

**MUNICIPALITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2009**

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The Municipality of Germantown Council met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Theodore Landis, Mrs. Jeanne Gentry, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Lynn Koogle, Mr. Jim Lawson, and Mr. Edward Schwaberow.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

The following Council members were absent: Mr. Terry Johnson.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present were Anna M. Sizemore, Acting Village Manager/Clerk of Council; Tom Schiff, Law Director; Roy McGill, Chief of Police; Scott Brown, Police Sergeant; and several visitors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION:**

None.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM:**

None.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None.

**ACTING MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Sizemore stated she would like to advertise for bid on August 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> for the Hillcrest Lift Station to get this project moving forward. She has contacted Bond Council and they recommend that we borrow the money between now and March 18<sup>th</sup>

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and roll it into the bond we have coming due at that time. She is checking with the three local banks to see what can be done.

She did speak with Tom Borck regarding the Dry Run comparisons; he has put Dry Run on hold until he is done with the Hillcrest Lift Station issues and the water tower. She let him know that she wants those figures as soon as possible. Tom Borck is waiting to hear back from Caldwell; they have insurance paperwork they did not turn in. The pre-construction meeting should be the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>.

She stated the Village is going with a new billing system for the water billing. Everyone will be assigned a new account number. In August the bills will all be estimated, and after August the meters should be manually read.

She also added that Steve Fugate has signed up for his classes, and will start this Thursday and will go until the end of October, then test in November. Either Jack Holbrook or Brian Wooley will have to take the test to get certified because Steve Fugate will be retiring in the near future.

She stated that MVRPC will be doing their presentation in October.

She stated that the Village is having a problem with vandalisms in Veterans Park. Repairs were made to the gazebo last week and the vandalism has already started again. Most of it is just writing profanity but they are also are burning plastic cups on the gazebo. If anyone sees this activity, please call the police. Dennis Wasson power washed the picnic table under the shelter, and the profanity was just awful. The Senior Center's gazebo is also having a lot of vandalism.

She went on to thank Dennis Wasson's son Travis, he did a great job with the painting on the gazebo for his community work for his Honors Society award.

Mrs. Sizemore thanked the Germantown Rescue Squad Inc. who purchased a AED for the swimming pool.

She congratulated Mike Manning for passing his EMT basic certification.

Mr. Scott Johnson questioned how the new pool management was working out; Mrs. Sizemore replied that there have been no complaints. The Village did have to purchase a few more umbrellas; some of the people were complaining that there is not enough shade.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tom Schiff questioned if everyone had looked over the new Manager's Contract.

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Mr. Schwaberow questioned if this should be done as an ordinance and not a motion, Tom Schiff replied it was done by a resolution.

Mr. Koogle stated he would like to see this process done so Mrs. Sizemore can get on with her job.

Tom Schiff stated if no one has any concerns to the Manager's contract then we should put it on for Emergency Resolution for the next Council meeting and let her start looking for a new Clerk of Council.

Mr. Schwaberow questioned if there had been any decisions with the Clerk's position and the Assistant Village Manger.

Mr. Koogle motioned to allow the Acting Village Manager to interview for a new Clerk of Council, second by Mr. Lawson.

ROLL CALL: Mrs. Gentry, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Lawson, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mayor Landis, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Koogle asked for a list of duties and the length of time it takes to do these duties for the Clerk of Council.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief McGill handed out the July Report.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Landis stated Mike Manning drew a sketch for a signs to be placed at the East and West side of the Village. Maybe something that would welcome guests to the Village.

Mr. Koogle stated Mike Manning needs to check with the Historical Society to get an okay to us the logo.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT:**

Mrs. Gentry stated the CBC would be going out on August 10<sup>th</sup> to look at the flowers in the Village.

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Mr. Koogle stated he would like to have time to discuss the Fire/EMS Levy at the next work session. We have got to educate the public about this matter.

Mr. Lawson attended the Fire Oversight meeting tonight, and they went over the Fire Chief's goals in passing the Fire/EMS Levy. We have got to make the public understand how important it is to pass this Levy.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Introduction:**

None.

**Public Hearing:**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Street Projects**

Mrs. Sizemore stated they are putting together a Capital Plan, and the street projects. There are streets in the Village that need attention. She asked Council if they had any priority projects they would like to see done.

Mr. Schwaberow questioned how the Village stands on Street Maintenance Programs, Mrs. Sizemore replied that has been advertised, and she is only expecting one bidder.

Mr. Schwaberow stated that he had received a complaint on some of the streets in the Village. He suggested fixing these streets in need and not completely re-building them. It is so costly to re-build streets.

Mr. Scott Johnson stated we need to buy some time, maybe we should just resurface the streets at this time.

Mr. Schwaberow suggested that Mrs. Sizemore check with OPWC, and see if they have any grants or funding.

Mrs. Sizemore stated she has a meeting next week with Bright Street to get information regarding the LED traffic lights.

Mrs. Sizemore questioned if Council would be interested in having a Retreat this year or would everyone like to wait till the beginning of the year.

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Mr. Koogle stated that if there are issues they need to be brought to Council at that time, but we may want to wait till next year to see if there are new members.

Mr. Lawson stated that when new Council comes on board they seem to forget what the old Council was working on. This is the reason why nothing gets done.

Mrs. Gentry stated that something needs to be done with the parking downtown in the Village. Employees of the local business are taking up the spots all day long.

Mr. Schwaberow stated that if people drive by they will think the businesses are busy, and just drive by. They may not be willing to wait, and then the local businesses may be losing customers.

Mrs. Sizemore suggested sending letters to the local businesses regarding their employees parking on the street.

Mr. Scott Johnson stated this has been addressed before and the local businesses seem to not care if the parking is an issue.

Mr. Schwaberow suggested that flyers be put on the vehicles that are parking for more than two hours on the street downtown to give them a warning.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Koogle motioned to excuse Mr. Terry Johnson, second by Mr. Lawson.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Lawson, yes; Mrs. Gentry, yes; Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Terry Johnson, yes; Mayor Landis, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION:** Mr. Scott Johnson moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisitions, second by Mr. Schwaberow.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Scott Johnson, yes; Mr. Koogle, yes; Mr. Lawson, yes; Mrs. Gentry, yes; Mr. Schwaberow, yes; Mayor Landis, yes. 6-yes, 0-no. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor and Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**PRESENT:**

The following members were present at the start of the Executive Session: Mayor Theodore Landis, Mrs. Jeanne Gentry, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Jim Lawson, Mr. Lynn Koogle and Mr. Edward Schwaberow.

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**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

The following members were absent: Mr. Terry Johnson.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Also present was Tom Schiff, Law Director.

Mayor and Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Scott Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelli R. Sanders-Novak  
Clerk of Council

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Theodore E. Landis  
Mayor