

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
November 21, 2017**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on November 21, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, and Trustees: Ken Albers, Mike Albers, Ken Brauer, Fred Lucas, Jerald Schroeder and Roger Rickhoff. Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included: Ryan Kohlen.

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, second by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Ryan Kohlen said he would like assistance with the ditch behind his home. He said the Village did it for Jared Zurliene and he would like the same. Trustee Jerald Schroeder said he feels if the Village helped Zurliene, the Village should help Kohlen. Village President Duane Ripperda said this ditch is on private property and it's a civil matter between the homeowners. Ripperda offered to have the Village shoot grades but the construction is on the homeowners. Attorney Aaron Epplin said the Village would be taking on liability issues if the Village takes on the project. Epplin also explained what is in the Village Ordinances regarding private storm sewers. Kohlen reiterated that the Village closed in Zurliene's ditch. Ripperda said several years ago, before his tenure, the same area was brought to the Village's attention and the Village decided it was a civil matter and wouldn't get involved. Supt. Steve Mullins said the drainage behind Kohlen's is 400+' and should probably have an engineer look at it. He also said if the Village does the construction; it would take 3 days of 3 maintenance workers. A lengthy discussion followed with no clear result. President Ripperda said the Village cannot even begin to consider the project without all the property owners involved. Kohlen was told to talk to his neighbors and get their involvement. The Village Board tabled the discussion until Kohlen can speak to his neighbors. Kohlen then left the meeting.

President Ripperda asked all committees to come up with a 5year plan. The Village needs to continue with infrastructure improvements & curbing. He would also like to see a equipment replacement schedule for the future.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his monthly report next. No major issues.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. During October, the maintenance department completed the following: Curbing work, Sycamore and Prairie Sts. (excavation, backfill, dirt work, road work, asphalt work, oiling, etc); storm system repairs, various; street sweeping, inlet cleaning; dump clean up; generator work, STP and water plant units. Slabs, conduits, etc.; vehicle maintenance, repairs; aeration work, STP. Lubrication, anchoring, motor work on post units, etc.; lift station maintenance, all stations.

Mullins said he was informed that the Village would be required to do a hydraulic study regarding putting a “check valve” on either side of Hwy 161. The Village wants to prevent a flooding situation by closing off the drainage pipe under Hwy 161, therefore preventing water from back-flooding. This also brought up the topic of a property owner building a levy or berm around his property north of Germantown. A discussion followed with the Board deciding to write a letter to IDNR regarding the legality of this levy. A letter will be drafted.

Clerk Dawn Lakenburges informed the Board that the FY 2017 is complete and requires signatures. President Ripperda signed the reports. Copies of the Financial Statements will be ready for next month’s meeting.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the liquor license classification request by Becker Shell from a Class B to a Class A license. Trustee Fred Lucas seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The annual Village Holiday party is set for January 13th at Valbo’s.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-09, *AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2017 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.* Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Fred Lucas said the Building and Equipment Committee met to discuss some updates to the Village Hall. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to replace the mail slot in the Clerk’s office. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Lucas will get bids and report back on the other items of discussion.

Attorney Aaron Eplin presented the Board with the revised Raffle Ordinance. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-10, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-4-3 OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 7 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Eplin then presented the Board with the Ordinances that were approved last month. The Zoning changes were recommended to the Village Board last month and accepted. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-11, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-4-2(D) OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-12, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-5-3(C) OF ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-13, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-2-2 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.*

Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-14, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-4-2(B) OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.*

Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-15, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-3-12(b)(2) OF ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.


Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-16, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-5-11 OF ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-17, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-2-2 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.*

Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Trustee Fred Lucas 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, 9:35 pm.



Dawn Lakenburges, Village Clerk