

Village of Germantown Hills

Village Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2026, 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	12
Karl Figg – President	Present												
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cunningham	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y						
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Ryan White	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y						
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Sarah Diesel	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y						

Also, in attendance:

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Taylor Casia, Village Attorney

Zack Hecht, Superintendent of Public Works

Colten Smith, Public Works Maintenance

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

a. May 21, 2026, Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve May 21, 2026, Village Board meeting minutes and June 4, 2026, Special Village Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Karl Figg asked if there was any discussion. Roll call was taken. Motion passed #1.

3. Public Comment-Karl Figg stated for public comments to please direct their comments to the Village board and not to people in the audience. All comments should be addressed to the board and there should be no personal attacks, and the board will refrain from responding. Karl noted to restrict remarks to matters relevant to the governance of the Village and avoid repetitious statements. This is an opportunity for public comments and not discussion. Each speaker will be able to speak once for up to 5 minutes.

Jeff Dale stated he had put out a question on his Facebook page about whether residents wanted a sidewalk along Holland Road from J.R. White Park to Bayside Circle. The results showed there was a lot of support and wanted the board to know.

4. Current Agenda Items

a. Discussion and Approval of the use of Business District Funds for the Germantown Crossing Shopping Center

Chris Cronk was in attendance to discuss the property owner's request to replace a deteriorated section of the Germantown Crossing Shopping Center parking lot. The proposed project would involve removing the damaged pavement, installing new asphalt, and restriping the affected area. The Village is currently determining whether the project will be subject to prevailing wage requirements. Mr. Cronk also explained the proposed timeline and construction process.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the use of Business District funds for the new asphalt for the Germantown Crossing Shopping center and agree to the higher amount if prevailing wage is applicable. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #2.

b. Approval of a Donation to the St. Mary's Annual Event

This is a contribution the Village Board has made each year.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to match the donation of \$200 the Village gives to the GH Educational event, to the St. Mary's annual event. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #3.

c. Approval of the terms of Settlement Agreement for, and dismissal of, Woodford County Case No. 2026 CH 4, Judiciocracy LLC and Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, v. Village of Germantown Hills

Chuck Urban stated the settlement agreement was revised by the plaintiff's counsel to release the current claim, which is appropriate.

A motion was made by Heather Armistead to approve the terms of the Settlement Agreement for, and dismissal of, Woodford County Case No. 2026 CH 4, Judiciocracy LLC and Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy, v. Village of Germantown Hills. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #4

Ryan White stated he opposes this but realizes potential legal fees would exceed this settlement agreement amount.

Nathan Henricks noted he opposes this as well.

Betsy Cunningham stated there is legislation that is being considered but the Village needs to start letting the legislators know what is going on and how much it affects small municipalities.

Ann Doubet noted the Municipal Clerks of Illinois recently sent out a survey for all clerks to complete to see how it is affecting municipalities.

5. Ongoing Agenda Items

a. None

6. Presentation of Bills

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

Karl Figg asked if there were any questions about the bills.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve the general, sewer and audit bills. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham. Motion passed #5.

The board discussed having the business district fund reimburse the general fund for the banners that were purchased for Jubilee Lane

7. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Finance-Tom Eckstein reviewed the fund balances and reminded the board to review the treasurer's report/journal entry report. There will be a finance committee on June 25th at 5:00 to discuss the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

b. Streets/Equipment-Nathan Henricks noted there's state legislation on e-bikes and the Village is looking to draft a similar ordinance.

c. Personnel- Betsy Cunningham stated the reviews are mostly complete and they have gone well. Julia Miller has been out with some health issues.

d. Police-Ryan White noted he would be scheduling a police committee meeting to talk about E-bikes, golf carts, and to get an update on the results of the flock cameras. He noted the SRO at the school has partnered with OSF to put together some educational information on the E-bikes.

Chuck Urban stated the new law is on the governor's desk waiting for a signature. Ann Doubet has drafted a proposed ordinance for the attorney to review once the law is in place.

The Village is receiving numerous complaints about the E-bikes and scooters.

Betsy Cunningham noted there have been complaints about people not stopping at one of the stop signs in Whispering Oaks.

Ann Doubet stated it was reported to Woodford County for an extra patrol to monitor that area.

e. Parks- Heather Armistead noted she had met with Rich Brecklin, Zack Hecht and Ann Doubet to go over all the projects. The Village will need to utilize some general funds to do the projects this year but this will be discussed at the finance meeting.

f. Sewer-Betsy Cunningham had nothing new to report.

g. Storm Water-Sarah Diesel had nothing new to report.

h. Economic Development Council-Ann Doubet noted the EDC had discussed a potential permit for food trucks. More information is needed for the EDC to discuss at the next meeting. The Chamber is having another Coffee with a Cop in July.

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

9. Reports of Officers

a. Zoning Officer-Nothing new to report.

b. Village Clerk/Village Administrator-Ann Doubet noted there will be an open house at Stronger Everyday on Friday from 4-6pm.

c. Superintendent of Public Works-Zack Hecht provided the following report:

- Staff are currently working on grinder pump preventive maintenance.
- The screen was repaired and replaced at Plant 1.
- Reviewing information to identify the next areas for sewer lining.
- The parking lot and J.R. White Park trail were recently seal-coated.
- Road preparation work is underway in advance of the upcoming MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) asphalt project. Asphalt work is scheduled to begin on Monday. Notices were distributed by dropping flyers at affected residences, posting on the Village website and Facebook page, and sending text alerts to subscribers. Zack discussed the specific roads that will be impacted.
- There have been several stormwater complaints received with all the recent rainfall.
- Checked on street sweeper quotes, but the current sweeper is operating satisfactorily at this time.

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

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

10. Communications to the Board-None

11. Adjournment-Next regular meeting: June 18, 2026-A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #6.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk