

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Village Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-** Village President Karl Figg 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											
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cunningham	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-	-	-	-	-						
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Todd Rice	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						

Also, in attendance:

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Zack Hecht, Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting and their Amendments**  
**a. December 19, 2024, Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve December 19, 2024, Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #1.

- 3. Public Comment-**Karl Figg opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Alex Jackson made a public comment.

- 4. Current Agenda Items**

- a. Discussion and Approval of the Charitable Donations**

Karl Figg asked the board to first note which groups the board would like to consider for support and then the board could decide on the amount. There is \$4,000 in the budget this year. The consensus of the board was to support the Heart of Illinois CEO program and the Mars/Wars program.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the charitable donations to Mars/Wars for \$2,000 and the Heart of Illinois CEO program as a 3-year investor at \$1,000 each year with a report back each year with an update. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #2.

Todd Rice noted there are other charitable contributions that the village makes throughout the year such as the Michael's Run for Life event. Some contributions include gifts in kind.

Todd Rice noted that Alex Jackson had brought up the idea of seeing if the school robotics group could repair the push camera so that it could still be used. The village will check with the robotics group to see if this is possible.

**b. Approval of an Ordinance Amending the Village of Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Sign Regulations** Karl Figg noted the sign code needed to be revised in order to allow different types of signs that will be needed at the new athletic facility.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Cunningham to approve Ordinance #878 an Ordinance Amending the Village of Germantown Hills Village Code, Village of Germantown Hills, Illinois Regarding Sign Regulations. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #3.

## 5. 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 presented and reviewed by the board.

## 6. Presentation of Bills

**a. General/Sewer/Audit/Business District/MFT Bills**- A motion was made by Paige Patel to approve the general, sewer and MFT bills. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead Motion passed #4.

## 7. Reports of Standing Committees

**a. Finance**-Paige Patel noted the journal report was presented for review by the board.

**b. Streets/Equipment**-Todd Rice stated the guys have done a good job on the snowplowing. Todd stated there will probably be more chip and seal done this year. The village received three quotes on mowers. Todd Rice suggested having a sewer meeting to update the board on the upcoming infrastructure projects.

**c. Personnel**- Nathan Henricks was not in attendance.

**d. Police**-Betsy Cunningham had nothing new to report.

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

**f. Sewer**-Nathan Henricks was not in attendance.

**g. Storm Water**-Tom Eckstein will be scheduling a meeting as we need a stormwater meeting.

**h. Economic Development Council**-. Ann Doubet noted at the EDC meeting they discussed the possibility of moving the farmers market to Great Oaks Church for more visibility. This would allow vendors to also have electricity if needed and restrooms would be available. The GHAA games are played every Saturday so there would be more traffic. Ann reached out to

several of the vendors, and they liked having more visibility but there are pros and cons to moving the event.

Todd Rice opposed moving it out of the shopping center away from other village businesses.

The board agreed to defer the decision.

**8. Reports of Special Committees-Nothing new to report.**

**9. Reports of Officers**

**a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-**Ann Doubet stated the 911 WoodCom fees are going down this next year.

Colten Smith announced that he had passed the class 4 wastewater license test. The village board congratulated him on doing that.

**b. Public Works-**Zack Hecht stated there is a wastewater class in the summer if the board is interested in sending anyone to it. It costs \$650 a person. Zack will be meeting with CMT to discuss the roads. Lance Knight and Zack went to look at three mowers and found one that will work. It could be ready in 2-3 weeks.

Todd Rice noted we may want to keep the other mower at the sewer plant.

Zack Hecht said with the cold weather they have been going through things in the shop on the shelves.

**c. Village Attorney-**Chuck Urban had nothing new to report.

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

**10. Communications to the Board-None**

**11. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: February 20, 2025-**A motion was made by Paige Patel to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #5.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk