

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
August 20, 2019

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included: John Attaway, Shelly Kohrmann, Joe Langenhorst, Tom Bach, Gina Reeves, Gordon Cachola, Amber Gebke, Elizabeth Hanna, Duane Kampwerth, Steve Arentsen, and Maurice Spihlmann. Jason Meetenmeyer entered the meeting later.

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 Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Duane Kampwerth, Steve Arentsen, and Maurice Spihlmann were present, representing the Fire District, to discuss the addition to the firehouse. There may be a property line discrepancy being part of the current firehouse or the addition may be on the line or on Village property. The Village Board said they would approve a small move of the property via Quit Claim Deed, if needed. The Board informed the District to have the property line marked and we will move from there. The District also asked about the use of the Village parking lot during construction, which the Board approved.

Gordon Cachola, owner of the Red Deuce, was present to discuss his business and his recent TIF deal. Mr. Cachola's business recently burnt down. His TIF contract with the Village states if the business would fail or close within a year of the deal, 100% would be refunded. Cachola recently received \$12,865 from the Village TIF fund. Cachola was here to ask the Board to hold off on requesting the money back. He said he intends on rebuilding. He asked if the Village could make the reimbursement contingent upon him rebuilding the business or to forgive the repayment all together. The TIF Committee will meet to discuss and bring a recommendation to the Board next month.

John Attaway, Tommy Back, Shelly Kohrmann and Gina Reeves were present representing the KNC BBQ and Bierlauf committees. They were present to ask the Board permission to close Munster Street for a car show. The Nut 'N Butt Q and Bierlauf will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park. The Board approved closing of the street. The Board also waived the "no alcohol" on the streets for the event, along with extending the outdoor music until midnight. Attaway will notify their insurance company to submit a certificate of insurance naming the Village as additionally insured on the KNC's liability policy.

Joe Langenhorst was present to ask permission to hold the annual Veteran's Day Parade in Germantown. The parade is scheduled for November 11th at 2pm. The Board approved the parade and asked the Legion to submit a certificate of insurance naming the Village as additionally insured.

President Ripperda said he was approached by Kohnen Concrete about doing some work on Old Carlyle Rd near the entrance to the plant. The Street & Sidewalk Committee will meet to discuss and report back next month.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to donate back the \$200 prize money the Village won on the Spassfest parade. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report for the month. The Department is working on several large cases right now and cameras are playing a large part in the investigations. Currently the Village has a camera placed at Millside Inn. Wuebbles would like to place additional cameras at businesses that have good systems already in place. He had a couple estimates in hand for adding cameras to current systems. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve up to \$5700 from the DARE fund. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jason Meetenmeyer entered the meeting. He is going around the county asking the Board's to join a round table discussion on starting an Economic Development Corporation in the county. He spoke briefly and left some information for the board to review.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Mullins brought up a drainage issue on the south part of Old Town Subdivision. The residents along Mill Street are experiencing some flooding in heavy rains. There is a drainage pipe that runs from the southern area of the subdivision to Hanover Street. Mullins feels the pipe is either clogged or broken. Mullins asked the board if he should try to clean it out with the sewer cleaner or let it up to the developer to take care of. The Board said this is on private property and the Village needs to stay out of it. All agreed.

Mullins asked about a ditch on Packers Drive. Colin Kuhn has asked the Village to clean out the ditch. The Board reviewed the subdivision agreement with Bob Beckmann. At that time, the Village waived the necessity of curbing. Mullins said it appears the other ditches in the subdivision have been maintained but not this one. The Board agreed it is the developers responsibility. Mullins will speak with Kuhn.

Mullins then spoke about a couple water services requesting upgrades. The Fire department will need to move their current service with the new addition to their building. He asked if the Village was going to charge them for the parts/labor. It was decided to table this until their TIF deal was discussed.

The other service is Todd Kuhl. He is putting in an upgraded service. The estimated cost is about \$1500. The Board said it was only fair to charge him labor/materials.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, speaking on behalf of the Germantown Fire Department Auxiliary asked permission to hold their annual Bike Fun Ride on September 29th using Village streets. Permission was given and the organization will submit a certificate of insurance naming the Village as additionally insured.

After a brief discussion, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to purchase a fire safe to hold historic village documents. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Wilson safe is approximately \$2013.

A discussion followed regarding the offer to purchase property at 604 Church St. A second offer of \$25,000 was given to Tom Eversgerd who now says the property is worth \$30,000. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to give the Building & Equipment Committee authority to negotiate a price for the property. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Subdivision & Zoning Committee, said the Committee will meet this month to discuss a TIF application from Lakenburg Motor Company, a recommendation from the Committee regarding Gordon Cachola and a TIF deal with the Fire Dept. He will report more next month.

Attorney Aaron Epplin asked the Board's direction on changing the current Tobacco Ordinance to meet the new state laws. He will draft an ordinance for next month's meeting.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to enter into executive session regarding personnel issues: Section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. 8:45pm

At 8:50pm, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to close the Executive Session and re-enter the regular meeting. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to offer the Utility Billing Clerk position to Christine Winter. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Brad Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

