

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
November 18, 2025

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on November 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburges and Trustees: Ken Albers, Jarod Lohman, Landon Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder were present. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included Craig Schroeder, Central High School student, Rich & Sandy Peters, Joe Langhauser (ABACUS) and Tom Johnson and John & Rachel Masterson. Trustee Ken Brauer and Brad Schroeder were absent.

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 Jarod Lohman. Motion carried.

John & Rachel Masterson introduced themselves as the owners of a bar in Millersburg, the 143 Hideout, They explained they are working out a deal to buy the old Alibi (Cornerstone) property and open it back up as a bar/restaurant. They are asking if they will be granted a liquor license. Village President Duane Ripperda said the Village welcomes a new business and unless something doesn't check out, the Village will issue the liquor license. They are hoping to have more information after the 1st of year. The Board thanked them for coming.

Rich Peters was present to discuss the possibility of farming or purchasing property from the Village. A discussion followed and Mr. Peters offered the Village \$9500 for the section he is wanting. President Ripperda said the Village board needs to discuss this further and he would like the topic tabled until the full board would be present.

Joe Langhauser, owner of ABACUS, was present to discuss a subdivision plat for Hill & Hollow Subdivision 1 ½ miles from Germantown, Because the Village has a Comprehensive Plan, the County wants the Village to discuss and vote on approval. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the plat as presented. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Feldman's Special Use Permit that was tabled last month was presented for a vote. Trustee Jarod Lohman made a motion to deny the special use. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried with the following Trustees voting "Nay" Jarod Lohman, Landon Schroeder, Ken Albers. Voting "Aye" was Trustee Jerald Schroeder. Trustees Ken Brauer and Brad Schroeder were absent. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dean Darnall reported that Officer Chase Harrison put in his resignation as of 11/26/25. Officer Harrison took a position with Nashville IL police department. Chief Darnall is searching for a replacement.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he received complaints on illegal dumping of tree debris at the Village Debris Yard. The offenders will be offered the option to pick it back up or pay a fine. Chief Darnall will contact the offenders. Supt. Steve Mullins will order more signage for the Debris Yard as well.

Supt. Steve Mullins said camera work on the sewer lines continue for the next capital improvement project. The Water wells #6 & 7 will be progressing as well.

Trustee Jarod Lohman asked if brighter streetlights (bulbs) can be put in Pleasant Acres Subdivision. The lights are pretty dim. Supt. Mullins will look into it.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-06, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, ILLINOIS AND JKCB PROPERTIES UTILIZING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR A PROJECT LOCATED AT 205 MUNSTER ST.* Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Resolution approves a TIF Grant with Jacob & Kennedy Brauer.

Clerk Lakenburges said she received a phone call from a Solar Farm Developer regarding the possibility of a solar farm within 1 ½ miles from the Germantown corporate limits. The Board said without any real information, the topic will be tabled for now.

Attorney Aaron Epplin present the Board with an ordinance pertaining to slow moving scooters. The state of Illinois set regulations in August of 2024. The Village can not make these laws regarding scooters less but the Village can make them stricter. The Village chose not to do that but the enforce the rules of the road pertaining to these scooters. The ordinance as presented mimics the State Law but give the option of the fines and penalties to the municipal ordinance violations and not state violations. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-10, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTIONS 33-4-1 THRU 33-4-4 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 33, OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY ILLINOIS.* Trustee Jarod Lohman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Last year the Village purchased a small wedge of property on the north side of town along Hanover Street from the Albers family trust. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-11, *AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY INTO THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Ken Albers then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Landon Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

