

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
April 18, 2023

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on April 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Kyle Banker, new police officer and Justin VonderHaar of HMG.

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

Justin VonderHaar of HMG presented the Board with pay request #4 from Korte Luitjohan for the filtration system. VonderHaar explained the progress of the project. The filter skid and yard piping are complete to the building. The service pumps coming next week. At that point, the Village will have to use 100% Breese water until the permanent connection can be made. Project should be complete mid summer.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to pay the request in the amount of \$359,059.50. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda reported on the sewer property issue. Properties owned by the Village, Zurliene and Wuebbles are all "off" what is thought to be the property lines. In order to correct the issue, property will be purchased from Ortmann and property lines will be moved. After a discussion, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to move forward with the property purchase, surveys and legal fees not to exceed \$10,000. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chief Wuebbles introduced Officer Kyle Banker to the Board. The Board welcomed him to Germantown.

Wuebbles also reported on the Zoning. Trustee Ken Brauer said Blake Klenke has expressed interest in the rental inspections but is waiting for his certification. A new zoning administrator is still being sought.

Wuebbles also said the Zoning Board is continuing working on the new zoning code.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Mullins stated he was contacted by Rose Acres Farms about a walkway between barns and a storm water issue. They are requesting to pump this ditch to the Village sewer system. After a long discussion on the logistics, Trustee Michael Albers made motion to allow the process barring no issues occur to the Village sewer system and at a monthly fee of \$100. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs had some information from Good Energy, the municipal aggregation firm. Since the public voted to approve the municipal aggregation, a hearing has been set for May. With that, the Village can add a municipal fee of 2/10 of a cent per KW. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to add a municipal fee of 2/10 of a cent per KW billed. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Finance & Insurance Committee, presented the board with a revised FY 23 budget and FY 24 proposed budget. A few adjustments needed to be made for unexpected expenditures. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve the revised FY 23 Budget. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the FY24 Budget as presented. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Schroeder then said the committee met to discuss employee raises for FY 24. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to give all employees a \$1.50/hr raise and bring Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs to the other department head salaries. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers, chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, spoke about the recent sewer back-ups in Leonard Acres subdivision. Both Dan Musenbrock and Tammie Beckmann have requested their plumbing bills be paid. The Board had discussed previously and agreed it was not a faulty sewer main and deny the claims. Supt. Mullins said letters have been sent to the homeowners on the line asking them to stop using flushable wipes but the line is continually blocked with wipes and debris. Another resident Jerrid Shirley who lives on Elm St also had a sewer issue. Supt. Mullins spoke with Pat from Litteken Plumbing, who serviced the residence. Pat said it was of combination of roots in the service line, a loose plumbing fitting in the basement floor and possible older clay lateral tile. The Board agreed this was a homeowner issue and not a Village issue. A letter will be sent to Mr. Shirley stating the same.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said the Committee is recommending purchasing a used UTV for the maintenance department. The UTV will be useful especially with the summer months approaching. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to purchase the UTV from Breese Lawn & Garden spending up to \$12,000. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said he spoke with Dave Langenhorst and Trevor Markus, property owner along the 100 block of Sycamore St. about putting a sidewalk in front of their property. Both are in agreement. Rickhoff said the sidewalk at Millside and the area around Leo & Sycamore Street will be repaired as well this year.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning, Subdivision & TIF Committee, said the committee received several TIF requests. The owners of Cornerstone Bar have requested a grant. More information is needed and the committee will review when received.

Kohnen Air Conditioning & Heating have requested a TIF deal for their new addition to their business. With this property being in the proposed TIF #3 district, a resolution of inducement is all we can do at this time. An inducement means the Village intends to enter into some sort of TIF deal with the business, it's just unclear what that will be at this time. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03, *RESOLUTION OF INDEMENT, INTENT FOR THE PROVISION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ASSISTANCE TO KOHNEN AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING*. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Germantown Park District has requested \$11,500 to cover costs of oiling the park roads. Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-03 *AN ORDINANCE TO SET DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT III*. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Ken Albers then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jerry Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.


