

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
August 20, 2024

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on August 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included students Diane Schniers, Joyce Lucas, Mary Kay Sutton and Mert Albers.

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 Albers, seconded by Trustee Brad Schroeder. Motion carried.

Joyce Lucas spoke on behalf of the newly formed Germantown Improvement Committee. They presented a list of projects the committee would like to see done, budget allowing. Some of the items include: new street signs, new decorative posts for street and traffic signs, new banners, paint lamp posts on Munster St, replace lamp post globes, flower pots along Munster & Hwy 161. There is a scheduled clean up day on Sept 15 & 16 to powerwash some downtown areas, edge the sidewalks, cemetery clean up, etc. The Committee would also like to refresh and refurbish some of the Christmas decorations. Village President Duane Ripperda thanked the committee and appointed the Street & Sidewalk Committee to review their suggested projects.

President Ripperda then asked the board about purchasing a small strip of property owned by the Leon Albers Family Trust along Hanover Street near Wesclin Rd. The property is so narrow and long, it is not useful for much. He would like to see a decorative "Welcome to Germantown" sign and entry installed in the corner of the property. Trustee Brad Schroeder will take care of the negotiations and report back next month.

Police Chief Dean Darnall gave his report next. Darnall said he is busy chasing down people with weeds/lawns that are too tall. The board reminded him to stay on it, along with junk in yards. President Ripperda also said the PD should be enforcing the rules on side-by-side/golf cart stickers.

Supt. Steve Mullins reported next. He understands the number of complaints received about the thick blacktop repairs on the streets. Oiling is scheduled for the following week.

Mullins has been in contact with the curbing company. Hopefully they will be ready in Sept/Oct for about 1700-1800 ft of curbing.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs said she, and Zoning Admin Blake Klenke, have received a complaint of fence violation. The resident has not applied for a building permit and apparently the fence is on his neighbor's property. A brief discussion followed and Clerk Lakenburgs will send a letter to the violator.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Finance & Insurance Committee, reported that the Village is financially stable and feel the loan for the Drive In Rd building should be paid off instead of paying interest. Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to pay off the balance of the loan, approximately \$148,000.00. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said the committee met to discuss replacing the Community Sign at Veteran's Park. The cost to replace is approximately \$23,000. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to forego the bidding procedures. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to purchase the community sign from THAM Sign Co. in the amount of \$22,409.87. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Schroeder then brought up replacing Supt. Steve Mullins service truck. The truck is a 2009 and will be for sale. The Village of Beckemeyer has inquired about purchasing the old truck. After a brief discussion, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to forego the bidding procedures. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to purchase the 2024 Chevrolet Truck from Jansen Chevrolet in the amount of \$53,036.00. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder brought up about replacing the dump truck as well. If it gets ordered now, the Village won't receive it until spring 2025. The current truck is a 2002 model. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to forego the bidding procedures. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to purchase the dump truck in the amount of \$151,278.00. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Brad Schroeder obtained bids from a couple local concrete contractors and the low bid was from Bryan Allen, Affordable Concrete & Stamping. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to award the project to Bryan Allen, Affordable Concrete & Stamping. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with an amended/corrected ordinance. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-06, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-04 VACATING A CERTAIN PART OF WESTFALL STREET LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad 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 Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.


