Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
October 20, 2026

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on October 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburges and Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Brad Schroeder, Jerald Schroeder and Jeremy Thole were present. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Officer Wyatt Laswell and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Police Chief Dean Darnall was absent. Guests included Joyce Lucas, member of the GIC, Tyler Ratermann, Nicole & Sophia Sanders, Central HS 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 Michael Albers, seconded by Trustee Brad Schroeder.

Joyce Lucas had a Christmas wreath with her to show the Board the Committee's progress. She said the Committee purchased 18 new snowflakes for Hanover St. Lucas said the committee has been going over all the Christmas decorations and a few are at the end of their life and would like permission to sell them. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to forego the bidding procedures and allow the GIC Committee to sell the fixtures. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report. Well 6 & 7 should be operational by next month. Waiting to get a few things complete and the EPA to give final approval.

Village President Duane Ripperda said he received a call from Greg Reichmann, Clinton County Board member regarding the 618 Event Center being built at the county fairgrounds. He didn't have a lot of information but will inform the board as things progress.

Clerk Lakenburges presented the Board with a resolution to spend TIF money on Well 6 & 7 project. Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-02, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS FOR WATER WELL 6 & 7 DEVELOPMENT.* Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. The resolution allows for an additional $85,000 of TIF funds be used on the project.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Insurance & Finance Committee, said the committee met to discuss the employee health insurance quote. The Committee feels best to switch companies for a large premium savings. Employees were given the opportunity to make sure their health professionals were included in the new company. Trustee Jeremy Tebbe made a motion to switch health insurance for all full-time employees to Angle Health through Lowery Benefit Services. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder then said the committee agreed to raise the amount the Village reimburses the employees deductible to the first $2,000 of each member then 80% after that. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion in agreement. Trustee Jeremy Thole seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with several ordinance changes to the Zoning Code as recommended by the Zoning Board of Trustees.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-06, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (E) OF SECTION 40-3-16.1 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Accessory Buildings - Height)*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-07 *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION 40-3-17 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Single Side Yard Requirements – Lot Coverage)* Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Alber made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-08, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF 40-5-4 OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Fence Height).* Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jeremy Thole made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-09, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING SUBSECTION (C) IN SECTION 40-11-14 OF ARTICLE XI OF CHAPTER 40 THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Drainage And Storm Sewer).* Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-10, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 40-2-2 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Special Use Definition)*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-11, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (G) SECTION 40-9-8 OF ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS (Special Use Permits – Village Board Decision).* Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jeremy Thole seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

