

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
May 19, 2020

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held via virtual ZOOM on May 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present.

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, second by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Pleasant Acres Ditch behind Rick Sherman's house. Sherman called the mayor, rather upset, about the condition of the ditch. President Ripperda and Steve Mullins walked the area and noted areas that need repair. The Maintenance Department will work on patching the leaking areas. President Ripperda said Sherman suggested the Village replace the ditch. Ripperda said the Village will not be replacing the culvert, just repairing as needed.

Next, a discussion on the sidewalk extension project from Birch to Ash Lane was discussed. Previously the Board discussed going half way for now. A motion was made by Trustee Jerald Schroeder to do the whole block. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all Trustees voting "Aye".

High weeds and grass was discussed. A homeowner is refusing to cut the grass/weeds on the right-of-way property at his property. It was said that many properties within the village encroach on the right-of-ways and people are expected to cut the grass. This property owner owns two lots next to each other and he cuts one but not the other. A letter will be sent to the property owner asking why this is and let him know if the Village sprays the weeds, it will continue for the whole block and not just this small patch.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder said the Committee met via ZOOM last month and discussed giving the Video Gaming establishments one month of Village revenue back to them during this Pandemic. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to give each establishment \$600 reimbursement. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all Trustees voting "Aye".

A letter will be sent to the Red Deuce owner asking their intentions with the dilapidated building.

Trustee Michael Albers said the Police & Health Committee will meet soon to discuss the trash contract.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, said the Committee is recommending a 10% salary increase over 4 years to the full-time employees (4%, 2%, 2%, 2%). Employees Matt Korte will receive a \$2/hr raise and Chris Winter a \$1/hr raise. No part-time employees receive the raise for this year. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion with roll call vote showing all Trustees voting "Aye".

Brad Schroeder, Building & Equipment Committee Chairman, said they are trying to find a used power rake for the maintenance department. He will report back at a later date.

Also tabled was discussion on a flashing sign at Hanover & Henry Streets for pedestrians.

Trustee Ken Brauer, TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee Chairman, said the committee met to discuss the request from Germantown Park District on funding a new lawn mower for the park. The committee decided to give the park 50% of the project. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02, *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR TAXING DISTRICT CAPITAL COSTS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following Trustees voting “Aye”: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder.

A discussion was held on offering the current Real Estate Tax TIF Deals an early (loan type) payment on their 2020 TIF payments. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to offer the deal to the current Real Estate Tax TIF Deals. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed all Trustees voting “Aye”. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on firework displays and permits. After a lengthy discussion the topic was tabled for more information.

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

Trustee Michael Albers then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

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