

**Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022 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
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present											
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

Also, in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Director of Public Works
Bill Streeeter, Village Attorney
Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer
Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes Approval**

a. **March 10, 2022 Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the March 10, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #1.**

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

4. **Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-**Todd Rice noted MARS from the high school is at Nationals.

5. **Current Agenda Items**

a. **Discussion and Approval on the Village Code in regards to feather flags**

Ann Sasso noted Tamra Watts was not able to attend the meeting but asked for the board to consider allowing the feather flags on Saturday's and holidays as those are the days she feels are important for the flags to be up. Jeff DeGroot noted he felt it would be hard to manage single days as this would be done for all other businesses too that choose to put up feather flags. Jeff DeGroot stated there are 4 options for the board to consider. Allowing the single days, 6–30 day permits, 6-20 day permits or eliminate the feather flags completely. The board discussed and agreed to leave the code as is.

b. **Discussion and Approval on the purchase of a copy machine**

Ann Sasso stated she had received two bids for a new copier. One of the bids didn't have a maintenance contract but the maintenance is included as a free service for as long as the village owns the machine and purchases the ink through the company. The other bid included a maintenance contract with a monthly fee but included toner. Ann explained the two overall costs.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the purchase of a copy machine from City Blue for \$4,650 with no maintenance contract. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #2.**

c. Approval of the 2022 MFT program

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the 2022 MFT program as proposed not to exceed \$500,000. The motion was second by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #3.**

d. Approval on the parking lot maintenance and repairs

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the parking lot maintenance and repairs to be paid out of the general funds. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #4.**

e. Approval on the paint striping

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein the approval of the paint striping of the village streets. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #5.**

f. Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 6 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding truck routes and weight limits

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve Ordinance #847 an Ordinance amending Title 6 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding truck routes and weight limits. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #6.**

g. Approval on measures to address the speeding on village streets

This was already discussed at the street committee meeting.

h. Approval on the German Hills lift station replacement project to award the project to the apparent low bidder and authorize the Village President to execute contract

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon the approval of the German Hills lift station replacement project to award the project to the apparent low bidder, G.A. Rich and authorize the Village President to execute contract. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #7.**

The village received two bids. G.A. Rich was the low bidder and the engineer has recommended acceptance of the bid.

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 Todd Rice to approve the General and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #8.**

8. Reports of Standing Committees

a. **Finance**-Stephanie Chaon and Ann Sasso will be working on the Appropriation Ordinance and Budget.

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

c. **Personnel**-Nathan Henricks had nothing new to report.

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

e. **Parks**-Heather Armistead had nothing new to report.

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

g. **Storm Water**-Tom Eckstein had nothing new to report.

h. **Economic Development Council**-Ann Sasso noted Tri-County Planning Commission submitted a grant in order to update our comprehensive plan. It will be 20% match so up to \$4,000 would be the village's responsibility. This will be put in the new budget.

Jeff DeGroot reported the Chamber had visited the dream center today in Peoria. Everyone is impressed in all the great things they are doing in the region.

The Midwest CDI Conference is in August that Ann would like to attend. This will be the third year for a certification. Ann received a scholarship for the 4- day conference, which includes the lodging and conference.

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

10. Reports of Officers

a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso noted someone is interested in putting in a free library at J.R. White Park as a part of a local Cub Scout group.

Ann Sasso submitted a grant application request to Rep. Darin LaHood's office for the Community Project Funding for Somerset. It would be for \$670,000 in order to do the multi-use path. This is to get selected for the grant but there's no guarantee.

The village received a certificate of liability insurance form for Altorfer as they requested it for the rental of their equipment.

The Farmers Market has so far three produce vendors coming now along with a bakery and meat vendor.

The village will need to look to update the noise ordinance as the numbers are out of date.

In March Jamie, Village Treasurer sent out 5 letters for 1st notice and 25 letters for shut off due to delinquent sewer/garbage bills. All accounts paid in full along with one payment arrangement. This month she only sent out 7 reminder letters and no shut off notices.

The cleanup days are the week of May 23rd and the auditor will be here the week of May 31st.

b. Superintendent of Public Works-Rich Brecklin noted there was some vandalism at JR. White Park but the individuals were caught. Rich noted no charges were filed but they will have to replace the fire extinguisher and help unload the mulch when it comes in. Rich noted he is working with CMT on the erosion at Plant 2. Scott DeSplinter has been asked to design the sewer for the Motherhouse and G.A. Rich will be running the sewer line.

Rich Brecklin stated they would be renting a machine to do the milling for some of the MFT work.

The village will be hiring a summer person soon.

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

d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot had nothing new to report.

Heather Armistead asked about the sewer generator and the truck purchase.

11. Communications to the Board-None

12. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: April 21, 2022-A motion was made by Heather Armistead to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #9.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk