

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**February 20, 2018**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on February 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, and Trustees: Ken Albers, Mike Albers, Ken Brauer, Fred Lucas, Roger Rickhoff and Jerald Schroeder. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included: Dan Kohnen, Joe Schulte, Kent Hemker and Central High School students Olivia Schroeder, Jessica Jansen, and Hannah Schrage.

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

Central High School students were present to observe.

Dan Kohnen explained to the Board that the Village installed a culvert at his property along Drive-In Road. The Village ordinance states, the property owner pays materials and the Village pays to install. Kohnen is asking the Village to pay \$1000 of the rock costs. Kohnen stated by installing this culvert Drive-In Road was widened. A brief discussion followed and the topic was tabled for a later date.

Joe Schulte and Kent Hemker were present to discuss the ditch between their properties. The ditch takes water from the Village lot and Valbo's. They would like to put tile in the ditch and close it up. The Village agreed to "shoot grades" and advise them as needed.

Chief Wuebbles gave his report next. Wuebbles said he is reviewing the liquor ordinance for some updates.

The Board agreed to pay Animal Control for skunk disposal at \$20 each.

Wuebbles presented the Board with a quote on 2 security cameras. The cameras will be directed down the street from Millside Inn. The cameras will tie into Millside's security system. Wuebbles said he would like to add cameras to Germantown Groceries system also. This is a way to get security cameras on our busy streets without the extensive cost of providing our own system. Attorney Aaron Epplin will draft a user agreement between the Village and Millside Inn. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the \$1565 purchase of the cameras. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report for January. Mullins said the 125K generator at the sewer plant is complete.

Mullins asked the Building and Equipment Committee to discuss purchasing a new backhoe. Our current backhoe is 16 years old and having a few issues. The Committee will report back to the Board.

Clerk Dawn Lakenburges introduced the Village's new website. Supt. Mullins installed the TV monitor in the meeting room and Lakenburges went through the new site. The new website will have all ordinances, permit forms, zoning information, etc.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to instruct Attorney Aaron Epplin to prepare an ordinance regarding the Illinois Cupcake Law. The law allows home bakeries within the Village. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, said the Committee will meet after the Water & Sewer Committee and Street & Sidewalk Committee meet to discuss their large projects.

Trustee Fred Lucas, Building & Equipment Chairman, said the maintenance department will install the new drop box in the clerk's office. The rest of the building project will be discussed later.

Trustee Ken Albers, Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, said the Committee will meet to discuss water/sewer line replacements this year.

Albers also reported the City of Breese raised water rates in accordance to our contract with them.

A discussion involving a Village resident's utility bill was next. This individual had, what appeared to be a water leak. After several discussions with the resident, Supt. Mullins replaced the water meter and the clerk gave him a leak credit on his bill. The next month, the usage was normal but the 3<sup>rd</sup> month (with the new meter), the account showed high usage again. The resident still claims there is no leak and has requested the Village pay the high bill claiming he, again, received a faulty meter. The Committee reviewed the customer history and profile of the account. After a discussion, Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to do nothing to the resident's account. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Clerk Lakenburges was instructed to send the resident a letter stating the Board's decision.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Street & Sidewalk Committee Chairman, asked the Board to review the request of Dan Kohnen earlier in the meeting. Clerk Lakenburges brought up the Ordinance pertaining to culverts on the screen for the Board to review. The Board reviewed the Ordinance and the prior owners within the business subdivision. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to deny Dan Kohnen's request for reimbursement of rock used on his culvert. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Clerk Lakenburges was instructed to send Kohnen a letter stating the Board's decision.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee reported he has several businesses contact him regarding TIF deals. The Committee will meet to discuss and report back to the Board.

Attorney Aaron Epplin reported he is still gathering information on the Cevin Dugan property. He will inform the Board when he has more information.

Epplin also had drafted ordinances pertaining to outdoor lawn furniture, outdoor lighting and firewood storage. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01, AN

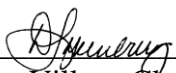
*ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-2-10 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS.* Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-02, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 25-2-11 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS.* Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to accept the contract from Krehbial & Associates, LLC for FY 18 general audit. Trustee Fred Lucas seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Fred Lucas made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Jerald Schroeder 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, 9:15 pm.

  
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Village Clerk