

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
August 15, 2023

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, and new Chief Dean Darnall. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin was absent. Zoning Administrator Blake Klenke and Guests Rick Sherman and Justin Vonderhaar of HMG were also present.

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

Resident Rick Sherman was present to discuss the golf cart path again. Sherman said he was frustrated nothing has been done to keep cars from driving on the path. Supt. Mullins said they have a plan, just been too busy with road work to get it finished. He assured the board it would be taken care of as soon as his schedule allowed.

Zoning Administrator, Blake Klenke, was here. He said he thought a couple residents who had a zoning dispute would be here. No one was here so he said he had nothing to share.

Justin VonderHaar of HMG was present with pay request #5 and #6 for the Water Filtration Plant Project. The requests were in the amount of \$51,548.70 and \$44,342.48. VonderHaar said the project is moving along and are waiting to get the electric part complete. He is also waiting to hear from the EPA regarding an extension. The final balance of the contract with Korte-Luitjohn is \$62,227.27. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to pay request #5 in the amount of \$51,548.70. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to pay request #6 in the amount of \$62,227.27. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda asked about the curbing on Sycamore St. Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Street & Sidewalk Committee Chairman, said with the construction along that area, rather than piecing the old with the new, the Committee decided it best to replace the whole street.

Retiring Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles introduced Dean Darnall as his replacement. Wuebbles said Darnall will be a good fit for Germantown, Darnall has been training the last month with Wuebbles. President Ripperda will be officially appointed at the September meeting.

Darnall then gave a report on the new police vehicle. The truck has been received and the police decals were just done. In September, the truck will go in for equipment installation. Once complete the truck will be put into service.

Darnall also thanked Wuebbles for all the training and support.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said he spoke with Gerry Kohnen of the Historical Society about the Village building on Mill Street. The Historical Society wants to install electric/heat/AC, etc. They are asking the Village to pay half of the expenses. This was tabled until the Historical Society comes up with a budget on the project.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-06, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST TO ALL DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Resolution is to purchase property from Tom Eversgerd adjacent to the Debris Yard.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Michael 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 at 7:45pm.


