

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

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on July 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Police Chief Dean Darnall and were also present. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin and Trustee Brad Schroeder were absent. Guests included: Gary Kohrman and Don Albers.

The minutes of the previous month's meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Michael Albers, seconded by Trustee Ken Albers. Motion carried.

Don Albers said he had some trees cut down on his property and his contractor took the tree to the Village Debris yard. The contractor also lives in Germantown. After a long discussion, it was decided the Board will revisit the Debris Yard ordinance to clear up any misconceptions and blurred descriptions.

The Sons of the Legion were given permission to close the street near the Legion on August 10th for the annual BBQ competition.

Police Chief Dean Darnall reported that the new body cameras are in. He and Officer Harrison will be training with them and should be in service soon. Darnall also reported on the Village security cameras. He is still working with a new company and should have more information soon.

Darnall commended Officer Harrison on a good stop earlier in the month. He apprehended a wanted felon on a chase that ended with tazing the suspect.

Darnall was reminded to be on watch for unsightly yards and properties. He will start contacting residents in violation.

Village President Duane Ripperda asked about the sidewalk/curbing project for the summer. Supt. Mullins said he has been playing phone tag with JPK Excavating but should know more next month.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburges said the lighted community sign is out again. Supt. Mullins tried to repair it with no luck. Parts are no longer available. Clerk Lakenburges will get a quote for a replacement sign.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said the new crosswalk signs are up. One of the signs had a faulty part so the Maintenance Dept is waiting to get the replacement part. Both signs should be working by next week.

Oiling dates are set for the end of August.

A residential complaint of loud music after hours was reported on Millside again. Police Chief Dean Darnall will speak with the owner. The Board agreed that this is his 2nd warning in a short amount of time. If the Village receives more complaints, fines will be issued.

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

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


