

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Karl Figg 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 - 18
Karl Figg – President	Present											
Stephanie Chaon	Absent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also, in attendance:

Bill Streeter, Village Attorney
 Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer
 Zack Hecht, Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Public Hearing-Nauman Annexation**

a. Approval to Reconvene the Nauman Annexation Public Hearing to September 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Steve Nauman is not available on September 19th to attend the meeting, so he has requested the hearing be continued.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks for the approval to reconvene the Nauman Annexation Public Hearing on October 17th at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #1.

- 3. Minutes Approval**

a. July 18, 2024, Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the July 18, 2024, Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #2.

- 4. Public Comments on Any Action Item on the Agenda-**Karl Figg explained the rules for the public comment period as this will not be a question-and-answer period, but each person may speak up to two times for a total of five minutes.

The following residents were in attendance and made a public comment: Randy Perau, Melissa Ricketts, Jean Wilmarth, Adam Bowton, Nicole Wilson, Angie Agatucci, Kyle Watkins, Lisa Gann, Damien Cruse, Joyce Boyd, Stephanie Cruse, Don Blue, Brian Hammond, Jim Johanningsmeier, Kitty Cullett, and Melanie Meismer.

- 5. Public Comments on Any Non-Action Items-**Karl Figg noted the same rules apply for the public comment period on any non-action item.

Nicole Wilson and Randy Perau made a public comment.

6. Current Agenda Items

a. Approval of an Easement from Mr. Force for the Connection to the Oak Grove Park

A motion was made by Paige Patel to approve the easement from Mr. & Mrs. Force for the connection to Oak Grove Park. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #3.

b. Approval of the Discover Peoria Agreement

This agreement will be with the Village of Metamora and Discover Peoria.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the Discover Peoria Agreement. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #4.

c. Approval of the Design Engineering Amendment on the Somerset Multi-Use Path

Scott DeSplinter explained the engineering amendment. Through the development of the project, they have been able to eliminate Right of Way planning services by adjusting the improvements to eliminate the need for permanent or temporary easements.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the design engineering amendment on the Somerset Multi-Use Path. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #5.

d. Approval to Award the project to the Apparent Low Bidder and Authorize the Village President to Execute the Construction Contract Documents for Oak Grove Park Phase 1

Scott DeSplinter stated they had received two bids, and they are recommending the low responsible bidder, Miller & Sons.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to Award the project to the Apparent Low Bidder and Authorize the Village President to Execute the Construction Contract Documents for Oak Grove Park Phase 1 to Miller & Sons, in the amount of \$221,000. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #6.

e. Approval of the Construction Phase Engineering Amendment on Oak Grove Park Phase 1

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the construction phase engineering amendment on Oak Grove Park Phase 1. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #7.

f. Approval of the Construction Phase Engineering Amendment for the WWTP No. 2 Sludge Removal Project

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the construction phase engineering amendment for the WWTP No. 2 Sludge Removal Project. Motion passed #8.

g. Approval to Award the project to the Apparent Low Bidder and Authorize the Village President to Execute Construction Contract Documents on the Woodland/Anker Sidewalk

Scott DeSplinter stated they had received 3 bids. They are recommending the low responsible bidder, which was Miller & Sons.

A motion was made by Paige Patel to award the project to the Apparent Low Bidder and Authorize the Village President to Execute Construction Contract Documents on the Woodland/Anker Sidewalk to Miller & Sons in the amount of \$151,351. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #9.

h. Approval of the Construction Phase Engineering Amendment for Woodland Knolls/Anker Sidewalk

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the Construction Phase Engineering Amendment for Woodland Knolls/Anker Sidewalk. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #10.

i. Approval of a Resolution Committing Local Funds for the JR White Park Redevelopment

Ann Doubet explained that the project is the same project as the village submitted last fall in order to upgrade the J.R. White Park playground equipment. This is a matching grant.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the Resolution Committing Local Funds for the JR White Park Redevelopment. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #11.

j. Approval of the Planning Commission Appointment

Karl Figg made the appointment of Jason Heinekamp to the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the appointment of Jason Heinekamp to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #12.

k. Discussion and Approval of the FY 24-25 Budget

Todd Rice noted the village's fund balances are healthy, and the board has done a great job managing the funds. Ten of the last eleven years the village has not had to raise taxes.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the FY 24-25 Budget. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #13.

I. Approval of the Employment Compensation for FY 24-25

Nathan Henricks stated the review process had been completed before Rich Brecklin left. The compensation will be retroactive back to May 1st. The personnel committee had recommended to the finance committee who made a recommendation to the village board.

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the raises as follows: Ann Doubet-\$1.50/hour, Zack Hecht-\$.75/hour, Lance Knight-\$1.50/hour, Julia Miller-\$2.50/hour. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #14.

7. Ongoing Agenda Items

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

8. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer/Audit/Business District/MFT Bills- A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the General, Sewer and Audit bills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #15.

9. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance-Stephanie Chaon was not in attendance.

b. Streets/Equipment-Todd Rice noted there are state guidelines on signage along Rt. 116 and this along with the left turn signal concerns would be IDOT issues, not village issues.

c. Personnel-Nathan Henricks had nothing new to report.

d. Police-Paige Patel had nothing new to report.

e. Parks-Heather Armistead had nothing new to report.

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 had nothing new to report.

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

11. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Doubet stated that the water company had gone out to do a repair to Mr. Cruse's water shut off valve and the water company had called the Sheriff's office. The village had nothing to do with the water valve repair or calling the sheriff's office.

b. Public Works-Zack Hecht stated they are working on the streets with the milling and patching. The summer employee is done for the summer as he has gone back to school. One

of the employees took the sewer test and is waiting for the results. The contractor is putting in the new sewer line at MTCO Park. They have been working on the grinder pumps and will need to purchase more pumps. Zack turned in his first DMR report and the GIS is getting close to being ready.

Todd Rice noted the community cleanup day is the week of September 23rd on your normal garbage day and there is e-recycling in Morton for village residents.

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

d. Village President-Karl Figg had nothing new to report.

12. Communications to the Board-None

Approval of closed session pursuant to:

a. Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending or probable or imminent litigation

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to go into executive session at 8:13 p.m. for closed session pursuant to: Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss pending or probable or imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Todd Rice. Motion passed #16.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to adjourn the executive session at 8:19 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #17.

The board waited until the public returned to adjourn the meeting.

13. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: September 19, 2024-A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #18.

Ann Doubet
Village Clerk