

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 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							
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Heather Armistead	Absent	-	-	-	-							
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y							

Also, in attendance:

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sergeant Jesse Polston from the Woodford County Sheriff's office was in attendance. He stated a representative from the Sheriff's Office would be attending the board meetings to make sure there aren't any issues or questions.

Jeff DeGroot noted they are doing a great job.

2. Minutes Approval

a. August 18, 2022 Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the August 18, 2022 Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **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. Appointment to fill the vacancy on the EDC

Jeff DeGroot made the appointment of Justin Nena to the EDC to replace Denny Couri.

b. Approval of the 4th Amendment of the Garbage Agreement

Todd Rice reviewed the proposed changes to the garbage agreement. Todd noted everything we currently have will remain the same. In addition, the village will get a second community cleanup day paid by GFL. In order to keep costs down, GFL is providing a garbage toter to each household. These will be delivered this fall. Each household will be required to use the provided toter. The garbage company already provides a recycling toter to each household that recycles. The village will still continue to be able to take advantage of free recycling, the curbside landscape pickups each year, the landscape dumpsters at the village hall and the electronic recycling drop off site. The compensation for waste collection services schedule was revised.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the 4th Amendment to the Garbage Agreement. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #2.**

c. Discussion on the Park Place Planned Unit Development/Special Use

Ann Sasso stated a Planned Unit Development with a special use was approved back in 2003 for Park Place Subdivision. This PUD was to be developed with 8 four plexes on the 6 lots. Recently it has come to our attention that the owners are trying to sell the individual lots. With a PUD and a special use, the development needs to be built as per the plan.

Bill Streeter explained the lots are zoned R-2 but the development is supposed to be owned by one person. Two of the lots have been sold, which shouldn't have been allowed per the special use.

The developer should have recorded the plan on all 6 lots. This must not have happened as it would have come up in a title search.

The board discussed the property. Scott DeSplinter noted the property does have some drainage issues.

Todd Rice noted concern of knowing what the property owners would want to do with the property before the village would consider eliminating the PUD and special use.

Ann Sasso will check to see if anything was recorded. The board agreed to defer until they would see a plan for the development. Therefore, the lots can not be sold separately. Ann will contact the owner and realtor.

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, Sewer and audit bills. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #3.**

8. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance-Stephanie Chaon and Ann Sasso will be working on the levy.

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 was not in attendance.

f. Sewer-Nathan Henricks had nothing new to report. Scott DeSplinter stated the Wolf Creek stabilization project will be going out to bid.

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

h. Economic Development Council-Ann Sasso noted she had talked to the rep for BP Amoco. They are putting together an indemnity letter for potential interested buyers as they have started the process for cleanup at the Germantown Automotive property but it could take 3-4 years for completion. There have been people that have shown interest in doing something with the building and property.

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 October and we are still working on getting quotes on the computers. It may be more costly than the original estimate as three computers need to be replaced.

Germantown Hills has been moved up the list on the Verizon tower due to all of the problems in the area. They were going to do some testing and will be asking for the permit to start soon. Their hope is by the end of 2023.

Ann noted she is still working on finalizing the grant for the German Hills lift station. DCEO has been needing more information to get the agreement together. Ann is working on a tourism grant for the Michael's Run for Life and is still waiting to hear on the Somerset grant.

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 stated now that the village has the park land, we will look at cutting in a path.

11. Communications to the Board-None

12. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: October 20, 2022-A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein.
Motion passed #4.

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk