

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
December 20, 2022

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, and Jerald Schroeder. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Officer Dawson Huelskamp were also present. Trustees Roger Rickhoff and Brad Schroeder were absent. Guests included Anna Venhaus, Tom Johnson, Greg Wilburn, Gary Robke, Tom Eversgerd, Scott Dieters, Dave Wuebbles, Dennis Kuhl, Keith Lampe, John Brueggemann, Brian Engleman, Ken Kuhl and Freddie Baker.

The minutes of the previous month's meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Michael Albers, seconded by Trustee Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda started the meeting reading a statement regarding how and why the Village adopted an Ordinance requiring rental property to have inspections and occupancy permits.

Keith Lampe, rental property owner, asked why the Village didn't contact the rental owners prior to adopting the ordinance. Lampe also said the ordinance shouldn't pertain to those rentals which are long term. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles showed a few photos of some deteriorating rental property and said the ordinance isn't to make it difficult to the property owners, it was created for more of a public health and safety need. A long discussion followed on what is required and if the Village should require annual inspections or when a renter moves out. Attorney Aaron Epplin interceded and explained this ordinance is a movement in the right direction. By requiring rental property to comply to certain occupancy requirements this will prevent a situation the Village endured several years ago with rental property. The Ordinance isn't to prevent or hinder rental property in the Village, it strictly to make sure the properties are maintained and safe to live in. It was suggested to the property owners present to come up with a list of items in the ordinance they feel are too restrictive and the Village will revisit the ordinance. A lengthy Q & A session took place. This was tables until next month.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee, said the Committee met with Emily from Moran Economic Development regarding the comprehensive plan. The Committee will continue to meet periodically throughout the next year until completion.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Michael Albers 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 8:20pm.


