

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wolter

ROLL CALL: President Wolter, Trustees Baum, Daniels, Ewert, Hughes, Werderman and Zabel. Trustee Kaminski was absent and excused. Also present: Administrator Schornack, Attorney Sajdak, Clerk Goeckner, Finance Director Rath, DPW Director Ludwig, Park & Recreation Director Casperson, Highway Superintendent Olszewski, Wastewater Superintendent Zimmerman, Library Director Olson, Deputy Fire Chiefs Maury and Stark, Education Officer Delaine, Captain Karpinski and Police Chief Hoell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enjoyed being a part of the Christmas parade and festival this weekend. Thanks to Lynn Grgich for her work in arranging the event and thanks to everyone involved for all their hard work. Successful event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST & COMMITTEE REPORTS: Upcoming meetings were announced.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC APPEARANCE on items not subject to a public hearing:

Daniel Wing, N116 W16044 Main Street – Local media alerted the public to a plan of a 153 acre park to be purchased and planned. Asking the Village to open the doors and be more public regarding the planning of a park of this magnitude.

Holly Basting, N104 W16053 Donges Bay Rd – Agrees with Mr. Wing on the park item.

President Wolter clarified the meetings regarding this property has only occurred since May 6th of this year. On March 5, 2012 and April 12, 2012 there was discussion on an intergovernmental agreement with MMSD and Blackstone Creek. There was no additional discussion until May 6th of this year. Result of closed session was a 45 day due diligence and to hear input from those who wish to participate. We did not have anything prior to present and now we have 45 days to determine what we will do and get citizen input.

Charlene Brady, N109 W16620 Hawthorne Drive – Thanked everyone in community and especially the Library, Friends of the Library and most especially Anita Hillman for the opportunity to participate in the Christmas parade. It was a tremendous experience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES – October 21, 2013 and November 4, 2013

CONSENT AGENDA continued:

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL

1.	October, 2013	Accounts Payable	\$ 51,483.77
2.	November 5, 2013	Payroll (hourly)	\$ 228,788.21
3.	November 10, 2013	Accounts Payable	\$ 575,818.53
4.	November 15, 2013	Payroll (salary)	\$ 76,981.57

C. OPERATOR LICENSES: NOVEMBER 19, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

Tenine R. Fleck and Cameron V. Ottoson

The following items were forwarded from the Public Safety Committee with a unanimous recommendation:

D. APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF FORCIBLE ENTRY TRAINER FOR A COST OF \$7,026.55 FROM FIREHOUSE INNOVATIONS CORP TO COME FROM ACCOUNT 40-521-570-8530

MOTION (Vanderheiden/Ewert) to approve Consent Agenda items A-D, by roll call vote, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – 7:00 P.M. OR LATER

The purpose of said hearing(s) is to hear any and all parties, their attorneys or agents, for or against the application(s) filed by the petitioner(s).

2014 VILLAGE BUDGET & TAX LEVY

Finance Direct Rath presented the 2014 Village Budget and Tax Levy with a proposed levy of \$11,073,943 and an increase of 4.88% or .008 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

President Wolter opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Holly Basting, N104 W16053 Donges Bay Road – Spoke in opposition of proposed new water main in the 2014 budget.

Daniel Wing, N116 W16044 Main Street – Agrees with Ms. Basting in opposition of the new water main in the 2014 budget.

President Wolter closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**A. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2014 VILLAGE BUDGET & TAX LEVY
MOTION (Vanderheiden/Werderman) to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2014 Village Budget and Tax Levy as presented.**

Trustee Zabel asked if this included the water and sewer utility in the motion.

Trustee Vanderheiden confirmed yes, the entire budget.

MOTION (Zabel/Baum) to amend the budget to eliminate the capital project for water main under Highway 45. Discussion: Discussions at numerous Public Works meetings on this issue; issues with only one main across the highway; emergency connections limited; future construction work along 175; this is a utility item not paid for through tax levy; not a budget issue; will be reviewed again at time of borrowing; should be a developer cost not borne by the Village rate payers; need to plan for the future now. Village has approved to be part of engineering for that road redevelopment and water would be brought across at

NEW BUSINESS continued:

that point. This only says we are designating money to set aside for the project, item will come back more times for discussion. **Amendment to the motion, by roll call vote, 4 in favor, 4 opposed (Daniels, Ewert, Werderman, Vanderheiden,).** Tie vote, amendment to the motion fails.

Trustee Daniels felt budget is light and not taking advantage of levy amounts we have available. **MOTION (Daniels/Baum) to amend the motion and increase the overall budget by \$89,000 divided as follows:**

\$ 2,000	Parks - Misc. Supplies	Replacement parts for equipment
\$ 4,000	Buildings	Major repairs
\$13,000	Highway Dept.	Paint Striper
\$30,000	Highway Dept.	Salt purchase
\$15,000	Parks - Misc. Equip	Used truck
\$25,000	Fire Department	Salary and wages increase

MOTION (Vanderheiden/Werderman) to amend the amendment to split the question and take each of the 6 items separately, carried unanimously.

