

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
May 20, 2025

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on May 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs and Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder, and Brad Schroeder. Police Chief Dean Darnall, Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Jarod Lohman and Landon Schroeder, newly elected Village Trustees along with GIC member, Mary Kay Sutton.

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, seconded by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

MaryKay was present representing the Germantown Improvement Committee (GIC). She said the Committee is working on the "Welcome" sign. They will present to the Board when they have some design options. MaryKay asked permission to choose the design for the lightpole lights along Munster Street. She also asked the timeline for the project. The Board left the scheduling of the sandblasting, painting, etc to Supt. Steve Mullins. Mullins said the project will likely go in 3 phases since he doesn't want to remove all the lighting along Munster St. This was tabled until Steve can get a schedule lined up.

Village President Duane Ripperda, on behalf of the Sons Of The Legion, asked permission to use the concrete forms for a project at the Park. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A discussion was held on kids on motorized scooters and bikes. Too many kids are not obeying traffic signs and residents are worried of accidents. After a discussion, the Police Department was told to monitor the kids on scooters and if things get out of control, citations will be issued.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. An aging sewer aerator needs replacement at a cost of \$18,000.

Curbing is weather scheduled. Once the weather breaks, the curbing company will be in Germantown. Oiling is scheduled for August. Sidewalk project by Bryan Allen starts tomorrow. The Maintenance Department will also be doing small sidewalk repairs around town.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said there are several people interested in the old dump truck once the Village receives the ordered truck. It was decided to put the truck on sealed bids when the time comes.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff handed over all the information on the globes for the Munster St. light pole project. Roger had received several prices on different type of globes.

Trustee Ken Brauer said the Committee reviewed Aviston's noise ordinance. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the ordinance. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-04, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-2-38 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 27 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Attorney Epplin said since the Board agreed to settle the Payton lawsuit last month, he will move forward with the paperwork. In April, the Board approved a \$5,000 settlement to close the case.

Attorney Epplin also prepared an ordinance for water leak allowances as the Board directed. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-05, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 38-4-5 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 38 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Michael Albers thanked the Board for working with him over these past years. He said he enjoyed his time as Village Trustee. Roger Rickhoff expressed the same. Village President Duane Ripperda thanked both for their time and service to the residents of Germantown.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff then made a motion to adjourn the current meeting. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:30pm.

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Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Oath of Office to Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Trustees Ken Brauer, Jarod Lohman and Landon Schroeder.

Village President Duane Ripperda then appointed L.Dean Darnall as Police Chief. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Village President Duane Ripperda then appointed Dawn Lakenburgs to

Village Clerk/Treasurer. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Ripperda then appointed Aaron Epplin as Village Attorney. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Ripperda appointed committees for the upcoming term as follows:

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT

B.Schroeder, J.Schroeder, Lohman

INSURANCE & FINANCE

J.Schroeder, Brauer, L.Schroeder

POLICE & HEALTH

Lohman, Brauer, Albers

STREET & SIDEWALK

L.Schroeder, B.Schroeder, Albers

WATER & SEWER

Albers, Lohman, J.Schroeder

ZONING & TIF

Brauer, B.Schroeder, L.Schroeder

Attorney Aaron Epplin reminded the newly elected board members they will need to do the online certification for the Freedom of Information Act, Sexual Harrassment and Open Meeting Act.

Epplin said he will be moving forward with the noncomplying owner on rental inspections.

The Village trash contract is up in November and last month the Board approved working out a new contract with Republic Services and not letting it out for bids. Trustee Jarod Lohman will meet with the committee to review and work with Republic Services.

Working out the details of the Germantown Improvement Committee (GIC) will be done by Trustee Landon Schroeder and Police & Health Committee. He will report back next month.

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the current meeting. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.


