

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
May 18, 2021

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included Mary Theising and Justin VonderHaar of HMG.

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 Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Mary Theising was present to discuss a possible streetlight on the dead end of Maple St. Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said he and Supt. Steve Mullins looked at the area and agree a street light is probably needed. Rickhoff said the pole will be closer than what the ordinance suggests so he wanted the Board to discuss. The area was incorporated into the Village several years ago so it probably should have been addressed then. The Board agreed and with that, Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to erect a street light at the end of Maple St, near the RR right-of-way. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin VonderHaar of HMG was present to discuss the project. Korte Luitjohan is finished with all the services on the south side of the RR tracks and will finish up with the north side. Following up from last month regarding the line under the RR tracks, it was decided to install a new line and the permitting procedure has begun. He will continue to update the Board as more information is available.

VonderHaar present a change order from Korte-Luitjohan in the amount of \$22,915.19. Trustee made a motion to approve the change order. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Korte-Luitjohan also had a request for Pay #4 in the amount of \$131,822.22. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the pay request with Trustee Ken Brauer seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Supt. Mullins said once the project is finished, his department will be working on road repair. He is hoping to have the roads repaired and oiled by the end of summer.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he and a couple board members met with representatives from Rose Acre Farms regarding flies. Ripperda said he learned a lot and the meeting was very productive. He said the line of communication is open and they are very responsive to hearing complaints and suggestions and working their plan around that.

He also said the Village has contracted with a local pest control company to spray the Debris Yard and sewer plant. The Village will continue with the plan until it is felt it is no longer needed.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his report next. He said he will continue with the clean-up efforts around town.

Attorney Aaron Epplin said he has been working with Jeff on clearing up a few ordinances (wording and fine limits). Epplin had prepared an ordinance changing the wording in the yard debris ordinance. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-2-1 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs had the final loan documents on the EPA sewer loan. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve the loan documents. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers said the Police Tahoe was in the shop again. He feels the vehicle is costing the Village too much and may have to think about replacing it in the next few years.

Chief Wuebbles and Attorney Aaron Epplin will be working on updating the police manual with the new laws. Attorney Epplin will meet with the Police Committee and Chief to discuss policy changes.

Village President Duane Ripperda asked about changing the current culvert ordinance. Attorney Epplin will look into it and report back to the Board.

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 8:00 pm sine die.



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The regular monthly Board meeting of the new Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on May 18, 2021. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included Justin VonderHaar of HMG.

Village President Duane Ripperda appointed Dawn Lakenburgs to the position of Village Clerk. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to accept the appointment with Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Ripperda also appointed Jeff Wuebbles as Police Chief. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to accept the appointment with Trustee Ken Brauer seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Ripperda also appointed Aaron Epplin as Village Attorney. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to accept the appointment with Trustee Michael Albers seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Lakenburgs then swore in the newly elected Village President Duane Ripperda and Village Trustees Mike Albers, Roger Rickhoff and Ken Albers.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder asked about possibly holding controlled burns at the Debris Yard on calm days. After a discussion, the Board decided to give it a try. The maintenance department will pull some of the dry debris and burn when possible. It will be reevaluating later this summer.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm sine die.


