

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
July 18, 2017**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on July 18, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, and Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Fred Lucas, Jerald Schroeder and Roger Rickhoff. Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Village Attorney Aaron Eplin were also present. Trustee Mike Albers was absent. Guests included: Marian Wuebbles.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to dispense with the reading of last of last month's minutes. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marian Wuebbles was present to discuss her neighbor, Jeff "Cotton" Wuebbles. She said that it appears he has installed an electric fence and then asked about the junk leaning on the fence and where the Village was on the foundation under the shed. She also asked about Village ordinances for fences in front yards. Currently the Village does not prohibit front yard fences. Jeff "Cotton" Wuebbles has a permit to put the foundation under the shed and his permit runs out in a couple weeks. Chief Wuebbles will check on the possible electric fence and the items along the fence. He will also talk to Cotton regarding finishing the foundation. Ms. Wuebbles left the meeting at 8:10pm.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report for the month. He said he had 28 kids at the workday at the cemetery. Kohnen Air Conditioning and Heating supplied lunch for the group. Kohnen Concrete is going to assist Chief Wuebbles in getting some of the broken headstones repaired.

The Board recognized Officer Dale Beckmann on his retirement as of July 31, 2017. Officer Beckmann will be invited to attend the next meeting so the Board can thank and acknowledge his service to the community.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-05, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-2-1 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS* (Unsightly Yard/Accumulation of Trash, Junk and Debris on Trailer). Trustee Fred Lucas seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Since last meeting the maintenance department completed the following: Huelsmann subdivision work: Sewer and water main installations, road build, etc., aerator work @ STP, Sycamore St widening work; asphalt cutting, hydrant relocate, move water service, oiling with townships, road work prep, repair storm inlets, generator work at WP and STP, water Plant maintenance, chem pump repairs, street sweeping, sweeping for township, ROW spraying, equipment repairs.

Mullins reported that he is still waiting on the IDOT permit for Drive In Road. Village President Duane Ripperda said he will lean on our local representatives to make sure there are no unwarranted delays in the permit process.

Trustee Fred Lucas, Building & Equipment Committee Chairman, said he and Matt Korte looked at some used dump trucks in St. Louis and came up with nothing solid. Korte had 2 military trucks he found in North Carolina with low mileage. A discussion followed on a new truck vs. a used truck. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to forego the bidding procedures. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to give the Building & Equipment Committee authority to purchase a truck and items needed up to \$55,000. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board acknowledged Kohlen Concrete Products for their donation in building a concrete pad for the generator at the sewer plant. The Board also acknowledged Joe Kehrer for donating the smokestack property to the Village for historical purposes.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, informed the Board that the curbing along Sycamore Street will be done after the Spassfest. There just isn't enough time to have it done and backfilled in time.

Josh Haar has also asked for curbing in front of his property. The Village policy is if there is no curbing project scheduled for that area the homeowner must pay for the curbing. At the time the Village completes that area, the homeowner will be reimbursed. Two utility poles and a telephone pedestal will have to be moved prior to the project start. More information will follow.

Zoning, TIF and Subdivision Committee Chairman, Trustee Ken Brauer, said the Committee met prior to this meeting to discuss a TIF application from Marvin Gebke regarding his addition to Millside Inn. Gebke asked for 50% TIF grant. The Committee is suggesting 15% up to \$7500 max or \$5000 total, whichever is more. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to proceed with the TIF deal. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion followed on Municode proposal. The Board would like a more detailed bid on what the actual cost will be and the annual fees associated with it. Clerk Lakenburges will also research new website builder so maybe a more detailed website is what the Village needs. This was tabled.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned, 9:20 pm.



Dawn Lakenburges, Village Clerk