

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Village Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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					
Heather Armistead	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					

Also, in attendance:

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

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes Approval**

- a. **April 21, 2022 Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the April 21, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #1.**

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

4. **Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-**Mark Hull was in attendance. Mark noted he is a village resident and a member of the fire department. He would like to see the village purchase the 26 acres that is for sale off of Fandel Road to use for park purposes. He noted it is in the center of the village and wondered if a walking path that would connect the subdivisions could be built.

Ann Sasso indicated the asking price is \$9,000 an acre and developing a park has been discussed in the past for this area.

Jeff DeGroot stated the park committee could meet to discuss the possibility.

Todd Rice noted a concern of how many kids are driving golf carts on village streets and the board may need to address the issue. The board has discussed this in the past but agreed to let the police address it as it is illegal. Ann Sasso will contact the Sheriff's office.

## 5. Current Agenda Items

### a. Approval of the purchase of a sewer locator

The sewer committee recommended the purchase of a sewer locator.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the purchase of a sewer locator not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #2.**

### b. Approval of an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills regarding wastewater charges

The sewer committee had made a recommendation to the board to keep the sewer rates the same as last year.

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve Ordinance #848 An Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills regarding wastewater charges. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #3.**

### c. Approval of an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills Illinois regarding traffic regulations (Sign Map)

The sign map was updated to match the signs that have been installed within the village limits.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve Ordinance #849 an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding traffic regulations. (Sign Map) The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #4.**

### d. Discussion on the possibility of a mini excavator

Jeff DeGroot noted when the employees were working on the grinder pump it looked like a mini excavator would have helped and wondered if it is something the village should look at getting.

Rich Brecklin stated he had checked on a cost and it is approximately \$93,500 for a new one. He noted there will most likely only be a couple of times when one is needed so it will be better to rent one as needed. Rich noted one piece of equipment that might be useful is a pull behind tractor truck.

### e. Discussion on the OSF Agreement

Scott DeSplinter summarized the OSF Agreement for the board. The agreement is still in draft form as we need to add the billing process to the agreement.

## 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 Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #5.**

## **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 stated he will be setting up a meeting to discuss the sidewalk plan.

c. **Personnel**-Nathan Henricks will be setting up a meeting once reviews are done. A summer person has been hired.

d. **Police**-Karl Figg stated we are still waiting on the radar sign data. Rich Brecklin reported the radar signs have been put up. We are working with the radar sign company to fix the program so that we can analyze the data.

e. **Parks**-Heather Armistead was not in attendance.

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 the June and July EDC meetings will need to be cancelled but could be rescheduled to a different date if needed. The board agreed. The Mad Macs Coffee signs have gone up but we haven't heard yet when they will be open. Studio S will have a new barber in their location soon. Ann noted there was an issue with the feather flags going up without a permit at the Liquor Shoppe. A call was made and Jeff DeGroot discussed this with the owner explaining a permit is needed if they go back up. The village attorney noted if there are any zoning non-compliance issues Jeff DeGroot as Liquor Commissioner could revoke the liquor license.

Jeff DeGroot noted at the Chamber meeting he had reported on the cell tower and the Veterans Park. We had a meeting with Tri-County Planning Commission and there's a possibility that Woodland Knolls could be put on the list for potential infrastructure improvements.

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

## **10. Reports of Officers**

a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso noted a nuisance violation was sent on debris, non-working vehicles and non-licensed vehicles for a property in Whispering Oaks.

Ann Sasso asked the board if it was ok to not extend the letter of credit for the Woods at Germantown Hills Subdivision. The last two houses they are building are the last two sidewalks that are needing to be completed. They would like to complete the sidewalks when they finish the driveways. The board agreed.

b. **Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin noted the monuments are getting completed. The sidewalk, concrete and pavers are in at Veterans Park. We are waiting on the

light fixtures and they may be a while due to supply issues. A landscaper is coming soon to look at the landscaping additions.

Streets-The bids will be taken on the 2022 MFT program. Rich noted they would be renting equipment to do some milling. There's an area along Old Germantown Road where we are trying to confirm if it is the village's responsibility There's some erosion that needs to be taken care of. Emily from CMT is talking with IDOT to confirm responsibility.

Sewer-There was a pipe that broke on a grinder pump on Wedgewood Terrace but has been repaired. There was a sewer line cap at the trailer park that was removed allowing sewage to flow across to the creek. The trailer park and Illinois Department of Health were notified.

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

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

**11. Communications to the Board**-Ann Sasso read a thank you note from the Parrish Family who are moving out of the area.

**12. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: June 16, 2022**-A motion was made by Karl Figg to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #6.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk