

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
August 16, 2022

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, and Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Officer Dawson Huelskamp and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included Justin VonderHaar of HMG, Marvin Gebke, owner of Marv's Scoops and Slots, resident Ben Deiters, Germantown Fire District Board Members and Kylie Smith, a Central High School student observing.

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 Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Resident Ben Deiters was present to ask the Board about selling the Village owned shed on Mill Street. Mr. Deiters lives next to the property and asked if the Village had interest in selling. The Village President, Duane Ripperda, said the property was not for sale at this time and if the Village were to sell, it would have to be by sealed bids. Attorney Aaron Epplin said the property was donated to the Village by NM Land, LLC and a stipulation in the deed calls that if the Village no longer needs the property, it goes back to the grantor, NM Land, LLC. Mr. Deiters thanked the Board.

Marvin Gebke was present to discuss the parking at his new business on Sycamore Street, Marv's Scoops & Slot's. The Village owns an 8' strip/ROW along Sycamore Street. Gebke is asking permission to build a retaining wall along the curb to build up the area for parking. It was decided that if the Village were to allow the retaining wall, the property would have to be sold to Gebke to release all liability from the Village. Supt. Steve Mullins said there are some utilities within the area. Village President Ripperda said the wall would have to be concrete and visibly appealing. Gebke assured the Board he would do it right. The subject was tabled until Attorney Aaron Epplin could review it.

The Germantown Rural Fire Protection District was present to thank the board for the recent TIF grant of \$19,000 to purchase thermal imaging cameras. Fire Chief Jeff Kampwerth showed the board a brief presentation of the cameras. Village President Duane Ripperda thanked the fire department, calling them the "backbone of our community".

Justin VonderHaar, HMG Engineer, was present to discuss the Water Filtration Project. He presented the engineering contract, not to exceed the amount of \$81,500. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the contract from HMG Engineers, Inc. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Korte-Luitjohan should be ready for the pre-construction meeting any day.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he was notified by the Clinton County Health Department that a mosquito tested positive for West Nile Disease in Germantown. The Health Department will be putting out a public notification in the paper and social media.

Ripperda also said he was contacted by Keith Korte saying he recently purchased 22 acres of property behind Dollar General. Mr. Korte indicated he would like to see Main and Church Streets extended to the property but had no plans at the current time.

Supt. Steve Mullins said streets are scheduled for oiling mid September and curbing will begin after that.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles said the Zoning Board met last night and are working on updated the subdivision code as well as the whole zoning code.

Clerk Lakenburgs discussed going to E-Billing for utility billing. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to approve the E-Bill module from LOCIS for \$500. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The amended annexation agreement with Jacob Brauer was discussed. The amendment states at the time his existing septic/aeration system fails, Brauer will connect to Village sewers. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the amendment. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee said the committee will be meeting to discuss several TIF related items and report back next month. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion adopting Resolution 2022-09, *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDURE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9264 DRIVE IN ROAD, GERMANTOWN, IL*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Village closed on the property and is in possession.

A brief discussion followed regarding a water leak that was a result of a bad connection due from the water replacement project last year. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to refund the property for leak credit. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Clerk Lakenburgs announced that beginning September 20th petitions may be circulated for the position of Village Trustee for the April 2023 election.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Committee chairman, said he is going to approach GTSB for a better rate for the Filtration Project.

Trustee Schroeder also said he was approached by a Village employee asking for a raise since inflation has boosted the CPI to about 9%. The Board discussed briefly and Trustee Jerald Schroeder said the raise will play in the next salary negotiation. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve a 4% raise to all Village employees. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Schroeder thanked the maintenance department for their help in removing the old playground equipment from Veteran's Memorial Park. The new park equipment will be arriving soon.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said Supt. Mullins has been watching the state auction for a dump truck. The committee will review more over the winter when the maintenance team has more time.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Street & Sidewalk Committee Chairman, said the committee met to discuss installing a side-by-side path to Drive In road. Since the property was recently sold, this was tabled for a later date.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.