Question of tax implication on the \$89,000. Director Rath stated the increase would be \$9.15 increase on \$300,000 of assessed value. Discussion.

\$2,000 - Parks Miscellaneous supplies – to repair Parks items such as playground equipment, picnic tables, etc. **2 in favor (Daniels, Werderman), 6 opposed, motion fails.**

\$4,000 - Buildings Major Repairs – LED conversions for all lights in main library area. **3 in favor (Daniels, Vanderheiden, Zabel), 5 opposed, motion fails.**

\$13,000 - Highway Dept. Paint Striper – Current equipment 15 years old and in poor shape. Used for all stop bars, cross walks and stencil work. **3 in favor (Daniels, Ewert, Werderman), 5 opposed, motion fails.**

\$30,000 – Highway Dept Snow & Ice Removal – increase to previously recommended budget by Highway Superintendent. **1 in favor (Daniels), 7 opposed, motion fails.**

\$15,000 – Parks Miscellaneous Equipment – for used pick up. Current vehicle is in its 24th year. Have already cut vehicles from Planning, concern next year will need to purchase several. **2 in favor (Daniels, Werderman), 6 opposed, motion fails.**

\$25,000 - Fire Department Salaries & Wages – to further fund 2014. President Wolter - Already approved funding to keep weekend coverage and could wait until someone was in place to take it to the next step. **2 in favor, (Daniels, Werderman), 6 opposed, motion fails.**

Back to original motion to approve budget and tax levy. Discussion: Capital items are not part of levy but part of budget and each purchase comes back to committee and board first. Concept of the purchase is passed. Trustee Ewert questioned returning this item for the next meeting. Discussion of need, timing and process. **By roll call vote, 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Baum, Daniels & Zabel), motion carried.** Budget approved at \$11,073,943 with a tax rate increase of .17% with an effect of \$1.54 on \$200,000 of assessed value.

NEW BUSINESS continued:

- B. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF SPECIAL CHARGES ON 2013 TAX ROLL OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES**
MOTION (Ewert/Baum) to approve Resolution Approving the Placement of Special Charges on 2013 Tax Roll of Certain Properties, by roll call vote, carried unanimously.
- C. AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR A FULL WATER RATE STUDY**
MOTION (Ewert/Daniels) to award the Proposal for a Full Water Rate Study to Baker Tilly, adding a new customer class and investigating using conservation rates for the water utility. Discussion of simplified rate increase of 3% and possibility rate study will command another increase. Increases have been put off for years and smaller increases over time would be better than a bigger jump all at once. Germantown's rates are lower than most in the area. DPW Director Ludwig explained rate increase is not a necessary requirement of the PSC and are doing a cost of service study within this study and each class will be adjusted accordingly. And considering what type of improvements are needed to keep the utility healthy in the future. Multi-family Residential rates and Conservation rates will be studied as requested by Trustee Zabel. **By roll call vote, 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Zabel), motion carried.**
- D. A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE VOTE OF THE SEWRPC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR THE MILWAUKEE URBANIZED AREA DENYING FUNDING FOR THE VILLAGE'S DONGES BAY ROAD PROJECT**
MOTION (Baum/Hughes) to approve Resolution Objecting to the Vote of the SEWRPC Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area Denying Funding for the Village's Donges Bay Road Project. Trustee Zabel questioned the stating of percentages of 88% versus the use of a decimal for .88 and the way it was worded. Suggested instead of percentages, stating Germantown had a positive and Milwaukee's project would have a negative. Attorney used language provided to show the actual disparity, +88% for Germantown and -379% and -388% for the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County respectively. **MOTION (Zabel/Hughes) to amend the motion for legal to make the technical changes as appropriate, carried unanimously. Motion as amended, carried unanimously.**
- E. WASHINGTON COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU REQUEST FOR TOURISM FUNDS – 2014**
MOTION (Baum/Ewert) to approve \$7,500 for the Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau for marketing in 2014. Trustee Vanderheiden explained the request and Elaine Motl presented information on the request. **By roll call vote, carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS continued:

- F. ORDINANCE NO. XX-13 CORRECTION – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §12.10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF GERMANTOWN RELATING TO THE PERMITTING OF PARADES WITHIN THE VILLAGE MOTION (Baum/Werderman) to approve the Ordinance Correction, carried unanimously.**
- G. AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED CONDITION REQUIRING A FINANCIAL GUARANTEE FROM THE DEVELOPER WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTHLAND WETLAND MITIGATION BANK BASED UPON CHANGED CONDITIONS**
President Wolter explained we have found out that we would be refunded and we are asking for the removal of the line of credit guarantee on the letter of intent. **MOTION (Hughes/Zabel) to approve the amendment to the approved condition.** Trustee Werderman verified this was in regard to the \$500 processing fee on the land bank. **MOTION (Werderman/Daniels) to amend this that the developer would pay that \$500 processing fee, 6 opposed, 2 in favor (Daniels, Werderman), motion to amend fails.**
Original motion, carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Barbara K. D. Goeckner MMC/WCPC
Village Clerk