

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
June 20, 2023

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Eplin were also present. Guests included Kyle Banker, new police officer and residents Rick Sherman, Blake Klenke, Jan Schwierjohn and Ginger Hemann. Trustee Brad Schroeder was absent.

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 Albers seconded by Trustee Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

Resident Rick Sherman asked about the holes in the storm sewer behind his house. He was assured it was on the maintenance department's list of things to do this summer.

Blake Klenke was present to introduce himself and to the Board members he has not met and to accept the position as Zoning Administrator for the Village of Germantown. Klenke will be overseeing all zoning permits and the rental property inspections. Mr. Klenke's salary will be \$30/rental inspection and \$800 per quarter. Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to accept Klenke's position. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Duane Ripperda reported that he met with Tom Eversgerd about purchasing 10 acres of land adjacent to the Village Debris Yard. They settled on \$45,000. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to purchase the property. Trustee Jerry Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Attorney Aaron Eplin will draft the necessary documents.

A brief discussion on the golf cart/UTV path and vehicles using the path. Signs will be ordered and the path area marked that it is not a through road.

Permission was given to the Sons of the Legion to close West St. on August 12th for their BBQ contest.

Clerk Lakenburgs presented the Board with an amended agreement between the Village of Germantown and other Clinton County communities regarding the Clinton County Enterprise Zone. After a brief discussion, Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt the amendment as presented. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-05, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GERMANTOWN ORDINANCE 201-20 TO ADD TERRITORY TO THE CLINTON COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE*. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to wave the bidding procedures with Trustee Ken Brauer seconding the motion. Motion carried. Roll call showed the following Trustees voting "Aye":

Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder. Trustee Brad Schroeder was absent. Trustee Michael Albers then made a motion to purchase a new police vehicle for \$42,012.00. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve expenditures up to \$15,000 for the necessary lighting, cage, etc for the police vehicle. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Police Committee Chairman, Trustee Michael Albers, said they will be advertising for a Police Chief. The gentleman hired previously has decided not to take the job. This was tabled.

Trustee Ken Albers, chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said Supt. Mullins contacted him regarding the sewer grinder at the sewer plant. Repairs to cost \$14,025 plus shipping. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to purchase the lower unit of the sewer grinder with Trustee Ken Brauer seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said curbing in town is set for July.

Zoning, TIF & Subdivision Committee Chairman Ken Brauer said the committee met to discuss a TIF application from Cornerstone Bar. It was decided to give a TIF grant up to \$13,000 for eligible TIF expenditures on the remodel project of the business. This was tabled until a formal agreement is signed by both parties.

The salary of the new Zoning Administrator was discussed. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to set the salary at \$3200 year in addition to \$30/each for each rental inspection. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A brief discussion on adding a catering liquor license to the Village liquor code was had. This was tabled for now.

The Police Committee will review an intergovernmental agreement between the Village and the Park District.

Attorney Aaron Epplin will reach out to the owners of the Red Deuce property.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Michael Albers 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 at 7:45 pm.

