

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
April 16, 2019

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on April 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Albers, Fred Lucas, Roger Rickhoff and Jerald Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Trustee Ken Brauer was absent. Guest included Brad Schroeder (newly elected Trustee) and Village resident Mary Greenleaf.

The minutes of the previous month's meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Michael Albers, second by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Brad Schroeder was here to observe. Schroeder will be sworn in as Village Trustee next month.

Mary Greenleaf was present to ask permission to keep her mini pig as a pet. She presented a petition from her neighbors stating approval of her having the pet pig. Attorney Aaron Epplin explained the Village has an ordinance prohibiting farm animals. Ms. Greenleaf explained the mini pig is less than 1 foot high and is housebroken. After some deliberation, the Board agreed to allow Ms. Greenleaf to keep the mini pig as a pet.

Village President Duane Ripperda, expressed to the Board that he would like the ditches on Elm and Green street closed. Trustee Ripperda said he and Steve Mullins have reviewed the areas and the approximate cost will be \$3000. The Board agreed to do the project.

President Ripperda also informed the Board that Brad Poettker is moving outside the corporate limits so he has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals. President Ripperda has appointed Kyle Toennies to the Board. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Fred Lucas seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report next. The Tahoe is at Jansen Chevrolet receiving a new engine, under warranty. The Department also recently completed firearms and use of force training.

Wuebbles said he is working with the Zoning Board of Appeals on changing some of the restrictions on trailers on the streets. He will report back at another time.

Connie Loepker, neighbor to the 407 Leo Street property the Village owns asked about purchasing about 6' of the property adjacent to her property. The Board discussed and decided on \$2800 plus attorney and closing costs. Clerk Lakenburgs will inform Ms. Loepker.

Supt. Steve Mullins reported next. The new backhoe is also getting a new motor installed, under warranty. HMG is currently doing survey work for the water and sewer replacement project. New windows will be installed at the Mill street shed.

The Village has completed our part of the Park bathroom project. Village assisted in digging the footings and connected the water and sewer lines.

Clerk Lakenburgs presented a bill from Netemeyer Engineering for the final billing of the Drive In Road Project. Supt. Mullins said the final paperwork is not completed and IDOT is demanding the project be complete. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to hold final payment to Netemeyer Engineering until everything is complete. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Village has received Spassfest funds for new banners in town. The Village will have approximately \$1500 in matching money. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the purchase. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kristen Peters recently purchased a home on Lake Park Drive which is not incorporated into the Village. She wants to connect to the Village Sanitary Sewer system and incorporate. Village Attorney Aaron Eplin will draft the necessary paperwork to incorporate the property.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt the Proclamation from ABATE for motorcycle awareness. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Clerk Lakenburgs said everyone received a copy of a letter from the EPA explaining the Village has been accepted for a loan for both, the water project and sewer project. The letter also included rate scenarios to repay the loans. Trustee Ken Albers, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said the committee will meet to discuss rate increases once Clerk Lakenburgs collects more information.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance and Insurance Committee Chairman, made a motion to adopt Fiscal Year '20 Budget. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Michael Albers then made a motion to adopt Fiscal Year '19 Revised Budget. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With the absence of Trustee Ken Brauer, Clerk Lakenburgs presented the Board with several TIF Resolutions previously agreed upon by the Board and Committee.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-02, *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS TO THE GERMANTOWN LIBRARY DISTRICT*. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Resolution allows for TIF funds to be used to pay for roof improvements.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-03, *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 407 LEO STREET*,

GERMANTOWN. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Resolution allows for TIF funds to be used for demolition of the property.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-04, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH GORDON CACHOLA, OWNER OF G-TOWN DEUCE INC., LLC*. Trustee Fred Lucas seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Resolution allows for TIF funds to be used for water damage and roof improvements.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with an ordinance pertaining to resisting or obstructing a peace officer. After a brief discussion, Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-4-2 OF ARTICLE IV IN CHAPTER 27 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

