

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
October 17, 2017

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on October 17, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, 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: Donald Eversgerd and 4 Central Community High School students.

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, second by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles gave his monthly report next. Wuebbles reported that the department has been monitoring speeding and stop sign violators closely and will continue.

Police Committee Chairman, Michael Albers, said the Committee met to discuss hiring a full-time officer and at this time, it is not in the Village budget to afford it. Mike Kuhl has expressed interest in working part-time. He currently works for another department but is looking for a change. Kuhl will work every other weekend and a shift through the week. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to hire Mike Kuhl at \$19/hour. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Michael Albers then made a motion to raise the part-time officers to \$19/hr. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers also reported that the Committee met to discuss health insurance renewal for the full-time employees. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to accept the renewal from United Healthcare and Delta Dental. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Since the plan is such a high deductible, the Village will continue to reimburse the employees for 80% of their deductibles.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder said as the Finance & Insurance Committee met, they discussed some infrastructure projects. At the time of the meeting, the Maintenance Department has just repaired a 3" hole in a water main on Maple Street. The Village lost 130-140,000 gallons of water. Ken Albers, Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, will meet with the committee to discuss a long range plan to replace water/sewer mains and a possible filtration system.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. Mullins said Beckmann Construction has been onsite pouring curbing. Should finish up in the next couple days.

Building & Equipment Chairman, Fred Lucas, said he is waiting on estimates for the proposed upgrades to the Village Hall. This was tabled.

The new dump pick-up truck is in service. Lucas has ordered the decals for the truck. Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Ken Albers, conveyed to the Board that the company hired to clean the exterior of the water tower will no longer be able to complete the job within the Village's time frame. Elite National Coatings will clean the tower in the next few weeks at a cost of \$4000.

Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with the Zoning Code changes as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals on 9/12/17.

- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-02 by Trustee Ken Albers and seconded by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried. Approving the minimum setback for fences to 2' on side and back lot lines.
- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-05 by Trustee Roger Rickhoff and seconded by Trustee Jerald Schroeder. Motion carried. No cell towers in R-1 District without Special Use Permit.
- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-06 by Trustee Jerald Schroeder and seconded by Trustee Ken Albers. Motion carried. Height restrictions on fences and yard location.
- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-09 by Trustee Jerald Schroeder and seconded by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried. Definition of portable storage unit.
- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-10 by Trustee Michael Albers and seconded by Trustee Ken Albers. Motion carried. Dumpster and portable storage units-defining size, location, etc and length of time for dumpsters.
- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-11 by Trustee Jerald Schroeder and seconded by Trustee Ken Albers. Motion carried. Changing setbacks for accessory buildings.
- Motion to approve Amendment 2017-08 by Trustee Fred Lucas and seconded by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried. Portable storage units permits and fees.

Epplin will prepare the ordinance changes for next month's meeting.

Chief (Zoning Admin) Jeff Wuebbles explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting again at a public hearing on Oct. 31, 2017 at 7pm to discuss:

- Location of off street parking
- Concrete pads
- Accessory structures – limited number of, size, appearance
- Barbed wire and electric fences
- Trailers – how many, locations
- Firewood

Attorney Aaron Epplin will look into what other communities do regarding open burning in commercial areas. He will report back next month.

Epplin also stated the Cevin Dugan property is set for hearing.

The current Ordinance regarding raffles will be changed to cap any raffle at \$150,000. Epplin will prepare the Ordinance for next month.

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

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

Dawn Lakenburg, Village Clerk