

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
March 18, 2025

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on March 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Police Chief Dean Darnall, Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included: Rhonda Breslin from Republic Services, Jan Wilburn and Joyce Lucas from the Germantown Improvement Club and Ashley Winter, Village resident.

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

Rhonda Breslin, municipal rep for Republic Services, was present to discuss current and future services offered by Republic Services. The current contract with the Village expires the end of October 2025. Breslin expresses interest in negotiating a new contract with the Village but the Village has yet to decide on bidding the service or negotiating a new contract. Village President Duane Ripperda thanked Breslin for coming.

Joyce Lucas and Jan Wilburn representing the Germantown Improvement Club (GIC) was present to discuss past projects and future projects of the GIC. They said they are hoping to continue this year with the Christmas light revamp and possibly purchasing new fixtures for those that need replacing. The board commended the committee on the work they did this past Christmas. Lucas asked about the street light project. Trustee Roger Rickhoff said, in his absence due to illness, Trustee Brad Schroeder contacted Luke Johnson and Jansen Collision Center. He got an approximate cost to sandblast and repaint the poles. There will be an additional cost to refurbish or replace the globes on the lights. This was tabled for more information on the globes.

Lucas said the committee is also working on plans for the Welcome sign on the north side of town. They will forward the information when they have a better plan.

Lastly, the committee asked if the Village discussed hiring a summer worker to edge and weed-eat the main sidewalks in town this summer. This was sent to committee for review.

Village President Duane Ripperda asked Supt. Steve Mullins about curbing. Mullins said, weather permitting, the crew should be in town early April.

Ripperda said he attending a Zoning Board of Review meeting at the Clinton County in regards to a new 911 radio tower on the township property. It was a packed house and in the end the County approved the permit.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Mullins said the lift station replacement at Pleasant Acres was complete with a project total of \$99,350.00.

Mullins said he and the maintenance department have been videoing sewer lines for the next capital improvement project of replacing aging water and sewer lines in the older part of town. This is in the preliminary stage and this is just prep work for the future.

Mullins said Well 6 & 7 is moving forward for summer 2025.

A motion to approve closing Munster St for the 2025 Car Cruise was made by trustee Ken Brauer and seconded by Trustee Brad Schroeder. Motion carried. Car Cruise is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025.

Clerk Lakenbures presented the Board with the 2025 MFT Resolution in the amount of \$109,097.60. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-01, *RESLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE*, Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Clerk Lakenbures brought up the liability insurance for the GIC. She reached out to the Village insurance regarding questions on if the Village can cover them or their events. She received information and Attorney Aaron Epplin will research and advise the Finance and Insurance Committee for next month.

The Finance committee will meet before next month to review the budget and present the budget at next month's meeting for passage.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, speaking for the American Legion, said the Legion is applying for a TIF grant to help pay for the parking lot oiling. This was tabled to the TIF Committee.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to purchase a hot patch box from the Clinton County Highway Dept. for \$300.00. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee said an application for a TIF grant was received from Kohnen Air Conditioning & Heating. They are planning to build a parking lot. The Committee recommends the standard 10% reimbursement. Brauer will talk with KACH and have the Ordinance drafted for Board approval.

Attorney Aaron Epplin had an ordinance updating the Zoning code regarding wind energy limitations. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-02, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-5-13B OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Jerald 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 8:05 pm.


