

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
May 19, 2026

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on May 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburg and Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Jarod Lohman, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder were present. Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Trustee Ken Albers and Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins were absent. Guests included Joe Langhauser of ABACUS and Richard Peters.

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.

Trustee Michael Albers, appointed and approved at the April meeting, recited his oath of office and signed the oath

Joe Langhauser, ABABUS, was present with a subdivision plat. The Dave & Sue Wuebbles family applied for a Special Use from the Clinton County Zoning for a family split of property south west of Germantown. Because the subdivision is within 1 ½ miles of Germantown, the Village Board must review. After a brief discussion, Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the subdivision and sign the presented plat. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ripperda said Richard Peters was here to talk to him about purchasing the property along Hanover Street adjacent to his family's property. The Village would retain enough property for the Welcome sign as proposed. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to offer Peters the property for \$10,000. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and roll call vote showed the following Trustees voting "aye": M. Albers, Brauer, Lohman, B. Schroeder, and J. Schroeder. The motion carried.

Richard Peters was present to accept the Village's offer of \$10,000 for the parcel of property north of town adjacent to his family property. Attorney Aaron Epplin will draft the necessary paperwork. Peters asked if the lease fee of \$275 could be deducted from the sale price and the board agreed.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he would like to give the full-time employees a vacation day for their hard work during the recent tornado cleanup. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A brief discussion involving a very large piece of metal stuck in the tree owned by Norfolk Southern Railway was had. Several phone calls have resulted in no progress. Village President Duane Ripperda said he would make a few phone calls and try to get some progress.

Police Chief Dean Darnall said Wyatt Laswell has started the full-time Police Academy. An agreement will be drafted for Mr. Laswell to guarantee the Village 2 yrs of employment after he graduates.

Street signs in town are in need of replacing and it was suggested to give the GIC the opportunity to work on it.

Trustee Ken Brauer, Zoning, TIF & Subdivision Committee, said he received some notes regarding updating the zoning code. The Committee will review and send to Attorney Aaron Epplin for ordinance updates.

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

Trustee Michael Albers then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.


