

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
April 20, 2021

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Trustee Michael Albers was present via ZOOM. Trustee Jerald Schroeder was absent. Guests included: 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 Brad Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Justin VonderHaar of HMG, presented the Board with Pay Request #4 for the sewer portion of the project. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the pay request to Gelly Construction in the amount of \$34,252.78. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. VonderHaar said they will hold payment to Gelly until the final repairs are made.

VonderHaar said Korte Luitjohan will begin switching the home services to the new lines. He also presented the board with Pay Request #3 for the water contract. Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to approve the pay request to Korte Luitjohan Construction in the amount of \$134,155.18. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion followed on how to repair the water line under the railroad tracks at Munster Street. The process has begun for permission from Norfolk Southern. The cost estimate is about \$20,000 if we can replace the line, if we need to start over the estimated cost goes up to \$40-50,000. VonderHaar is checking with the IEPA if this cost can be added to our loan or needs to be paid by the Village.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to pay Gelly Construction for the sewer tap at 606 Church Street which was left out of the initial contract. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to pay the \$630 fee (less than what the Village paid Darlene Langenhorst for her plumber). Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the engineering agreement with HMG, Inc for the design and bidding documents for the Water Filtration System Project the Village will be undertaking in 2021/22. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Duane Ripperda said the Maintenance Department recently closed in the large ditch in the 200 block of Green Street.

President Ripperda said he received an anonymous letter from a resident concerned with the look of people's yards. Ripperda said the PD is working on getting junk cleaned up in resident's yards.

Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report next. Chief Wuebbles also asked the Board permission to step down from the Zoning Administrator's position. President Ripperda asked Chief Wuebbles to stay on for a while longer and he agreed.

Supt. Steve Mullins reported next. He said the project is keeping them very busy. He also said they will be planting grass along the sidewalk project to finish up.

The Board decided no monetary help will be given to the Germantown Elementary Bulldog Dash. This year, since it again virtual, no Police help will be needed.

A lengthy discussion on flies was had. The Village has had many complaints on flies in town. The Village continues to reach out to Rose Acres Farms and will be spraying the Debris Yard. Other than that, we live in a rural community, and the Board has no idea what can be done by the Village to help with the situation.

Clerk Lakenburgs asked about donating unused vaccine supplies to the County Health Department. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to donate the unused supplies to the Clinton County Health Department. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Alan Huelsmann, developer of Old Towne Subdivision, asked about the maintenance of the retention areas in his subdivision. Attorney Aaron Epplin responded with the retention area requirements are spelled out in the annexation agreement and the agreement is good for 20 years. Therefore, the developer is responsible until the property is sold, then the maintenance and agreement follows to the new owner until the 20 year time limit has expired. After that it will become a civil issue between the owner and the Village.

Street & Sidewalk Chairman, Roger Rickhoff, said they will review the budget and what streets fit into that budget for curbing this year. He will report back next month.

Clerk Lakenburgs said the Village received more Rebuild Illinois funds in the MFT fund and will use the money for road repair this summer. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03, Supplemental 2021 Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.


