

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**November 19, 2024**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on November 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Jerald Schroeder. Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Police Chief Dean Darnall, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin and were also present. Brad Schroeder was absent. Guests included Central High School students.

A hearing for the public to voice opinions of the proposed Comprehensive Plan was held. No one was present to discuss. The meeting continued.

The minutes of the previous month's meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Roger Rickhoff, seconded by Trustee Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda asked Supt. Mullins how the Christmas lights were going. Mullins said the Germantown Improvement Committee has been working on "sprucing them up" for a few weeks and they will be ready to hang next week.

Several residential properties were discussed concerning unsightly yards, zoning violations and general clean up. Attorney Aaron Epplin will send letters to these residents.

Police Chief Dean Darnall commented on the security cameras in town. He has a new company coming to look them over. This was tabled for next month.

Supt. Steve Mullins said he has been working with HMG on the capital improvement projects discussed previously. The water well project will most likely start next summer. The Village will be drilling wells number 6 & 7 to keep up with demand.

The other project, Water & Sewer Replacement Lines, is just in the drawing and design phase. This is a future project with no timeline decided.

Finance & Insurance Chairman, Jerald Schroeder, presented the Tax Levy Ordinance for 2024. Schroeder explained the committee decided to increase the property taxes minimally. The Village should receive approximately \$46,100 in property taxes for 2024, payable in 2025. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-09 *AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2024 AND ENDING ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2025*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said he is looking into companies that have the metal or vinyl post coverings for the sign posts. He also said the Committee will look into the costs of replacing the street signs in town. It was suggested to have a school contest for a new design. These items were tabled for now.

Attorney Aaron Epplin said he has tried to reach out to the new attorney for Gordon Cachelo, owner of the Red Deuce property.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-08, *AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

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



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