

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**April 21, 2020**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held via virtual ZOOM on April 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included Ann Heilegenstein of HMG, Inc. Trustee Ken Albers was 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 Ken Brauer, second by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve payment of March bills as presented via email in March. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ann Heilegenstein was present to discuss the current progress of the Water & Sewer Replacement Project. Ann said we are in line to receive EPA loan funding in June. The Village will receive notice in June whether the project has been accepted or not. Ann also spoke about the grant funding recently opening up. She said the grant is scored on a 100 point scale and she did a quick ranking and the highest she thinks we will score is 54, not good. The Board discussed whether to move forward with the project as planned or wait a year and apply for a grant. If we wait for the grant application/approval, the Village will also have to reapply for the EPA loan funding. It was decided to keep the plan as is, hopefully funding will be approved for FY 21 and the project will be underway this fall.

Village President Duane Ripperda appointed Kevin Wilburn to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Wilburn replaces Zak Boeckmann, who recently moved outside the corporate limits of Germantown. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion approving the appointment, with Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconding the motion. Motion carried.

In light of the Pandemic and the bars being closed, the Village has decided to waive the fees for the liquor license renewals. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to waive fees for FY 21. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to pay all Board members for the cancelled meeting in March. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report next. Wuebbles said he has been limiting part-time officers hours and making sure he and Officer Huelskamp are not working any overtime hours.

Wuebbles said he is trying to "kindly" educate the public on Staying Home and Social Distancing.

Tabled from March is the Zoning Map Amendment presented by Tom & Jan Evergersd to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-04, *AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote showing the following Trustees voting "Aye": Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald

Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Trustee Ken Albers was absent. The Ordinance confirms the Village Board's vote to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to deny the change.

Village President Duane Ripperda said the Village is going to have to watch its spending until we know what the Pandemic has done to our revenues.

A special "thank you" is given to the local businesses donating Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to the Village and Fire Department, specifically, Kolin Huelsmann, Kohnen Concrete, and Robke Auto Body.

The Village has decided to cancel the Village Wide Yard Sales event for this year.

Trustee Ken Brayer made a motion to adopt the FY '21 Annual Budget. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote showing the following Trustees voting "Aye": Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Trustee Ken Albers was absent.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, said the Committee has met to discuss the employee salaries. Schroeder said the committee agreed upon a package but feel they need to meet again. This was tabled until next month.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01, *A RESOLUTION APPROVING CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote showing the following Trustees voting "Aye": Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Trustee Ken Albers was absent.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-05, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING CURFEW CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS DUE TO A CIVIL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, IN THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote showing the following Trustees voting "Aye": Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Trustee Ken Albers was absent.

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

Trustee Roger Rickhoff then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

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