

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
April 16, 2024

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on April 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Michael Albers, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included students Lydia Links, Makenzie, Sean Albers and Dillan Poettker – Central HS students. Trustees Ken Brauer and Ken Albers were absent.

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

Chief Darnall gave his report. The PD assisted on a drug raid at the retirement home last week. Chief served two occupants eviction notices for them to leave town.

The PD has been working on residents reports of high grass, trailers and junk in yards.

Chief is still waiting to hear more from Pass Security on the camera system. They were out a few weeks ago to look over what the Village currently has. He will report back with more information.

Body cameras will be mandatory soon. Chief Darnall got a price from Axon but is searching a more reasonable option to take. This too, was tabled until more information is gathered.

The CC Sherrif's Dept has agreed to help with extra security in town for the school's concert event in September.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. He said Jake Endres started with the Maintenance Department yesterday and Mullins feels Jake is a good fit for Germantown. Jake will also start water operator's classes in May.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to accept a 5-yr lease with the Germantown Historical Society for the Village owned building on Mill Street. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt the FY 2025 Annual Budget as presented. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt the Revised FY 2024 Annual Budget as presented. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said he went to Jansen's and got a quick number on the purchase of a new truck for the Maintenance Department. The committee will review and report back.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said new chips for oiling have been delivered to the stockpile for review. The chips are larger but suppose to be cleaner with less dust.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin reported the Village was served with a lawsuit on March 28, 2024. The suit claim James Payton worked for Chicago Bridge & Iron between 1966-2000. The Village contracted some project with Chicago Bridge & Iron during that period and Mr. Payton now has cancer from asbestos contamination. The suit names over 27 municipalities and over 60 defendants. The IML RMA has yet to determine if they are covering the case under the insurance policy. They are suggesting Village's contact their own legal team and if they cover it under the insurance they will reimburse. Epplin has contacted Mr. Michael McGinley, attorney at law, from Edwardsville. He specialized in mesothelioma cases and will be representing several of the defendants in this case. The Board agreed to have Mr. McGinley take the case for the Village.

Epplin then said the Zoning Board has completed the revamping of the Zoning Code and the public hearing was had last month. The new Zoning Code includes the subdivision code so the former ordinance will need to be repealed.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-02, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS*. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-03, *AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE I AND II OF CHAPTER 34 ENTITLED SUBDIVISION CODE AND RENAMING CHAPTER 34 TO BE ENTITLED PLANNING COMMISSION, ALL OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS*. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.


