

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**March 17, 2026**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on March 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs and Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Jarod Lohman, Brad Schroeder, Landon Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder were present. Police Chief Dean Darnall, Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Joe Santel, GIC President.

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 Brauer, seconded by Trustee Jerald Schroeder. Motion carried.

Joe Santel was present to present a quote for Christmas lights. The Spassfest awarded the Village \$4000 toward the project as well as a donation by Kohnen Concrete of \$4000 and the quote was nearly \$8000. Santel also explained a total of 5 planters would like to be purchased to be placed in town. Discussion followed on watering and care of the plants. The cost to be approximately \$1350. The GIC Committee recently raised \$2500 to use toward this project. The projects were tabled for next month.

Village President Gerald Kohnen asked the GIC to come up with a proposal to change all the signs in town to black posts and hardware.

Village President Duane Ripperda said a committee approached him regarding a new bathroom at Veterans Memorial Park. They are asking the Village to donate the sewer installation. Questions and discussion on if the project is even possible. Supt. Steve Mullins will review the plans and meet with the committee for more information.

Supt. Steve Mullins said the electric service at the new Well 6 & 7 has started. It will take another 6-7 weeks for all the formal testing, etc before the wells will be online.

The Clinton County Car Cruise was given permission to close Munster St for their annual car show on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder said the Board had a draft copy of the Revised 2026 budget and the FY 2027 budget. The board will adopt at the April meeting.

Trustee Landon Schroeder presented his resignation to the Board. Landon and his family recently built a house outside the corporate limits of Germantown. The Board thanked him for his service to the community.

Landon suggested to the Board to consider adopting a Health & Safety Occupancy Inspection program in the near future. Village President said it would be looked into and thanked Schroeder.

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

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

  
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