

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
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GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

MEETING: **SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

DATE AND TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 2022** **3:30 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. Mailings for 53076 and 53017 Zip Codes

C. Review of Communication Materials

- a. 2nd Mailer
- b. Information on Landing Page

D. Recap of 1st and 2nd Listening Sessions

E. Additional Questions to be Addressed

F. 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 October 6, 2022

1. Call to Order: President Wolter called the meeting to order at PM
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: All members present
 - b. Absent: None
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by , second by . Approved 3-0.
4. New Business
 - a. Review of Communication Timeline
 - b. Recap of 1st Listening Session
 - c. Review of Communication Materials
5. Schedule Next Meeting: October 6th at 2:30 PM via WebEx
6. Adjournment: President Wolter adjourned the meeting at :00 PM.

Public Information Session- 9/29/2022

1. Why is only “written notice” required for additional connections to the water system rather than approval?
2. Is there a flow limit in the IGA?
3. Does the IGA limit what type of development can occur?
4. What effect would the IGA have on Well #12 and the surrounding wells?
5. Can the study for well #12 be posted to the website?
6. Why are we able to have a higher sewer rate but not a higher water rate?
7. Why was the Board unable to come to an agreement without a referendum?
8. Will the utility pipes touch or cross the subcontinental divide?
9. Will providing water and sewer service to Richfield allow Germantown to repeal the recent water rate increases?
10. Who will pay for the easements?
11. What will be the cost of purchasing the ROW
12. Who will pay for the purchase of ROW?
13. Would providing water and sewer service to Richfield negatively affect MMSD?
14. Why wouldn't Richfield just create more wells?
15. Would the pipes go over or under I41?
16. Would there be boring involved? (Definitely did not spell that correctly)
17. Would the Village own all sewer and water lines?
18. What would be the cost to replace all pipes down the road?
19. Would people be forced to join the water utility if it is provided in their area?
20. Why did the Board decide to add the PFP to the water bill?
 - a. Is there an inequity between the taxpayers and water payer
 - b. Can Richfield pay a higher PFP rate?
21. How is Richfield paying for the project?
22. What are the boundaries of Richfield's TID
23. When would the IGA take place if the referendum is approved?
24. How old are the pipes in the Germantown?
25. Would we bill the Village of Richfield or customers directly?
26. How would Richfield and Germantown customers be treated in the case of a drought?
27. Would Richfield have to pay to fill up their trucks on the Germantown water system?

Informational Meeting, October 10th

1. Why does Richfield want water in that area?
2. Is there any thought given to how to end this agreement in the future?
3. Can the current GT sewer infrastructure handle the additional infrastructure
4. Would this effect the water table/private wells?
5. Would Germantown residents get preferential treatment compared to Richfield residents
6. Would Richfield residents pay the Public Fire Protection Fee?
7. Is there pro-forma? Why not?
8. If construction costs are higher than projected, who is responsible to cover the difference?

Village of



Germantown

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



referendum@germantownwi.gov

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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.