

**Village of Germantown Hills
Village Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 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:

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
Scott DeSplinter

Jeff DeGroot held a moment of silence due to all that’s going on in the world. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes Approval**

a. **February 24, 2022 Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the February 24, 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-None**

5. **Current Agenda Items**

a. **Approval on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

The EDC had recommended approval of a Business Community Improvement Grant to the Liquor Shoppe for a new sign.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve a Business Community Improvement Grant to Tamra Watts, The Liquor Shoppe, in the amount of \$4,450 for a new Liquor Shoppe and Video Gaming sign. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks.

Motion passed #1.

b. Approval of an Ordinance amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Public Accommodation (Non-Retail) Licenses

Brenden and Emily Axelson were in attendance to discuss the public accommodation license. The board discussed parts of the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve Ordinance #846 an Ordinance Amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois regarding Public Accommodation (Non-retail) Licenses. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #2.**

c. Approval of the Village Board's closed session minutes

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the village board closed session minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso noted this would need to be done every six months moving forward.

d. Approval of a Resolution Regarding Executive Minutes to Remain Closed, Release of Closed Session Minutes, and Destruction of Audio Tape Recordings

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve Resolution 2022-01 regarding executive minutes to remain closed, release of closed session minutes, and destruction of audio tape recordings. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #4.**

e. Approval of the Community Cleanup Day

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve Community Cleanup Day the week of May 23rd on your normal garbage day. The motion was seconded Karl Figg. **Motion passed #5.**

Todd Rice noted the village gets one free cleanup week per year per the garbage contract and the village typically schedules it as the spring cleanup day. Normally the village provides one in the fall for village residents.

f. Approval of the Engineering Agreement for Construction Phase Services for the German Hills Pump Station Replacement

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the engineering agreement for construction phase services for the German Hills pump station replacement not to exceed \$53,000. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #6.**

Scott DeSplinter noted the bid opening is on March 16th. The engineering contract is for time and materials.

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 and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #7.**

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 stated he is planning on having a police committee meeting before the April board meeting to discuss speed radar signs.
- e. **Parks**-Heather Armistead noted she is participating on the MTCO Park committee.
- 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 Farmers Market is being coordinated to start the first Saturday in June. We are still working on banner ideas along Jubilee Lane. Ann stated Martin Sign sent over an idea for the Germantown Crossing sign. The board agreed to move forward changing out the panel for the Germantown Crossing sign.

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

10. Reports of Officers

- a. **Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator**-Ann Sasso stated we will be receiving our 5th MFT installment soon. The Fire District is exploring the possibility of a solar system and if the numbers work, they may ask the village to see if there's interest in sharing the system. The information has been sent to DCEO on the Rebuild Illinois grant for the German Hills pump station replacement project. We should be receiving the agreement soon.
- b. **Superintendent of Public Works**-Rich Brecklin was not in attendance.
- c. **Village Attorney**-Bill Streeter had nothing new to report.
- d. **Village President**-Jeff DeGroot noted there will be an ESDA meeting on March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

11. Communications to the Board-None

12. Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this act, for the semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated-Executive meeting not needed.

13. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: April 21, 2022-A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #8.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk