

**Village of Germantown
General Government and Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18th, 2022**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson R. Miller at 6:03pm.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Chairperson R. Miller, Trustees: Kaminski, Myers, and Neureuther. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Braunschweig, Administrator Kreklow, Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Hubrich, Support Services Manager Hirn, Budget Manager Uselding, Highway and Parks Superintendent Anderson, Water Superintendent Haugen, Sewer Superintendent Zimmerman, Library Director Smith, and Fire Chief Delain.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 21, 2022 meeting. **MOTION Myers/Kaminski to approval the March 21, 2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jan Miller of W151N10297 Windsong Circle West, Germantown came to the podium. Ms. Miller had questions pertaining to item D. under New Business.

Discussion ensued over what Economic Development Washington County is and the benefits around being a part of it are. Administrator Kreklow stated that the invoice needs approval from the committee to be paid.

Budget Manager Uselding came to the podium and explained where in the budget the money is expended out of.

Ms. Miller continued with a question regarding the approval of the fireworks contract. She had concerns about who should be signing the contract. Administrator Kreklow stated that for expediency, the contract should go through with the Village's name on it.

Ms. Miller had an additional statement regarding the contract report. Administrator Kreklow addressed her concerns. Ms. Miller asked about putting a general ledger line item in the report.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. CLA Accounting Assistance.

Administrator Kreklow gave background on this topic.

MOTION Myers/Neureuther to approve the item in cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Discussion of the CLA Assistance ensued. Discussion was held over which department would pay for the item and if a general ledger line item could be included in future packets. Motion carried unanimously.

B. America Rescue Plan Special Revenue Fund.

Manager Uselding came to the podium and briefly discussed the item.

MOTION Myers/Neureuther to approve the creation of the American Rescue Plan Special Revenue Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Wolverine Fireworks Contract.

MOTION Kaminski/Neureuther to move Wolverine Fireworks Contract to the Village Board with a positive recommendation. Discussion ensued over the topic of the 501C3 being set up by the Independence Day Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Economic Development Washington County.

MOTION Myers/Miller to approve the invoice before the committee.

Discussion ensued of Economic Development Washington County offers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. DPW Assigned Vehicles.

Administrator Kreklow discussed the background of this item. Discussion ensued over the Village policy regarding this item. Discussion ensued on possible alternatives to the current vehicles and the cost to taxpayers wear and tear, fuel, and replacement of the vehicles. Administrator Kreklow discussed the IRS regulations around this item. Discussion ensued on who should be the one to take a Village vehicle home. Chief Delain came to the podium and spoke about the importance of having these vehicles outside of Germantown in case of an emergency.

Discussion ensued of history of compensation given to employees under this policy.

Discussion ensued again regarding the policy and what other communities do.

Superintendent Haugen came to the podium. He spoke regarding the importance of having this vehicle with him in case of emergencies and discussed what some other communities do. Superintendent Anderson came to the podium and discussed why he considers having access to the vehicles is important. Superintendent Zimmerman came to the podium and asked for a quick resolution to the issue and why having the vehicles are important.

MOTION Kaminski/Myers to postpone a decision on the item.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. America Rescue Plan Funding - Village Employees.

Manager Hirn came to the podium and described the background of the issue.

MOTION Kaminski/Myers to approve the bonuses outlined in the packet.

Trustee Neureuther had concerns regarding this item. He wanted more focus to be put on the front-line workers and restrict the funds for part time staff.

Administrator Kreklow discussed the contributions all staff made during the pandemic. Discussion ensued on the topic and who should get the bonus. Chairperson R. Miller called for a vote. Motion carried by a vote of 3-1 (Neureuther voting No).

VII. **REPORTS:**

A. Monthly Financial Summary.

1. Year to Date Revenue and Expense Report All Funds.

The reports were reviewed.

2. Accounts Payable– March 18, March 25, April 1, April 8 and April 14.

The reports were reviewed.

B. Contract Report.

The reports were reviewed.

C. Capital Data – IT Report Update.

Eric Laracuenta from Capital Data joined via Webex and review the report.

VII. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 16th, 2022.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Miller at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Hubrich

Village Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer