

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
November 16, 2021**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder. Ken Albers and Brad Schroeder were absent. Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Eplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included Central students observing: Savannah Hemker, Alex Jansen and Michael Valaskes.

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.

Village President Duane Ripperda appointed current Zoning Board of Appeals Trustees to another 5-year term. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve of the appointment of Gary Eversgerd and Dan Kohnen to a 5-year term as Zoning Board of Appeals Trustee. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Ripperda said Marvin Gebke recently purchased a small building on the "Y" near Hwy 161 and Sycamore St. He would like to turn it into a coffee and ice cream shop that includes gambling machines. Gebke asked permission to apply for a liquor license and the Board was ok with it.

Attorney Aaron Eplin presented the Board with an Ordinance changing penalties and fines or ordinances that aren't already defined. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06, *AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IN CERTAIN PENALTY AND VIOLATION SECTIONS OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Eplin had been asked to look into an ordinance pertaining to young children playing in the street. He couldn't find anything that would help in this situation.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next.

Trustee Michael Albers thanked the maintenance dept. for the work on the UTV path.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the water project loan terms from the EPA Loan L175664. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the sewer project loan terms from the EPA Loan L175663. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, reported the committee met to discuss several items.

1. General Insurance of the Village. The premium did not change from last year. The committee recommends paying the premium early to take advantage of the discount.
2. Archery Range – the committee reviewed the letter from the insurance company and is recommending not creating an archery range at this time.
3. Health Insurance for the employees. The rates have increased 11% as has the deductible. The Committee recommends keeping the employee policy the same and signing the renewal.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to approve the Committee's recommendations. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Street & Sidewalk Committee chairman, said he asked Rodney Beckmann to come give some estimates on curbing this year yet. He will report back when he has more information.

Trustee Michael Albers asked the Committee to review the possibility of curbing Sycamore Street and having the utilities (electric/cable/etc) buried underground. Clerk Lakenburges said this may be a good TIF project for 2023, once the water filtration system is finished. The Committee tabled the discussion for a later date.

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

Trustee Roger Rickhoff then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.


