

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Village Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 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			
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	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. **Public Hearing-Appropriation Ordinance-**Jeff DeGroot opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. There was no one in attendance for the public hearing. The public hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m.
3. **Minutes Approval**  
a. **May 19, 2022 Village Board Meeting**  
A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the May 19, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #1.**
4. **Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-**None
5. **Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-**None
6. **Current Agenda Items**  
a. **Discussion with the Tri-County Planning Commission-**This was deferred as there was no one in attendance.

**b. Approval of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Estimate of Revenues**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve Ordinance #850 the Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Estimate of Revenues for FY 22-23. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #2.**

**c. Approval of the Michael's Run for Life**

Ann Sasso noted the Michael's Run for Life is on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and the village board needs to confirm the village's participation.

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the garbage dumpster and portable toilets for the Michael's Run for Life. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #3.**

**d. Discussion and Approval of the Germantown Crossing Sidewalk**

Rich Brecklin had received an estimated cost for the sidewalk from First Build to Casey's.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the Germantown Crossing sidewalk from First Build to Casey's for \$7,500. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #4.**

Rich Brecklin received an estimate on the sidewalk extension from the library to Anker Lane.

**e. Update on the Germantown Hills Athletic Complex**

Ann Sasso updated the board on the Germantown Hills Athletic Complex plan and timeline. The proposed development will include right of way dedication to the village for a new village street. This will allow access to Rt. 116 for a right in and a right out.

**f. Update and Discussion on Available Vacant Properties in Germantown Hills**

The board discussed the vacant properties in the village.

**g. Discussion Regarding Ordinance Violations-Nuisance & Garbage Fees**

Ann Sasso noted a nuisance violation notice went out to a property in Whispering Oaks concerning debris and non-working vehicles. This has been an ongoing issue with this property. The board agreed to have the attorney look into the next steps in order to get compliance.

**h. Discussion and Approval on the Purchase of a Piece of Property-Defer**

**7. 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.

**8. 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.**

**9. Reports of Standing Committees**

**a. Finance-**Stephanie Chaon had nothing new to report.

**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 employee reviews are done.

**d. Police**- A new computer was purchased so hopefully we can get the data off of the program from the radar signs.

**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 we have a new business in town, Tim the Barber, located in Studio S. MadMacs Coffee will be opening June 27<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully the village locked into an electrical aggregation program for 3 years for the village residents.

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

**11. Reports of Officers**

**a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso stated the audit is going well. There's no up date on the cell tower yet and the Farmers Market is going well and we will have more vendors as the produce starts up.

**b. Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin noted they are still waiting on the lighting at Veterans Park but the trees should be planted next week. The street work bid opening is on July 7<sup>th</sup> with the award at the meeting in July and construction to start in August.

Rich Brecklin stated there's a problem with our grinder pump supplier in regards to some of the parts. Rich noted they are ordering what we can but we need to have a meeting to discuss a plan for the future. Rich noted previous boards didn't think about a forever solution for the grinder pumps and now there are supply issues that we need to address. Rich indicated we may need to look at different plans for different properties in the village and potentially different billing processes.

Rich stated he and Scott are going to look at a sewer filter option in another community. Also, the German Hills lift station is on hold until they get additional supplies that are needed.

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

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

**12. Communications to the Board**-None

**13. Executive Session: Approval of Closed Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the purchase or lease of real property**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to go into executive session at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the purchase or lease of real property. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #6.**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to come out of executive session at 7:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. **Motion passed #7.**

**14. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: June 16, 2022-**A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #8.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk