

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
February 21, 2023

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on February 21, 2023 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. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Officer Dawson Huelskamp, Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Keith Lampe, Freddie Baker, John & Amy Brueggemann, Eric Varel and Kevin Vaness

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, seconded by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Mr. Lampe asked if the Board had reviewed the rental owners requested changes to the rental inspection/occupancy permit ordinance. Trustee Michael Albers, Chairman of the Police & Health Committee went through the requested items one by one and gave the Committee's recommendations. Mr. Lampe had several questions and expressed his disagreement in some of the recommendations. Mr. Vaness also had several questions, adding he has no problem with the inspection process. A discussion and Q&A session followed. Attorney Aaron Epplin will draft the amendment to the current ordinance and have it prepared for next month's meeting.

President Ripperda asked the Board about the building on Mill Street acquired from Kehrer several years ago. The Historical Society has asked to use some of the space for storage of historical materials. The Board agreed. Attorney Aaron Epplin will draft an agreement and have for next month.

A discussion on the sewer plant road ensued. It appears through a recent survey, that the property line is not as we thought. Supt. Mullins found some old plans from a sewer project that showed the road. Clerk Lakenburges obtained some records from the County. It was determined that the Village should contact HMG to draw a plan that shows the easements and roadway.

The annual Car Cruise on Munster Street was approved for June 2nd.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles informed the Board of his plans to retire in August of this year. The Police & Health Committee will discuss hiring an additional officer.

Attorney Aaron Epplin said he start procedures to file lawsuit for a dangerous and unsafe building owned by Paul Fuehne.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report. He said the filtration plant construction has begun. Korte Luitjohn have been working on interior construction and the outside tank should be delivered tomorrow.

Mullins also reported a second sewer main blockage in a couple weeks on Brenda St. Again, flushable wipes and/or baby wipes seem to be the issue. He will have the city of Breese come with their sewer camera to find where the wipes are coming from. This was tabled.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning, TIF & Subdivision Committee, discussed the stages of developing TIF 3 and dissolving part of TIF 1. He presented the Board with a map showing the boundaries for TIF 3. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the district boundaries. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Jerry 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 at 7:55pm.


