

Village of Germantown Hills
Special Village Board Meeting

June 4, 2025, 5:15 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Village President Karl Figg called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Village President/Trustees	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Karl Figg, President	Present					
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cunningham	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ryan White	Present	N	N	Y		
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Sarah Diesel	Present	N	N	Y		

Also, in attendance:

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Rich Brecklin, Project Manager

Zack Hecht, Superintendent of Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

Damien Cruse made a public comment.

Karl Figg explained that Somerset is to be overlayed with an asphalt surface.

Rich Brecklin confirmed that the project remains on track, with substantial completion expected within 75 days.

3. Approval of Change Order #4 for Stormwater for the Somerset Multi-Use Path

Rich Brecklin noted the contractor was digging and exposed an IDOT fiberoptic line from the ground vault. Rich contacted IDOT to see if they could lower the line. They weren't able to lower it enough. The contractor couldn't cut the ditch back because of the IDOT lines. They needed to add a 24' pipe to cover and protect the fiber lines. It's important for the lines to be protected and make the ditch maintainable. IDOT was happy the line was found as they didn't know it was there.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve Change Order #4 for Stormwater for the Somerset Multi-Use Path. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #1.

4. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of an Asphalt Overlay for Somerset Drive

Karl Figg noted there were already roadwork items in the contract. A question was raised about whether or not there was going to be any duplication.

Rich Brecklin noted that all the roadwork in the contract that the contractor was having done is still going to be completed by Tazewell County Asphalt. The cost could be less depending on time and materials. The work is not being duplicated as the Village is still doing the same work that was in the original contract but then adding on the work to asphalt the road.

Karl Figg noted Somerset will be milled and overlayed and explained the advantages of doing the work now. The overlay will eliminate the seams with a continuous flow of asphalt up against the curb and gutter. Karl noted Somerset was on the list to do but the Village hadn't determined the timeline yet. Karl Figg explained the Village looks at the roads to determine whether an overlay is needed or a chip and seal is needed to extend the life of a road.

Nathan Henricks noted there are funds in the street maintenance account to fund the project.

Ryan White asked in the original plans how the contractor was going to do the asphalt repairs to the part they cut out.

Rich Brecklin noted they were going to asphalt the 2' wide section next to the curb and patch it. We were going to see how the road held up before spending the additional funds. The Village will be saving on the cost by doing it now.

Elizabeth Cunningham stated she supported the project.

Ryan White stated he thinks it should have been included in the beginning but there needs to be a limit to the cost.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve Resolution #2025-04 a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of an Asphalt Overlay for Somerset Drive. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #2.

5. Adjournment-A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham. Motion passed #3.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk