

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Nathan Henricks called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. and roll call was taken.

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

Also, Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works  
Zack Hecht, Public Works Maintenance  
Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer  
Bill Streeter, Village Attorney  
Chuck Urban, Village Attorney  
Stephanie Chaon, Village Trustee

- a. **May 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes**-A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the May 19, 2022, sewer committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #1.**

2. **Discussion on the Sanitary Sewer Facility Plan Update**

Scott DeSplinter had prepared a presentation on the facility plan update. Scott discussed the list of the recommended improvements/repairs. They include:

- Whispering Oaks Sewer Rehabilitation (\$409,500)
- WWTP No. 2 Lagoon Sludge Removal (\$311,250)
- Coventry Farm Pump Station No. 1 (\$410,850)
- WWTP No. 1 Filter Replacement (\$1,380,000)
- Thornridge Pump Station (\$373,500)
- Elizabeth Point "Bottleneck" Improvements (\$373,500)

**TOTAL RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS - \$3,128,600**

Rich Brecklin stated they are having issues with the filters not making permit and are working on fixing the problem.

Scott discussed the preliminary project implementation schedule:

- Whispering Oaks Sewer Rehabilitation
  - Design, Permitting, & Bidding – May 2023 to Oct 2023
  - Construction – Nov 2023 to April 2024
- WWTP No. 2 Lagoon Sludge Removal
  - Design, Permitting, & Bidding – July 2023 to April 2024
  - Construction – May 2024 to Nov 2024
- Coventry Farm Pump Station No. 1

Design, Permitting, & Bidding – May 2024 to Feb 2025  
Construction – March 2025 to Dec 2025  
-WWTP No. 1 Filter Replacement  
Design, Permitting, & Bidding – Sept 2024 to Dec 2025  
Construction – Jan 2026 to Jan 2027

Scott explained the goal is to operate sewer plant 1 for as long as possible. He noted in making the improvements to plant 1, we are hoping this will give us 10-15 more years. Scott noted they are hoping the regulations do not change for 5-10 years. At some point plant 1 will run at a reduced level with more flow going to plant 2.

Scott noted the plan is to do the first three items on the list and spend down the reserves. Then one of the loans will be paid off, so the village can get a SRF loan for the needed improvements.

Scott discussed the projected cash flows, the debt service analysis, and the impact on the monthly bills. Scott stated he feels the standard increases should handle the expenses of the system.

Scott stated if the board needs more details, then we can schedule another meeting.

Rich Brecklin stated that having a facility plan has helped with debt forgiveness on our EPA loans.

The committee discussed the need to look at the sewer line going along Townhall Road to serve the Athletic facility and the commercial property to make sure of the capacity.

- 3. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk