

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**May 21, 2024**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on May 21-, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included 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 Ken Brauer, seconded by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Justin Vonderhaar of HMG presented the Board with the final pay request from Korte Luitjohn for the Water Filtration Project in the amount of \$41,034.90. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to pay the final request. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Just said there was a change order for a valve and the Village will owe AOP approximately \$2,250 and they will bill the Village directly. Justin also said Steve seems to be adjusting well to the new procedures and requirements of the water plant.

Village President Duane Ripperda appointed Ann Schroeder and Kyle Toennies to another 5yr term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion approving the appointment and Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Darnall gave his report. He reported that Chase Harrison was back on the job. Chief will also have more information on the Tasers and Body Cams in the next few months.

The Board voiced concerns of kids on motorized scooters and bikes. The Police Department will keep an eye out.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. He said Jake Endres started water operator classes and if all goes well, should graduate late December.

Oiling is set for August this year.

Village President Duane Ripperda reminded the Police & Maint Department that the annual car show was to be held on Munster Street June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Previously the TIF Committee approved giving the Park District the remaining \$25,000 for new playground equipment at Schoendienst Park. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-04, *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS TO GERMANTOWN PARK DISTRICT*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers, Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, reported that Supt. Mullins is moving forward with the replacement of the lift station in Pleasant Acres Subdivision. Estimated cost is \$90,000 and is currently in the FY 25 Budget.

Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with an Ordinance to vacate part of Westfall Street. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-04, *AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN PART OF WESTFALL STREET LOCATED WITH THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Epplin also spoke briefly on the mesothelioma case. He said documents will be submitted to the court asking for the Village's case to be dismissed. He will have more information next month.

Epplin also sent the violation letter to Paul Fuehne regarding his rental property on Clinton St.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



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