

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
January 21, 2026

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on January 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs and Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Jarod Lohman, Brad Schroeder, Landon Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder were present. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Supt. Robin Becker, Central High School student April Wilken and her mother Rose and Conxxus Fiber representative Wendy. Police Chief Dean Darnall 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 Brauer, seconded by Trustee Jerald Schroeder. Motion carried.

Wendy of Conxxus Fiber Internet Company was present to discuss the fiber optic lines being installed and the services his company will offer customers in Germantown. Conxxus is the service provider, not the construction crew. Bearing the permits are signed, the construction crew will be in Germantown Spring 2026. Supt. Mullins had several questions regarding the plans and why the permit was required before the Village has the chance to study the plans. Attorney Aaron Epplin had several questions regarding the permit itself. He was instructed to contact Conxxus permitting section to clarify. This was tabled until next month.

Robin Becker, Supt. Of Germantown Elementary, was present to inform the Village of the school's fundraising efforts for the new gym. She said about \$651,000 of the \$750,000 has been secured through the Raise the Roof fundraiser last fall and Final Push efforts done recently. Becker said donations continue to roll in. Timeline for the build is still tentatively summer 2026. President Ripperda confirmed the Village has plans for assistance but feel it's best to hold off for a few more months. Becker agreed and the topic was tabled for future discussion.

President Ripperda acknowledged a donation from Kohnen Concrete for Christmas light purchases.

A discussion followed on the Village's property north of town along Hanover Street. Richard Peters met with President Ripperda and would agree to lease the area for his crops. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to have Attorney Aaron Epplin draft a 1-yr lease. Trustee Jarod Lohman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. He said the property pins were located at the Debris Yard and marked for future reference.

Well #7 was drilled today and well #6 will be drilled tomorrow. Weather permitting and no issues found, the wells should be in operation by mid-March.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-01, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR WATER WELL 6 & 7 DEVELOPMENT*. Trustee Jarod Lohman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Brad Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


