

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Village Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Todd Rice	Present	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. Minutes Approval

### a. July 21, 2022 Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the July 21, 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-None

## 5. Current Agenda Items

### a. Approval of the contract to purchase approximately 26.11 acres of vacant property along Fandel Road

Bill Streeter explained that the village is purchasing the Fandel property as is. Jeff DeGroot, Nathan Henricks, Scott DeSplinter and Rich Brecklin walked the property recently. The village can do inspections if needed. Bill noted the closing date is September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Todd Rice stated he feels it is a great opportunity to get this property that ties so many things together within the community.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve Ordinance #852 an Ordinance authorizing an agreement for the purchase of certain property, 26.11 acres of vacant property along Fandel Road. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #2.**

**b. Approval of the employment compensation for FY 22-23**

The personnel committee made a recommendation to the finance committee who made a recommendation to the village board.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the employment compensation for FY 22-23 recommended by the personnel and finance committees. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #3.**

**c. Approval of the FY 22-23 Budget**

The finance committee made a recommendation to the village board.

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the FY 22-23 budget. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #4.**

**d. Approval of construction phase engineering services for the 2022 MFT Project**

Scott DeSplinter explained the engineering agreement.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the construction phase engineering services for the 2022 MFT project in the amount of \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. **Motion passed #5.**

**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, Sewer and business district bills. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #6.**

**8. Reports of Standing Committees**

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

**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 attended the Midwest CDI training. The village has received another complaint about the pylon sign being hidden. The board agreed if First Build property owners give approval that some of the bushes can be removed. The appraisal came in low for the lot across from the school so the school is making an offer to purchase. The Farmer's Market is going well. Ann updated the board on the Coffee with a Cop and the upcoming chamber events.

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

**10. Reports of Officers**

**a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso stated the auditor is coming in September. There's an IT guy that is checking the village computers as we may need new computers. Ann Sasso is working on a tourism grant for the Michael's Run for Life. We also need to work on the OSF billing for the sewer agreement.

**b. Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin noted the back hoe is working now. The MFT pre-construction meeting will be soon with the contractor. The seal work has been completed. There's a pump school that Rich has signed the employees up to attend two at a time. We now have WIFI in the office at plant 1 so the phones should work now. In 6 months, we should have it at plant 2. The village is still waiting on some grinder pump parts. Rich noted we are still waiting on the lights for Veterans Park due to supply issues.

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

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

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

**12. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: September 15, 2022**-A motion was made by Todd Rice to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #7.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk