

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
February 18, 2025

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on February 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Police Chief Dean Darnall, Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Trustee Roger Rickhoff was absent.

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.

Attorney Aaron Epplin explained he sent letters to the two rental owners about complying to the Village's ordinances. He will report back next month on if they respond or not.

Supt. Steve Mullins had an engineering agreement from HMG Engineers for the design portion of Water Well #6 & #7 Project slated for this summer. The contract is in the amount of 15,000. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to approve the Village President signing the contract. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A request was made by a resident on Maple Street to close the ditch. After reviewing, the Board agreed the ditch was eroding the roadway and it was best to close the ditch. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to close the ditch this summer. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion was held on the next capital improvement project of the Village. Supt. Mullins has been working to make measurements and project maps for replacing some of the aging water and sewer lines in town. The project is still in the early phases. A question of financing the project was presented by Clerk Lakenburgs. Lakenburgs spoke with HMG regarding the low interest loan program through the EPA. HMG feels the Village will be on a long list of funding and it will either take years to be funded or the Village will be rejected for funding. HMG suggests private loans from a bank would be the best option. After a brief discussion, Lakenburgs will contact GTSB to get some estimates and report back to the Finance Committee. Lakenburgs also said it will at the best interest of the Village to look at raising water and sewer rates later this year as its been several years since the Village raised rates. The trash contract is up in November and rates will undoubtedly go up so it will be a good time to review all the rates.

Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with an Ordinance revising the Zoning Code for Solar Energy systems. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-5-13.1 OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A mention of Trustee Roger Rickhoff and his current health issues was observed. The board wishes him the best in his battle and hopes he recovers soon! A card will be sent expressing the same.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder 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 Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.


