

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**July 21, 2020**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Officer Dawson Huelskamp were also present. Trustee Michael Albers and Supt. Steve Mullins were present via ZOOM. Guests included: Dan Clark

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

Danny Clark was present to ask the Village plans for the property at 407 Leo St. The Village purchased the property, demolished the buildings and it sits as a vacant lot. After a brief discussion, the mayor said the Village plans to hold onto the property, with no plans to sell.

A short conversation was held regarding this year's Spassfest. President Ripperda received a phone call asking permission for a parade. The Spassfest press release had said no parade so the mayor wanted full board approval before giving permission for a parade. No one from the Spassfest was present so no decision made.

The Legion asked the Village's opinion on opening for weddings. President Ripperda iterated that the Village is abiding by the executive order of the State.

A discussion was held on the request of Jim & Kathy Heimann for sanitary sewer to their home. In 2006, Midway Acres Subdivision tapped on to the Village's sewer system with each property owner paying a portion of the project. The Heimann's were not part of that agreement. The Water & Sewer Committee will meet to discuss this.

Clerk Lakenburgs said she received a phone call from Jean Brauer explaining her son, Jacob, wanted to incorporate a piece of property into the Village. This will be a one-lot subdivision so once more information is received the Subdivision Committee will meet to discuss.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report next. Wuebbles said the car theft from Jansen Chevrolet has been turned over to the FBI.

A garage burglary in town has been solved. It involved 2 juveniles and a young adult.

Wuebbles also said Koetting Insurance Agency is installing cameras at their business. The Village may want to install a license plate reader.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report to the Board. Oiling dates have changed to August 21, 25 and 27.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder thanked the Maintenance Department for helping at the park.

After a discussion, Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to allow excess vacation time over that is over the Village allowed limit (as described in the Employee Handbook) be moved to the employee sick time for retirement purposes. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Committee, discussed the upcoming water and sewer project. Clerk Lakenburgs explained the bids were let on 7/24/20 with notice in the Belleville News Democrat. Bid opening is set for Sept. 10, 2020 at 2pm with a project award set for the September 15, 2020 meeting of the Village Board. Work to begin 30-45 days after.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, Chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said he reviewed and demonstrated the Ditch Witch Vacuum Excavator. Committee has met to discuss and would like to recommend to the Board to purchase the equipment. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to forego the bidding procedures. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to purchase a Ditch Witch Model HX30G Vacuum Excavator from Ditch Witch Sales, Inc. for \$42,800.00. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Street & Sidewalk Committee Chairman, Trustee Roger Rickhoff, said the committee met to discuss Old Towne Subdivision, owned by Allan Huelsmann. There is a lot of debris and weeds that need to be addressed. President Ripperda asked Officer Huelskamp to contact Huelsmann.

Trustee Ken Brauer, Zoning, TIF & Subdivision Committee Chairman, said the Committee will meet to discuss the transfer of Robke Auto Body TIF deal to the new owners, Jansen Collision Center.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-08, *AN ORDINANCE REVOKING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-05, WHICH CREATED CURFEW CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS DUE TO A CIVIL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, IN THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and roll call vote showing the following trustees voting "Aye": Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin said he is working on the mobile home ordinance and some other things Chief Wuebbles has talked to him about. He will report back to the Board when he has more information.

Epplin also present the Board with a draft agreement between the Village and Carlyle Southwest Water District regarding an antenna on the Village water tower. The Water and Sewer Committee will meet to discuss.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.

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