

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**August 21, 2018**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on August 21, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, and Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Fred Lucas, Jerald Schroeder and Roger Rickhoff. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included: Residents Joyce Lucas and Mary Kay Sutton and Matt Korte representing Germantown Elementary.

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, second by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Matt Korte asked the Village to donate the 50K 3-phase 1978 generator to the school. The value of the generator is about \$1000. The Village had discussed selling or donating the generator. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to donate the 50K 3-phase 1978 generator to Germantown Elementary. Trustee Fred Lucas seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Resident Mary Kay Sutton thanked the Board for installing the pet waste awareness signs and the pet waste bag dispensers. She also asked about a situation of a parent walking to school with a snake around his neck. Attorney Aaron Epplin said it is illegal to have snakes in town. Chief Wuebbles has already spoken with the individual.

Attorney Epplin also spoke about the property at 400 Sycamore St. With the current codes of the Village, he will not be able to prove the house is dangerous and unsafe.

President Duane Ripperda said the Historical Society is looking for location to store some of their things. He asked if the Village had room in any of our facilities. Supt. Mullins said not at this time. The Boy Scouts are using the old recycle building and everything else is full at this time.

A discussion of purchasing property at 407 Leo Street was discussed next. The property has been a multi-family dilapidated property for some time. The Board appointed Chief Jeff Wuebbles to negotiate a price for the property. Trustee Fred Lucas made a motion to spend up to \$75,000 on an offer. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report next. Wuebbles also discussed the two young men the Village is sponsoring to the Police Academy. The cost of the Academy is \$2000 each but reimbursable if they graduate.

Chief Wuebbles said the committee needs to discuss updating some of our animal ordinances.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Mullins also thanked Chief Wuebbles for stepping in to help the maintenance department in Brian Timmons absence.

Mullins discussed the Debris Yard. He said it's filling up more and more and it's time to start thinking long term. The Village has two options: burn it or remove it. The Board agreed burning was not the best option. It was decided to table it for now and the Finance Committee would set a designated amount to put in the budget annually for hauling it away. More information will be provided at a later date.

Mullins also reported on the backhoe. He will report to the committee when he receives confirmed prices.

Clerk Lakenburges, on behalf of the FD Auxiliary, asked permission to hold their annual bike fun ride on the Village streets. Permission was given.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder discussed the procedures to start the EPA low interest loan for a water/sewer project. HMG gave a timeline order of how to get started. The Water & Sewer Committee will have to meet to discuss a definite project and start from there.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff mentioned the issue of people continuing to blow grass clippings on the streets. A brief discussion followed. It was suggested to Chief Wuebbles to give citations to violators. Clerk Lakenburges will include the issue in G-News.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Ken Brauer 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, 9:00 pm.

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