

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**April 17, 2026**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on December 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburges and Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Jarod Lohman, and Jerald Schroeder were present. Police Chief Dean Darnall, Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Trustee Brad Schroeder was absent. Guests included Joe Santel, Germantown GIC, and eleven Central High School students.

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

Joe Santel presented the Board with expenditures for the GIC. They requested to purchase \$8000 in Christmas lights. Kohnen Concrete donated \$4000 earlier in the year and the Spassfest granted \$4000 to the project. The Committee is also requesting approximately \$1600 to purchase flower planters for town. The GIC raised money for this project as well. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the expenditures. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda appointed Michael "Micky" Albers to fill the position of Village Trustee left by Landon Schroeder. Albers will take the position of Village Trustee until the next general election is April 2027. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion approving the appointment. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ripperda said Richard Peters was here to talk to him about purchasing the property along Hanover Street adjacent to his family's property. The Village would retain enough property for the Welcome sign as proposed. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to offer Peters the property for \$10,000. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Dean Darnall said his police candidate passed his physical test and will start the full-time Police Academy soon.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder asked Dean to scan the town for residents who need to clean up their yards.

Supt. Steve Mullins said the final permits to the EPA have been submitted for well 6 & 7. Once permitted the wells will go into service.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburges had several things to report.

1. The municipal aggregation for electric has been bid for the next year with Homefield Energy. Residents will be notified directly from Homefield on whether to choose Homefield or Ameren for the electric supplier.
2. Andy Tebbe applied for a sewer permit. Andy recently purchased a property on Birch Street. Attorney Aaron Epplin confirmed that the property was not part of the Midway Acres sewer agreement. Tebbe will extend the sewer main to his property at his own cost. A regular tap-on fee will be required.

3. Robert & Rebecca Beckmann inquired about incorporating a piece of property and getting water and sewer. Water is close, so that's no issue. He is requesting a lateral service line from Packers Drive to his property. The Water & Sewer Committee will review.
4. A potential buyer has inquired about Linnemann Subdivision. It's a 2 lot subdivision at the west end of Main Street. They are requesting changing the road plans. This was tabled.
5. The Village received an anonymous letter about the street sweeping and conditions of Village roads. The board noted the letter but no changes to Village policies were made.

Clerk Lakenburges presented the Motor Fuel 2026 plan to the Board for approval. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the Resolution in the amount of \$88,309.32. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Finance & Insurance Committee, presented the board with a revised FY 26 Budget. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to approve the Revised FY 2026 Budget. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then presented FY 2027 Budget. Trustee Jarod Lohman made a motion to approve FY 2027 Budget. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin reported that he and Supt. Steve Mullins met with CONXX to discuss the Utility Permit for installing fiber optic cable in Germantown. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to accept the Utility Agreement as presented. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attorney Epplin said he spoke with the attorney for the Red Deuce and it the property has been released from the court. The owners are in negotiations with a potential buyer for the building and property.

As discussed previously, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-03, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24-3-2 AND CREATING SCHEDULE F OF ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 24 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. The ordinance creates a one way in and one way out for the school/church property onto Munster and Westfall Streets. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the Petition for Annexation for the roadway donated by the Eversgerd family to extend Holly Street into Schoendienst Park. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04, *AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY INTO THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the Petition for Annexation for the property adjacent to the Village Debris Yard purchased from Eversgerd family. Trustee Jarod Lohman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jarod Lohman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05, *AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY INTO THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to pay all bills as presented and ratifying the bills paid in March. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jarod Lohman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.



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