

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
October 17, 2023**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on October 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Supt. Steve Mullins, Police Chief Dean Darnall and Officer Kyle Banker. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin was also present. Guests included Justin Vonderhaar of HMG, Shane Street, Ashley Winger and Cole Brueggmann, Central HS student.

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, seconded by Trustee Roger Rickhoff. Motion carried.

Shane Street, member of the Capital Campaign Committee for raising funds for the school, was present to get the approval and give information on a fundraising event being planned for fall 2024. They are hoping to have a big name entertainer put on a concert at Schoendienst Park. Street explained some of the logistics and plans for the event. The Board was in agreement but said they would like to stay informed of the event planning.

Ashley Winter was present to ask the Board about sewer credits on utility bills for watering grass, filling pools, etc. Winter presented the Board with much information of surrounding towns issuing a once a year credit for water used on outside spigots. A separate meter would be attached to the outside spigot and at the end of the year a reading would be sent to the clerk and a one time sewer credit would be issued. This was tabled for the Water & Sewer Committee to meet and discuss.

Justin Vonderhaar of HMG presented the Board with pay request #7 and change order #3 for the water filtration project. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$4,473.88, Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Trustee Jerald then made a motion to approve Pay Request #7 in the amount of \$12,990.16. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Vonderhaar said \$52,484.65 remain on the contract to Korte Luitjohn.

Police Chief Dean Darnall gave his report for the month. Darnall said he hired a part-time officer, Keith Wempe. Darnall said a soliciting tree company was fined for using the Debris Yard.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder said the health insurance renewal for the employees is due. The deductibles are going up again so the Committee decided to recommend paying the first \$1050 of each deductible and 80% thereafter. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the insurance package for the full-time employees. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve the cost of grinding the Debris Yard this year. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers, chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee said Supt. Mullins got an estimate to replace the landline analog dialers to a new system. This will eliminate the \$600+ phone bill every month. Supt. Mullins explained it is a heavy investment but will pay for itself in 2 ½ years. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve the system in the amount of \$19,331.54. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said he wants to purchase a bucket truck for the maintenance department. After a brief discussion, Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the truck in the amount of \$23,000 from Kohrman Electric. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A request for an additional crosswalk was received for the intersection of Old Carlyle Rd and Hanover St. Supt. Mullins will contact the County about this.

Trustee Ken Brauer, Chairman of the Subdivision, TIF & Zoning Committee, said the committee received a request from Kohnen Air Conditioning & Heating for a TIF grant for some work they are doing on their property. This was tabled for now.

Village attorney, Aaron Epplin, had a couple ordinances the Board requested.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-10, *AN ORDINANCE VACATING A CERTAIN ALLEY LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. The ordinance vacates a partial alley between Leo and West and Sycamore and Walnut Streets (located in the Legion parking lot).

Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-11, *AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY INTO THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Ordinance annexes part of the St. Boniface cemetery into the Village.

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

Trustee Roger Rickhoff then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.


