

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 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	Y			
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:

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney

Rich Brecklin, Director of Public Works

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Zack Hecht, Public Works

Justin Krager-GH School Board Member

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes Approval**

a. **October 20, 2022, Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the October 20, 2022, Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Public Hearing-Annexation Agreement-GHAA Property**

Jeff DeGroot opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. and noted the public hearing is for the GHAA property annexation agreement. There was no one in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

4. **Public Hearing-Annexation Agreement-Points Property**

Jeff DeGroot opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. and noted the public hearing is for the Points property/Germantown Hills School District #69 annexation agreement. The school took ownership on November 1st. There was no one in attendance. The public hearing was closed at 6:04 p.m.

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

6. **Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-None**

7. Current Agenda Items

a. Approval of the Annexation Agreement for the GHAA Property

Bill Streeter indicated that unless and until the school owns the property based on the election results being certified, this agreement will not be completed. A closing date has not been set yet. The property will be rezoned residential with a special use for school purposes. The board has already committed to the costs in the intergovernmental agreement. The annexation allows for the billboards and the board will consider an amendment to the village code to allow the billboards on this property. The village's welcome sign is also being allowed as a part of the annexation agreement.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the annexation agreement for the GHAA property. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. **Motion passed #2.**

b. Approval of the Annexation Agreement for the Points Property

Bill Streeter noted that the school district already owns this property and the rezoning and special use have been recommended and are a part of the annexation agreement.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the annexation agreement for the Points Property now owned by the Germantown Hills School District #69. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #3.**

c. An Ordinance Amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Sign Regulations (Billboards)

Bill Streeter explained that this code change will allow for billboards only in specific circumstances.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve Ordinance #853 an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Sign Regulations (Billboards). The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #4.**

d. Approval of the revised software as a Service Agreement (GIS Mapping System) with CMT

Bill Streeter had made a revision to the proposed agreement and had asked for clarification on some questions. The board discussed and would like a 3-year fixed cost on the license fee of \$7,500. Scott DeSplinter noted he would check with Eric. The board agreed to defer until the December meeting.

e. Approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 22-23

Todd Rice shared that over the last few years that he has been on the board the board has not raised taxes.

Ann Sasso explained the levy account balances and the proposed levy for the next year. The board agreed to keep the levy at same total tax dollars.

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve Ordinance #854 the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for FY 22-23. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. **Motion passed #5.**

f. Approval of the Christmas Bonus for all village personnel

The board discussed what the previous Christmas bonus has been. Todd Rice recommended the board gross up to get each employee a specific amount.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve a Christmas bonus of a net of \$350 per employee. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #6.**

g. Approval to possibly change the December Village Board meeting date

The board discussed the possibility of moving the December village board meeting date but elected to leave it as is scheduled on December 15.

8. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

a. Village Board review of the Journal Entry Report-Ann Sasso noted the journal entry report will be sent once the October numbers are entered.

9. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer/Audit/Business District/MFT Bills- A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the General, and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #7.**

10. Reports of Standing Committees

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

b. Streets/Equipment-Todd Rice thanked the employees for all their hard work.

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.

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

h. Economic Development Council-Jeff DeGroot noted the farmers market went well.

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

12. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Sasso stated there is a fence violation that will need to be addressed by the attorney as the resident isn't responding. There's also a variance request that will on the ZBA's agenda for an addition in the White Oak Lake Subdivision.

b. Director of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated the software is outdated on the radar signs. The snowplow equipment is ready, and we have salt on hand with more coming in with the salt contract. One truck was ordered but we are going to look to add another building to get the village's equipment indoors. The bank stabilization at both plants is going well along with the German Hills lift station project. Rich noted we still need to get the sludge hauled away, but the company is having staffing issues. Rich stated he has a way to get it under the cover until something can be done with it in the spring as the sludge is too wet now.

Scott DeSplinter met with the Mother House about the sewer. We need to finalize the agreement.

Rich Brecklin stated he is having surgery on his knee in December and will be out for a while.

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

d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot stated he is proud and congratulated Karl Figg being recognized for the service award from the Germantown Hills Chamber at the Community Prayer Breakfast.

Jeff DeGroot noted Chief Deputy Tipsword spoke at the Chamber meeting on the Safe-T Act and potential issues in the coming year.

13. Communications to the Board-None

14. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: December 15, 2022-A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein.
Motion passed #8.

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk