

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024, 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 - 13
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present											
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					

Also, in attendance:

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Rich Brecklin, Director of Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes Approval

a. December 14, 2023, Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the December 14, 2023, Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. Motion passed #1.

3. Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-None

4. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-Doug Fandel was in attendance with Arrow of Light Den from Cub Scout Pack 165 of Germantown Hills.

5. Current Agenda Items

a. Approval of the Final Loan Closing Amendment for L175499

Ann Doubet explained this was the final loan closing amendment for the EPA loan L175499. The IEPA payments will continue until February of 2040.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the final loan closing amendment for L175499. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #2

b. Approval of An Ordinance Amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Collection Garbage Charges

Ann explained the new garbage fee had gone into effect on November 1st, but the change at that time was not formalized in the code. This ordinance will do that.

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve Ordinance #872 An Ordinance Amending the Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Collection Garbage Charges. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #3.

c. Discussion and Approval of the Updating of the Village of Germantown Hills Website Design

Ann noted the village's website needs to be updated and our website provider has provided a proposal for the board's consideration. This will update the design as most of the content is already there.

Heather Armistead asked which hosting and maintenance proposal we would be getting. Ann will check on what we currently are being provided.

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the updating of the Village of Germantown Hills Website Design by 309 Marketing Group. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #4.

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

a. Village Board review of the Journal Entry Report-Ann noted the journal entries are revenues and transfers entered each month. The journal report was reviewed by the board.

7. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer/Audit/Business District/MFT Bills- A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the General and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #5.

8. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance-Stephanie Chaon had nothing new to report other than review of the journal entries.

b. Streets/Equipment-Todd Rice stated there will need to be a meeting at some point to talk about potential traffic issues with MTCO Park. Todd thanked Rich and his staff for the great job on the snow plowing of the roads.

c. Personnel-Nathan Henricks stated the review process will be starting in another month or so.

d. Police-Karl Figg had nothing new to report.

e. Parks-Heather Armistead noted there would be a park committee meeting scheduled soon.

f. Sewer-Nathan Henricks had nothing new to report.

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

h. Economic Development Council- Ann Doubet stated the chamber had met today and updated the members on the number of artists at the Art Korner and a financial report.

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

10. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann stated the texting program is going well so it was renewed. We are hoping to get more users, as we are at 351. The new map will be printed soon as Rich and Ann are making a final review.

b. Director of Public Works-Rich Brecklin stated the snow removal has been going well. They are going through the salt, but we have a good amount on hand. The backhoe was down due to one of their mechanics making a repair error, but it is up and running. Rich noted they are having issues with some of the businesses having their snow pushed across the street and leaving the mess. There is a resident that is also doing it, but everyone has been notified. There is one car that is not being moved and if it isn't the village will have to have it towed.

Rich stated he is having problems at the plant with the piping, and he has had to divert 70% of the flow to plant 2.

Rich asked if the board had a recommendation as to when its not safe outside with the staff working on grinder pumps in the cold weather. Rich will check on some criteria for the board to consider. Rich noted the SCADA is getting older and we may need to upgrade the system. The estimate right now is \$70,000 but he is checking on other options. Rich explained to the board what the SCADA System does.

Ann stated we may be able to use the hook up fees.

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

d. Village President-Jeff DeGroot had nothing new to report.

11. Communications to the Board-None

12. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: February 15, 2024-A motion was made by Karl Figg to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #6.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk