

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
July 21, 2026

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on July 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs and Trustees: Ken Brauer, Brad Schroeder, Jerald Schroeder and Jeremy Thole were present. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Trustees Michael Albers and Ken Albers were absent. Guests included Lisa Boeckmann from the GIC.

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

Village President Duane Ripperda administered the Oath of Office to Jeremy Thole. Thole is replacing Jarod Lohman as Village Trustee. Thole's term will run until the next consolidated election in April 2027. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Lisa Boeckmann was present to discuss some of the projects of the GIC. The Community Sign was discussed. Lager will have it ready for delivery by mid/end August. Village hopes to have it set in place by early fall.

Boeckmann asked the Village's priority on the banner project and the street sign replacement project. The committee has a street sign design and the Village Board approved. The Committee will concentrate on the Street Sign Replacement project and return with more information.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he was in contact with the attorney for the owner of the Red Deuce property. There is a mitigation meeting in September and they are still hoping to have it sold by the end of the year.

A discussion of the weeds at the Red Deuce property and the apartment building were also discussed. Police Chief Dean Darnall will address that issue with the owners.

Supt. Steve Mullins has oiling dates set for Sept. 1, 10 and a rain date of Sept. 11. Village President Duane Ripperda asked about a curbing project for this year. Jeremy Thole, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee will meet and discuss. Mullins said they are concentrating on a storm sewer project on Westfall and Church, starting road work and the Hwy 161 intersection project.

Police Chief Dean Darnall said Wyatt Laswell is over half way through the police academy. He's doing well.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building and Equipment Committee, said he has been in contact with Supt. Mullins discussing a new sewer camera and spreader box for the new dump truck. After a brief discussion, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to spend up to \$12,500 for a new sewer camera. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to spend up to \$12,500 for a new spreader for the dump truck. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and both motions carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer, TIF, Zoning and Subdivision chairman, said the committee will meet to discuss the zoning code updates and report back.

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

Trustee Jeremy Thole then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


