

Village of Germantown Hills
Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2022 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Nathan Henricks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Nathan Henricks – Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Heather Armistead	Absent	-	-	-	-		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y		

Also, Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

- a. **March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes**-A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the March 10, 2022 sewer committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #1.**

2. **Approval and recommendation to the board on the purchase of a sewer locator**

Jeff DeGroot stated on Mother's Day there was a sewer repair at a property in White Oak Lake in regards to a grinder pump. Jeff noted the village's sewer locator is old and is need of being replaced.

Rich Brecklin stated he is looking into purchasing a new one but is checking on the different options. Rich is looking at spending no more than \$7,000.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of a sewer locator not to exceed \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #2.**

3. **Facility Plan Update**

Scott DeSplinter reported they continue to work through updating the facility plan. Scott explained the tertiary filter replacement and what the option might be. Scott noted the IEPA permit expires in November so Rich will need to apply for a new one. They are planning on waiting to finalize the facility plan once the village receives feedback from the EPA.

4. **Discussion and recommendation to the village board on the wastewater charges**

Scott DeSplinter had discussed the wastewater rates and fund balances with Rich Brecklin and Ann Sasso and is proposing to keep the rates the same for the next year. Scott shared the information with the committee. Scott noted once the facility plan review is completed, we can look at the rates and what is needed moving forward.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to recommend to the village board the wastewater charges to remain the same for the next billing year. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #3.**

5. Discussion on the grinder pump systems

Rich Brecklin noted there had been a sewer line break in a grinder pump tank. He noted no one knows how it happened as to where the pipe broke. Rich noted they had to locate the shut off valve and shut off two homes.

Scott DeSplinter stated they will be doing a presentation to the board on the GIS system which will help in documenting the locations of sewer lines and roads. As we are able to find the locations of sewer lines and shut off valves, this could be added. The committee discussed the need for the documentation for history and reference in the future. We will look to have a special meeting to discuss the GIS system.

6. Discussion and recommendation to the village board on the OSF Agreement

Scott DeSplinter stated OSF will own and operate the sewer system that is going to be constructed other than the force main at Rt. 116. The village will have access to read the meter and make sure everything is working. The draft agreement has been completed except that the billing process will need to be added. The agreement will be sent to them for review.

Jeff DeGroot stated he would like to have a discussion on the possibility of a mini-excavator. This is on the village board agenda.

7. Adjournment-A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk