the next meeting.

c. Discussion on the Executive Order Changes

Bill Streeter noted the disaster proclamation will expire later in June unless it is extended and the Village President wants to allow it. This will eliminate allowing board members to call in when they are on vacation. Board members will still be able to call in when they are absent for work or illness. Jeff DeGroot noted he would like to see us going in person moving forward.

d. Discussion and approval on a new vehicle

Jeff DeGroot noted he has been talking with Rich Brecklin and Todd Rice about the need to replace the F150. They would like to get it ordered as it could take a while.

Rich Brecklin stated we would be going through the state bid process. Rich noted the F150 is starting to rot so he may look at getting a new bed for it so that the summer help could continue to use it.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the purchase of a one-ton truck not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #2.**

e. Approval of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Estimate of Revenues

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve Ordinance #840 the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for FY 21-22 and the Estimate of Revenues for FY 21-22. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #3.**

f. Approval of the Municipal Administrative Energy Supply Accounts

Nathan Henricks explained the proposed rate for the village's administrative energy supply accounts. This agreement would run until June 2025. Due to the way the energy market is going, Nathan suggested going for a longer term as the future is unsure.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the Municipal Administrative Energy Supply Accounts agreement until June 2025 at a rate of .05049. The motion was made by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #4.**

g. Approval on the Municipal Electrical Aggregation Supply

Nathan Henricks stated he had received rates from 5 suppliers with 12-24-36 month rates. Currently no one can meet Ameren's rates but the rates could be much higher in a year. His recommendation would be to go out to 2024 as he feels the rates will be much higher in a year.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the municipal electrical aggregation supply energy rate of .05390 with Energy Harbor until 2024. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #5.**

h. Approval of an Ordinance amending the village code of the Village of Germantown Hills, Woodford County, Illinois establishing job descriptions for the village employees

Ann Sasso explained the job descriptions that the personnel committee recommended approval are ready to go to the consultant so that the compensation study can be completed. The job descriptions in the village code will need to be modified by ordinance so this will be done separately. Julia Miller noted we will go ahead and send the job descriptions to the consultant and work on modifying the code.

i. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 8 and Title 10 of the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding stormwater controls
Scott DeSplinter explained the proposed changes and things to consider for the future.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve Ordinance #841 an Ordinance amending Title 8 and Title 10 of the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding stormwater controls. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #6.**

j. Approval of the Michael's Run for Life

Ann Sasso wanted to confirm with the board that the village will still provide portable toilets and a dumpster for the Michael's Run for Life event. The board agreed.

k. Approval of the purchase of a trailer for the skid steer

Rich Brecklin explained that a trailer was needed to transport the new skid steer.

A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the purchase of a trailer for the skid steer in the amount of \$9,500. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #7.**

7. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

a. Village Board review of the Journal Entry Report-

Ann Sasso explained the auditor wanted to make sure the board is seeing the journal entry report each month so it will be included on the agenda and the board packet for board review.

8. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer Bills-Ann Sasso noted the bill to Tazewell County Asphalt was added in the amount of \$251,800.00. A motion was made by Julia Miller to approve the General, Sewer and audit bills as amended. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #8.**

9. Reports of Standing Committees

a. **Finance**-Stephanie Chaon noted a finance committee meeting would be scheduled to discuss the budget.

b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice had nothing new to report.

c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller stated employee Lance Knight had a baby girl recently.

d. **Police**-Karl Figg had nothing new to report.

e. **Parks**-Julia Miller reported there would be a park committee meeting in July.

f. **Sewer**-No report.

g. Storm Water-No report.

Todd Rice left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

h. Economic Development Council-Ann Sasso stated the outdoor temporary bar/restaurant license that was being allowed expired as of December 31, 2020. Ann noted she has not heard back from the Grille on the building proposal. The village hall has been open to the public.

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

11. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Sasso noted Caterpillar Trail submitted a request for the village to approve infrastructure funds to them to fund three projects totaling approximately \$51,000 if they become available. A resident has asked about the possibility of a skate park at J.R. White Park. Ann Sasso noted she is submitting a \$50,000 grant towards the Hannah Drive Road improvements.

Bill Streeter explained there's a property in the Woods at Germantown Hills Subdivision that will need to have a portion of it disconnected from the village as the other lot is in a different subdivision. A piece of the lot is being added to the other lot. This will be completed at a future meeting once all the documentation is complete.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated he had ordered some new equipment for the parks. He is checking on a cost to seal coat the park parking lot and the village hall parking lot. The skid steer is here and the backhoe will be coming soon. Rich is getting prices on some new plows.

The Hannah Drive construction went well. The employees have been working on the grinder pumps. Rich had to order approximately \$31,000 in parts. Rich explained the rail system for the grinder pumps. The manufacturer has quit making a part so he is looking for other ideas. Scott and Rich are working on the facility plan.

Rich Brecklin noted a resident has stated there was an issue with their grinder pump not working. Rich explained what happened and doesn't feel this is a village issue. The insurance company is investigating. Rich Brecklin reported there was a sewer break on Fandel Road. Ray Satchfield passed his Class 4 Wastewater certification.

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

d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot stated it is unfortunate that Dick Hartman and Jim O'Laughlin resigned. He noted he wants to build the team back up and make sure we have open conversations face to face and keep things in a professional manner.

Jeff DeGroot noted Jim O'Laughlin will be missed as he was a good trustee.

12. Communications to the Board-None

13. Adjournment-A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Julia Miller. **Motion passed #9.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk