

**MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION HELD MARCH 16, 2009**

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The Municipality of Germantown Council met in work session on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 9:25 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present: Mayor Theodore Landis, Mrs. Jeanne Gentry, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Terry Johnson, Mr. Jim Lawson, and Mr. Ed Schwaberow.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Tom Schiff, Law Director, Rebecca Jamison, Anna M. Sizemore, Assistant Village Manager/Clerk of Council and one visitor.

SEWER RATE INCREASE:

Mr. Schwaberow questioned the increase of the sewer rate.

Rebecca Jamison stated that the Franklin Regional payback would be in the 2010 budget. The budget will not allow the Village to pay the bill off at this time.

Mr. Schwaberow questioned when the last rate increase was for sewer.

Rebecca Jamison stated the last rate increase was by CPI.

Mr. Terry Johnson stated he would not vote for this increase if the funds have not been managed well.

Mr. Terry Johnson questioned where the funds went if they did not go to Franklin Regional.

Rebecca Jamison stated that the funds were probably used for the Hillcrest project.

Mr. Terry Johnson stated if the increase is due to maintenance he would vote for it, but he will not vote for this because the Village did not pay the bill. He will only vote yes if it is for maintenance and upkeep the sewer lines.

Mr. Schwaberow stated the Village has to come up with a plan and the funds to pay back the obligation with Franklin Regional.

Mr. Terry Johnson stated it must be put into the upcoming budget.

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Mr. Scott Johnson stated that Franklin Regional has not been paid since 2006.

Mr. Schwaberow questioned if Scott Pickup ever instructed Rebecca Jamison to pay the bill.

Rebecca Jamison stated he never gave her a clear answer.

Mrs. Sizemore questioned if it could come from the general funds. There may be some additional funds left over to pay Franklin Regional.

Mr. Scott Johnson stated the increase, per household, would be \$5.46 a month.

Mr. Schwaberow stated the average usage is 7,500 gallons per month for a household.

Mr. Lawson stated it just boils down to paying the bill.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Lawson moved to adjourn the work session.

The work session was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Theodore E. Landis
Mayor

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