

**Village of Germantown  
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees  
August 17, 2021**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and 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 Brad Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he received a letter from the Clinton County Sheriff's Department commending Chief Wuebbles and Officer Huelskamp on their help with a recent case.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report for July. Wuebbles said they caught two more suspects in the car break-ins that occurred last month. The new cameras around town have proven to be effective in solving crimes and incidents. With that, Chief Wuebbles asked the Board to invest in more security cameras. The cameras at the Debris Yard are out dated and are failing. Cameras need to be installed at Village Hall and other areas in town. The quote Wuebbles was \$12,500. Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to approve up to \$12,500 for new cameras in town. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attorney Aaron Epplin will look into changing the ordinance regarding weeds and grass. Currently the ordinance states a warning will be given with a timeframe to cut the grass. After that time, a citation may be issued. This was tabled for next month.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. The Water Project is wrapping up with Korte-Luitjohan finishing up the bore under the railroad tracks.

The maintenance department is nearing the end of the roadwork and repair as well. Oil dates are set for August 26 and August 31<sup>st</sup>. Mullins thanked Trustee Ken Albers, Chief Wuebbles and Officer Huelskamp for their help during the oiling.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburg said Kevin Tepen from CJ Schlosser & Associates has completed the annual audit. Tepen found a small discrepancy in the water rate schedule for high usage users. The amount was minimal and has since been corrected.

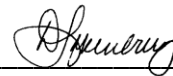
Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street and Sidewalk Committee, said the sidewalk on Main Street near Millside is in need of repair. A discussion followed on just repairing the sidewalk or tearing it all out and making it ADA compliant. The Board agreed the sidewalk should be tore out and made compliant.

Trustee Ken Brauer, Zoning, TIF and Subdivision Committee chairman, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-05, *AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GERMANTOWN WATER PLANT*. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Germantown Library presented a letter requesting TIF assistance for a parking lot project they are working on. This was tabled until more information is received.

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 Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.



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