

Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Julia Miller, Village President Pro-tem called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

| Village President/Trustees | Roll Call | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Jeff DeGroot – President | Absent | | | | |
| Julia Miller | Present | Y | Y | Y | |
| Stephanie Chaon | Present | Y | Y | Y | |
| Nathan Henricks | Present | Y | Y | Y | |
| Tom Eckstein | Present | Y | Y | Y | |
| Karl Figg | Present | Y | Y | Y | |
| Todd Rice | Absent | - | - | Y | |

Also, in attendance:

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
 Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes Approval**

- a. **August 19, 2021 Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the August 19, 2021 Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **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. **Discussion on the Woods at Germantown Hills Letter of Credit/Sidewalks**

Ann Sasso explained that the engineer's developer for the Woods at Germantown Hills has asked if the letter of credit can be reduced and if they can have until November 15th to complete the sidewalks. The deadline is 3 years from the date of final plat approval, which would be next week. There are two houses under construction that would have their sidewalks completed as soon as the homes are completed. They are hopeful that these two sidewalks would be completed by November 15th as well. The letter of credit would be modified to the unit cost of \$9/SF recommended by CMT. The board agreed this was acceptable. Ann Sasso will put this on the November agenda to confirm completion.

6. **Ongoing Agenda Items-None**

a. **Village Board review of the Journal Entry Report**-Ann Sasso noted the journal entry report is included in the board packet for review. The board reviewed the journal entry report. This report shows the revenues for the prior month plus any transfers between funds.

7. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer/Audit/MFT Bills- A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the General and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #2.**

8. Reports of Standing Committees

a. **Finance**-Stephanie Chaon noted we will be working on the levy. Year-to-date financial reports were given to the board for review.

Todd Rice arrived at 6:16 p.m.

b. **Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice stated he will be scheduling a street committee meeting to discuss the sidewalk plan.

c. **Personnel**-Julia Miller asked how things are going with the new employee. Ann Sasso noted everything is great and that currently he doesn't need the health insurance but will need it in May or June of next year.

d. **Police**-Karl Figg had nothing new to report. Ann Sasso noted the thank you cook out lunch went well and there was a great turnout of police officers, board members and staff.

e. **Parks**-Julia Miller had nothing new to report. Ann Sasso noted the park equipment came in and the semi load of playground mulch has been ordered. It will be delivered in October and the Scouts are going to help with the spreading at J.R. White Park.

f. **Sewer**-Nathan Henricks had nothing new to report at this time.

g. **Storm Water**-Tom Eckstein had nothing to report at this time.

h. **Economic Development Council**-Ann Sasso stated there's a new hair salon in Paul Herzog's building. Ann reached out again to IDOT about the trees along Rt. 116 in front of the Germantown Crossing shopping center sign. She is meeting with them next week to see what can be done to allow for the signs to be seen as there have been several complaints, along with safety concerns of visibility off of Anker Lane.

9. **Reports of Special Committees**-Nothing new to report.

10. Reports of Officers

a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso noted records for disposal have been approved by the State and they will be shredded in October. The Annual Treasurer's Report has been completed and will be published next week. The auditor had to help with some of the numbers this year with the new program. Ann requested title work on the German Hills lift station lot so that we can determine ownership for the new lift station.

Ann noted she has heard back on the cell tower and it is moving forward. They are supposed to be sending the specific plans so that we can determine if they meet our code. Ann reported the fire department is having some concerns with the new mask mandate and the testing

requirements. Ann forwarded a letter to Senator Stoller from the Fire District to see how he might be able to help. Ann and Bill are working on the State Police letter hoping that this can be finalized. Ann noted the Hazard Mitigation plan needs to be updated through the Tri-County Planning Commission so Germantown Hills would be participating again.

Donald Fandel Trust- 26 acres parcel-Ann Sasso noted a gentleman would like to create a community garden atmosphere on the property. He would need the property rezoned to accommodate the use so that he could have gardens planted. He would potentially need a variance for some deer fencing and a barn like structure with a porch off of it to house future farmer's markets. There's approximately 9 acres that he isn't sure what he would do with it but mentioned potential uses such as hayrack rides around the property. The board agreed they would be interested in this type of use of the property. Ann Sasso will work with Bill Streeter on the process and procedure.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin was not in attendance.

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

d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot was not in attendance.

11. Communications to the Board-Ann Sasso read a card from Denny Couri thanking the board for a grant in order to replace the Kouris sign.

12. Adjournment-A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk