

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**July 15, 2025**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on July 15, 2025 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 was also present. Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were absent. Guests included GIC members Joyce Lucas and Mary Kay Sutton, Solar on Earth representatives Leo Vecchiarello and his associate Ty.

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 Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

Solar on Earth was present to discuss solar supplying solar power to the Village. He explained it that the Village would secure "credits" from an existing solar farm within the Village's service district. The Village would receive credit on the power bill but have no solar panels installed. Mr. Vecchiarello explained how the program works. Village President said the Village would table this for a later discussion when Village Attorney Aaron Epplin was present. The Board thanked them for coming and they exited the meeting.

The GIC Committee met with the Street & Sidewalk Committee recently and discussed upcoming projects. The "Welcome" monument was discussed and trying to get a timetable worked in with the regular maintenance department projects may be difficult for this summer. Supt. Mullins said the light poles on Munster Street will be coming down next week. The project will be done in 3 phases as to not make the street completely dark. The Village committee and the GIC will discuss the globe replacements. The Village has set a budget of \$35,000 for the project. The Village said it may have to prioritize the projects (Welcome sign and Banner Proj) based on the costs and labor requirements.

President Duane Ripperda discussed the proposed subdivision of property requested by the Eversgerd Family Trust (Tom and Jan Eversgerd). The family would like to divide the property in two for sale of the Wedge building and retaining the timber property. After reviewing the plat, the Board had questions regarding the proposed 25' easement for utilities and roadway. The Village would like to secure the easement since it is currently used as a park road and the Village maintains the roadway. President Ripperda said he would contact Netemeyer Engineering and explaining the Village's request. This was tabled until Village Attorney Aaron Epplin could advise the Village.

President Ripperda had a conversation with Jeff "Cotton" Wuebbles regarding a recent burning incident. Wuebbles set afire several stumps causing many complaints. Police Chief Dean Darnall issued an illegal burning citation. Ripperda paused the fine with condition if Wuebbles does anything else in the next year, the citation will be reissued.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Other than the street pole project, the curbing project is moving slowly. RBK Excavating is doing the install and the weather has not been cooperating. Several issues have rose, delaying the progress.

Street oiling is set for late August/early September.

Clerk Lakenburgs will notify Attorney Aaron Epplin to move forward with the non-compliant rental owners not complying with the inspection process.

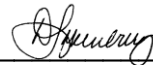
Trustee Jarod Lohman, chairman of Police & Health Committee, said the committee met with Mrs. Rhonda Breslin, municipal rep from Republic Services. Rhonda presented the committee with rates for the next 5 year contract. The new rates were approximately \$2/yr 1 then an approximate 4% increase yearly thereafter. A discussion followed regarding the rates and if they were negotiable. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to forego the bidding procedures regarding the contract renewal. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jarod Lohman will reach out to Republic Services and try to negotiate a lower rate. This was tabled until next month.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Finance & Insurance Committee, said he spoke with Rich Peters regarding the property the Village purchased from the Leon Alber Family Trust for the Welcome sign for Germantown. The property abuts Peters property and is more than the Village needs. After a brief discussion, President Ripperda will speak with Peters. Once a size is determined, the Village will have the plat drawn and move forward.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said he met with Kyle Lakenburg, KLCustom Carpentry, about revamping the exterior of the Village Hall. Schroeder said he really liked Kyle's ideas for revamping the front porch and eaves of the building. New soffit and gutters will be installed as well. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to forego the bidding procedures; Trustee Jarod Lohman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to proceed with the project. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers 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 Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



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