

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 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	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Heather Armistead	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	

Also, in attendance:

Bill Streeeter, Village Attorney

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Scott DeSplinter, CMT, Village Engineer

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes Approval**

- a. **February 15, 2024, Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the February 15, 2024, Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein Motion passed #1.

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

4. **Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-**Public Comments are limited to five minutes for each person and up to two times per person.

Somerset Multi-Use Path

Kitty Cullett, Michelle Ricketts, Lisa Gann, Damien Cruze, Jeff Ricketts, Barbie Ferris and Don Blue were in attendance to oppose the Somerset Multi-Use Path. There were comments and questions about the Somerset path, grant application, next steps and if the path would be extended.

Jim Johanningsmeier, Don Durand, Terry Wilmarth and Julia Miller were in attendance to support the path. They made statements the path is necessary to keep the kids off the street and some asked for the crossing to be looked at to keep it away from the Rt. 116 intersection.

IDOT-Stop Light Left Turn Signal

Terry Wilmarth noted he was glad to hear from the village that all of the stop lights are getting the left turn signal installed at all of the intersections.

Jeff DeGroot thanked everyone for coming.

5. Current Agenda Items

a. **Approval of an Ordinance Annexing Territory into the Village of Germantown Hills (Jim Paul-Ten Mile Creek Road Lot)**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve Ordinance #873 an Ordinance Annexing Territory into the Village of Germantown Hills (Jim Paul). The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. Motion passed #2.

b. **Approval of the Easements on the Woodland Knolls, Library, Anker Lane Sidewalk Project**

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the Easements on the Woodland Knolls, Library, Anker Lane Sidewalk Project. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. Motion passed #3.

c. **Approval of the Certificate of Authority to enter into the Salt Contract Joint Participation Agreement**

Ann Doubet explained this is required for the salt contract. The board agreed to put both Rich Brecklin and Ann Doubet's name on the agreement for the certificate of authority.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the Certificate of Authority to enter into the Salt Contract Joint Participation Agreement. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. Motion passed #4.

d. **Approval of the MFT 2024 Program**

Scott DeSplinter explained the MFT program for 2024. The remaining RBI funds for MFT will be used along with \$150,000 from the general funds, and MFT funds.

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the MFT 2024 program. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. Motion passed #5.

e. **Approval of the Engineering Agreement for Street Maintenance 2024**

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the engineering agreement for street maintenance 2024. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. Motion passed #6.

f. **Approval of the Engineering Agreement for the Woodland Knolls Sidewalk-Anker Lane to Forrest Drive**

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the engineering agreement for the Woodland Knolls Sidewalk-Anker Lane to Forrest Drive. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #7.

The board agreed to send a letter to the Woodland Knolls residents letting them know the village is exploring the possibility of a sidewalk extension to Forrest Drive.

g. Approval of the hiring of a summer employee

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the hiring of a summer employee. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. Motion passed #8.

h. Approval of an Appointment to the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals-this was deferred.

6. Ongoing Agenda Items-None

a. Village Board review of the Journal Entry Report-Ann noted the journal entries are the 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 Stephanie Chaon to approve the General and Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #9.

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 had nothing new to report.

c. Personnel-Nathan Henricks was not in attendance. The review process will be starting in another month or so after Rich is back.

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

e. Parks-Heather Armistead was not in attendance.

f. Sewer-Nathan Henricks was not in attendance.

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. The spring fling event is on the first Saturday of May.

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

10. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Doubet updated the board on all of the grants. Ann noted Julia Miller has been working on getting the records retention schedule up to date. The community tree has been painted. We will work to get the donation leaves added from the past and will need to decide the criteria moving forward of any additional leaves to be added.

b. Director of Public Works-Rich Brecklin was not in attendance as he is still off work. Zack Hecht was not in attendance.

c. Village Attorney-Bill Streeter had nothing new to report. Chuck Urban noted the personnel policy will need to be updated with the new law on the Paid Leave Act.

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

11. Communications to the Board-None

12. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: April 18, 2024-A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. Motion passed #10.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk