

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 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 |
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| Karl Figg – President | Present | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Heather Armistead | Present | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |
| Elizabeth (Betsy) Cunningham | Present | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |
| Nathan Henricks | Present | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |
| Tom Eckstein | Present | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |
| Paige Patel | Absent | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| Todd Rice | Present | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | | | | |

Also, in attendance:

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Taylor Cascia, Village Attorney

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

Zack Hecht, Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karl Figg noted that Paige Patel was not in attendance due to a family emergency.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting and their Amendments

a. February 20, 2025, Village Board Meeting

b. February 20, 2025, Special Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the February 20, 2025, Regular and Special Village Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham. Motion passed #1.

3. Public Comment-Karl Figg opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

David Norman, Owner of Mad Macs made a public comment. Kris Severinsen was in attendance to make a public comment.

4. Current Agenda Items

a. Presentation and Approval by the Woodford County Sheriff's Office on the Flock System Cameras

Chief Deputy Dennis Tipsword was in attendance to discuss the flock system cameras. Chief Deputy Tipsword noted this has been a great invention to help solve problems as it focuses on license plates and logging them. There are currently two in Germantown Hills. Dennis explained the cost for each camera and indicated their six top potential locations if the board would approve. The cameras are leased each year and there is a one-time initial set up cost. Depending on the location, it will dictate the cost of installation. The cameras would help if there were issues in the Village to piece together to locate any suspects.

The board noted questions about vandalism.

Dennis will check on insurance coverage since these would be leased, but he thinks the company would cover damage to the cameras. The cameras are solar, but they do have a battery as well. Dennis noted due to the proximity to Peoria that it makes Germantown Hills a target, so it is important to get the inbound traffic license plates on camera.

Todd Rice asked about the possibility of partnering with the Township on the cost.

Karl Figg stated the decision would be deferred until the next meeting so the board can think about the potential locations and the Village can check with the Township. Karl noted if there are any questions to get them to Betsy and she will get the answers from Dennis.

b. Approval of A Resolution in Support of Woodford County Agriculture

The Woodford County Farm Bureau has asked for the Village's support.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve Resolution #2025-01 a Resolution in Support of Woodford County Agriculture. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #2.

c. Approval of a Business Community Improvement Grant

EDC recommended approval of the Business Community Improvement Grant.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the Business Community Improvement Grant to Buttermilk Café for \$579.14. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham. Motion passed #3.

d. Approval of the 2025 MFT Resolution and Estimate of Cost

Emily Munday from CMT explained the proposed 2025 MFT program to include overlaying Townhall Road and doing a chip and seal on Sullivan Circle, Johnson Ct, and Thornridge Subdivision.

Todd Rice stated that since MTCO Park has been developed, and the retention ponds were put in there he feels the water has gotten worse with water running over the driveways. Todd's thought was to wait on Townhall Road to see how the traffic is going to be with the athletic complex and make sure the ditches are fixed. He didn't know if there was something more we would need to do and figured it would be better to wait and save the funds.

The school and their engineer is looking at the concern with the drainage along Townhall Road.

The board discussed checking on the cost for a chip and seal of Townhall Road instead.

e. Approval of the Purchase of a Mower

Zack Hecht stated they are looking to purchase a zero-turn mower. The current mower is 11-12 years old and due to the cost of repairs, which has increased over the years, he received a couple of quotes on a new mower. The mower has a five-year warranty that includes all parts and labor except the wear items.

A motion was made by Todd Rice to approve the purchase of an ExMark mower in the amount of \$22,275.99. The motion was seconded by Tom Ekstein. Motion passed #4.

f. Approval of the Extended Warranty on the Generator at Plant 2

Altorfer had a discount on an extended warranty for the generator at plant 2.

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the extended warranty on the generator at plant 2. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #5.

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 for review, and Ann Doubet noted this is the treasure's report the board reviews each month.

6. Presentation of Bills

a. General/Sewer/Audit/Business District/MFT Bills

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the general, and sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #6.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance-Paige Patel was not in attendance. Ann Doubet reviewed the budget to date with the general fund being approximately \$254,000 ahead. The sewer fund currently has a deficit, but this was expected as the WWTP sludge removal project at plant 2 was completed with this being paid out of the sewer operating funds.

b. Streets/Equipment-Todd Rice noted some of the Whispering Oaks streets may need to be paved or chip and sealed next year.

c. Personnel- Nathan Henricks stated employee reviews will be done soon to have them done in time for the start of the fiscal year.

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

e. Parks-Heather Armistead noted the grant for Oak Grove Phase 2 will be submitted tomorrow.

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 noted the Chamber pork chop/vendor event is on May 3rd. The area garage sales are May 1-3.

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

9. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer/Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Doubet stated the spring community cleanup day is on May 19th and May 21st on your normal garbage day.

The Sewer Bills this month had a delivery error with the post office. We are talking with the printer about the sewer bills as their template must have changed, which needs to be modified as it is affecting the post office delivery system. The 4-acre lot the Village owns will be cut and baled again this year by a local farmer. The Woods Phase 2 has the curb installed on phase 2.

Ann stated Zack is marking where the no parking signs are going to go on Townhall Road so the sign ordinance can be updated along with the map.

Ann gave an update on Somerset from Rich Brecklin. Rich had reported all the utilities have been located and potholed as needed. The water main was located, and it looks to be deep enough and will not need to be moved. The trees have been removed, and a silt fence was installed around that area.

Ann gave the update on the GIS Mapping Update from Rich Brecklin-Rich had reported information is being inputted into the Canopy system starting with all 200 grinder pumps working on past information to present, in regard to alarms and maintenance records. Rich is working with CMT to make adjustments to the Canopy system for ease of use for staff in the future.

Ann Doubet noted she would check on the parking requirement for the Kaufman Center based on the recent request.

b. Public Works-Zack Hecht stated they had a Whispering Oaks generator repair, and they had to take a pump in for repair from the Coventry Farm lift station. The employees have started street sweeping and working on manhole inspections. Zack noted they will be working on employee reviews and hiring another person. They also looked at the Whispering Oaks subdivision to identify trouble areas in regard to the drainage.

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

d. Village President-Karl Figg noted the Chamber is looking to give away two \$500 scholarships to two high school students. Karl Figg noted with the additional grant funds that the Village will receive, the general fund balance will be even higher.

Nathan Henricks asked Karl if we have any more details from the Tri-County Planning Commission about the community survey being compromised.

Karl Figg noted he hasn't heard back yet from Tri-County, but they are investigating what happened and they will report back to Karl. Karl noted it is unfortunate and disappointing.

10. Communications to the Board-None

11. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: April 17, 2025-A motion was made by Heather Armistead to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #7.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk