

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**January 16, 2024**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Eplin were also present. Police Chief Dean Darnall and Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs were 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 Brad Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding the rental inspection program was had. Clerk Lakenburgs had a list of those who have not had the initial inspection as indicated in the Ordinance. The property owners have received several letters concerning deadlines and penalties. It was decided a stern letter will be sent and if there are still owners not complying the Village will seek legal proceedings.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report and gave an update on the Filtration Plant. Hopefully everything will be complete and running in the next couple of months.

Trustee Michael Albers, chairman of the Police & Health Committee, said Chief Darnall hired an additional part-time officer. A brief discussion followed on procedures to hire employees.

Trustee Ken Albers, chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said the committee will meet next week to discuss the proposed sewer relief for outside water usage. He will report back next month.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning, TIF & Subdivision committee said the committee met to discuss a couple TIF requests. Germantown Park District has asked for \$25,000 to be used for playground equipment at Schoendienst Park and Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating has requested assistance in a concrete parking lot project. Both were tabled for the time being.

Village Attorney Aaron Eplin presented the Board with a Resolution adopting the changes to the Village Employee Handbook to include the Paid Leave Act passed by the State of Illinois. The act requires employers to give all part-time employees one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-01, *A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:325 pm.



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