

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**July 16, 2019**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on July 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included: William Holtgrave, Bradley Marshall, Angie Voss, Colette & Terry Renshaw, Brian Kampwerth, Lynn Gebke, Kristin Gebke and Rick Sherman.

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, second by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Rick Sherman was invited to speak first. Sherman said the underground storm sewer behind his house again, has holes in it. He said he has been dealing with this issue for 19+ years and has to come every 4 years or so to complain. The storm pipe is leaking and creating holes. Village President Duane Ripperda agreed he's been dealing with this issue too long. The area needs to be dug out and fixed. Supt. Steve Mullins will put it on the schedule for this fall.

Village President Duane Ripperda then addressed the rest of the guests. He said, "On behalf of the Village we would like to thank you for your upstanding help in catching the suspects in the check cashing case at GTSB". He went on to say: "All eyes and ears help keep our Village safe". He then presented William Holtgrave, Bradley Marshall, Angie Voss, Colette & Terry Renshaw, Brian Kampwerth, Lynn Gebke, and Kristin Gebke commendation certificates along with a monetary appreciation from the Clinton County Crimestoppers.

A discussion was held regarding the property located at 605 Church Street, owned by Tom Eversgerd. The property is for sale and adjacent to the Village Hall property. The Building & Equipment Committee was given authority to negotiate an agreement and will report back next month.

Clerk Lakenburg said she met with HMG today to discuss utility rates and financials regarding the Water Line Replacement Project and the Sewer Line Replacement Project. The EPA has a program that if the Village qualifies, would receive 60% loan forgiveness. Currently the EPA has approved a \$1 million loan for the Water and a \$1.2 million loan for the Sewer Project. HMG is hoping to bid the project in January if there is funding left for the loan forgiveness. If not they will bid in June, hoping there is again loan forgiveness funding in the State's 2021 budget. It was suggested by HMG to raise rates moderately in 2019 and then again to comply with the loan repayment in 2020. They also suggested raising rates annually.

Police Chief Wuebbles gave his report next. He asked the Board about bringing one of the academy students to 30 hours per week. Clerk Lakenburg will report on costs and forward to the Police/Health Committee for review.

The Board reminded Officer Wuebbles to keep up on the trash and debris in resident's yards along with grass trimmed, weeds down and no grass blown on the streets.

Supt. Mullins gave his report for June. He said oiling is planned for August and the curbing project will start after Spassfest.

Clerk Lakenburges asked about purchasing the ACH program through LOCIS. This will make the monthly autodraft process much easier. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the purchase of the LOCIS module. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Lakenburges also had a sample of the banners purchased for the Village. The Village received a Spassfest grant for approximately 75% of the cost.

Trustee Ken Brauer, Zoning Subdivision & TIF Committee Chairman, reported the annual meeting of the Joint Review Board was held earlier this evening with Brenda Theising, representing the Library Board and Judy Hemker representing Kaskaskia College in attendance.

Attorney Aaron Eplin presented the Board with the ordinances approving the loans for the Water Line Replacement Project and the Sewer Line Replacement Projects.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-06, *AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM*. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-07, *AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-08, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-2-3 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE REVISED CODE ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Ordinance changes the meeting time of the Village Board meeting to 7PM.

A brief discussion was had regarding the new tobacco ages and the legalization of marijuana. Attorney Aaron Eplin will gather more information and bring it to the next meeting. This was tabled for a later date.

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

Trustee Ken Albers then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

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