

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN  
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GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

MEETING: **SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

DATE AND TIME: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 2:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: **Online via WebEx**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Wolter, R. Miller, Kaminski.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 12, 2022.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Review of Communication Timeline
  - B. Recap of 1<sup>st</sup> Listening Session
  - C. Review of Communication Materials

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mailer
- b. Information on Landing Page

D. Additional Questions to be Addressed

E. Post-Election Press Release IGA Approved/Not Approved

V. **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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Notice is given that a majority of the Village Board may attend this meeting to gather information about an agenda item over which they have decision making responsibility. This may constitute a meeting of the Village Board per State Ex. Rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, even though the Village Board will not take formal action at this meeting.

Germantown Special Communications Committee:

Meeting Minutes Thursday September 12, 2022

1. Call to Order: President Wolter called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM
2. Roll Call
  - a. Present: All members present
  - b. Absent: None
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Kaminski, second by Miller. Approved 3-0.
4. New Business
  - a. Review of Communication Materials
    - i. Committee Reviewed Video Script edits sent via email by Trustee Kaminski to Administrator Kreklow.

Scene 2: should indicate Village Board could not reach consensus  
Scene 3: should add, "to serve development along their side of the interstate  
Scene 4: should indicate service to Richfield will be on-going.  
Scene 5: should indicate that Germantown water and sewer rates will remain the same  
Scene 6: should indicate that Germantown has no control over development in Richfield

Kaminski made motion to approve script with changes to Scenes 2, 4, 5 and 6, second by Miller. Approved 3-0.

Committee discussed staff used in video and did not object to Director Ratayczak appearing in the video.
5. Schedule Next Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM via WebEx
6. Adjournment: President Wolter adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM.

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**POLLING PLACES**  
OPEN FROM  
**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**VOTE NOVEMBER 8**

**RICHFIELD SEWER AND WATER AGREEMENT  
REFERENDUM**



Additional information about the referendum  
can be found on the Village's website.



[www.germantownwi.gov/730/Referendum](http://www.germantownwi.gov/730/Referendum)



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## REFERENDUM OVERVIEW

The Germantown Village Board has placed a referendum question on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 election.

The question asks whether the Village of Germantown should provide water and sanitary sewer service for a fee to customers in the Northeast Corridor of the Village of Richfield located between Interstate 41, Holy Hill Road, Highway 175 and Pleasant Hill Road.

An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Villages would govern the sale and operation of services.

## WHY IS RICHFIELD ASKING FOR SHARED SERVICES?

The Village of Richfield is seeking to attract development to the Northeast Corridor, potentially including warehousing and light industrial. This development would require access to municipal water and sanitary sewer service. Based on the Village of Richfield's analysis, service from the Village of Germantown is the most cost-effective option.

## BACKGROUND STUDIES

Germantown and Richfield have commissioned studies from hydrogeologists, engineers and other experts. Those studies found:

- ✓ Germantown may benefit by increasing the customer base for its water and sewer utilities by having non-Germantown property owners helping pay some of the capital costs associated with those utilities.
- ✓ Germantown Sewer Utility has the capacity to serve Richfield's Northeast Corridor without any negative impacts to Germantown now or with projected future growth.
- ✓ Additional compatible development planned in Richfield's Northeast Corridor may drive economic development within Germantown's Holy Hill Corridor.