

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

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Dan Reeves, Raise the Roof Fundraiser committee person, students Rae Ann Toennies, Harley Gebke, Olivia Ashford, Aiden Poettker.

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.

Dan Reeves explained to the Board that a committee was formed to raise money for the grade school building addition. This fundraiser includes a big name band performing a concert at Schoendienst Park on September 21st. Reeves was present to ask for an event liquor license and a variance on the quiet hours. The Board approved both and wished the committee much success.

A discussion regarding the rental inspection program was had. Clerk Lakenburges had one owner who was not responding to letters or requests. Chief Dean Darnall will serve papers on the owner.

Chief Darnall said he has not had much luck speaking with IDOT regarding the speed at the east end of town as traffic enters Maple St. from Hwy 161.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report and gave an update on the Filtration Plant. The plant is 100% operational and they are still working out a few minor issues.

Gerry Kohlen, Germantown Historical Society, relayed to Village President Duane Ripperda that work will begin on Village building on Mill St for the historical display museum. Kohlen asked permission to run the invoices through the Village. The Board approved.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to purchase a new desktop computer for the Clerk's office. Cost not to exceed \$1800. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to enter into contract with the State of Illinois Cybernavigator Program. The cyber security company is based from a State of Il program offering free security software to municipalities. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin said he learned the Red Deuce property has a court date of April 4th regarding the suit Gordon Cachelo has with his insurance company. Attorney Epplin will try to reach out to Cachelo's attorney for information regarding the empty building.

Trustee Ken Albers, chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said the committee met to discuss the sewer deduct meters. Attorney Aaron Epplin will draft the ordinance as directed for next month's meeting.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff said he got prices for lighted crosswalk signs for Hanover Street. After a brief discussion, Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to purchase 2 solar powered crosswalk systems from K&K Systems for \$9,300.00. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Rickhoff also said Steve Mullins is to meet with a different curbing company and will have more information next month.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee, said the committee met to discuss two requests for TIF assistance. The Library is requesting \$1500 toward new HVAC for the building and Kohlen Air Conditioning & Heating is asking for assistance in a concrete project at their business. Both were approved based on agreements to be signed. The Resolution approving the TIF grants will be presented next month.

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

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.


