

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**March 19, 2024**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included students Matt Mark, Jayden Schwartz, Julianna Harris, Samantha Argo. Matt and Maegan Korte, Justin VonderHaar of HMG. Trustee Michael Albers and Police Chief Dean Darnall were 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 Brad Schroeder, seconded by Trustee Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

President Ripperda presented employee Matt Korte with a plaque for his 18 years of service to the Village. Matt will be leaving to pursue a career with Poettker Construction. The Board wished his well in his new endeavor.

Justin VonderHaar of HMG was present to discuss the filtration system. The system went live on February 8, 2024 with a few minor items to still work out. The system must be in compliance with EPA standards as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to approve a pay request from Korte Luitjohn in the amount of \$11,449.75. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. VonderHaar explained that this leaves the retainage at \$41,034.90. The project took longer than expected but should be wrapped up in the next few weeks. Clerk Lakenburges said she will be contacting the bank to cancel the loan. The project was able to be paid by TIF and water funds of the Village.

Car Cruise down Munster St is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Supt. Steve Mullins said he has been interviewing individuals to replace Matt Korte. He had two contenders and would like to make one an offer. The Board decided this needs to be done in executive session.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Finance Committee, said the committee met to discuss the proposed budget for FY 25 and changes to the FY 24 budget. All trustees and the Village President were given copies to review before next month's passing of both.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said the lighted crosswalk signs are in and ready for installation.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-02 Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT Program) in the amount of \$84,175.00 for calendar year 2024. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A brief discussion was held on the Sewer Deduct Resolution. Residents can purchase an outside meter to measure outside water that is used for filling pools, watering grass, etc. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 38-4-18 OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 38 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF*

GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel (Section 2(c)1 of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting entered into executive session at 7:30pm

At 7:45 pm, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to re-enter the regular board meeting. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to offer Jake Endres the maintenance position at \$30/hr. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to give all Village employees a \$2/hr raise. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

  
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