

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
October 15, 2024

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on October 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Jerald Schroeder and Brad Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Police Chief Dean Darnall, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin and were also present. Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburg was 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 Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda said the property closing with the Leon Albers Family Trust will happen within the next month.

President Ripperda also said he spoke with Jeff "Cotton" Wuebbles regarding cleaning up his property and it didn't go well. Chief Dean Darnall and himself will talk with David Wuebbles about cleaning up the property he rents/allows Jeff Wuebbles to use.

The owner of the Red Deuce property, Gordon Cachola, paid the back taxes on the property. Attorney Aaron Epplin will check into Cachola's lawsuit and report back to the board.

Supt. Steve Mullins discussed the condition of the current booster pump at the water plant. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to purchase a new pump for approximately \$25,000. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the purchase of a new booster pump for approximately \$25,000. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, chairman of the Finance & Insurance Committee said the committee met to discuss the health insurance renewal for the employees. Out of pocket costs going up again so the Committee is recommending changing the reimbursement to the first \$1300 of the deductible, the Village pays 100% then 80% thereafter. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve the health insurance renewal and the employee reimbursement. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning, TIF & Subdivision Committee, said he had a discussion regarding the property recently purchased by Josh Haar. Haar is trying to purchase/take ownership of a small accessory building next to the property. This small piece of property and accessory building will need a variance. Clerk Lakenburg will be informed and instructed to send the necessary forms to Haar.

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

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


