

**Village of Germantown**  
**Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees**  
**October 18, 2022**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff and Brad Schroeder. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Officer Dawson Huelskamp and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Trustees Michael Albers and Jerald Schroeder were absent. Guests included Justin VonderHaar of HMG, Jake Zambaldi and Emily Calderon of Moran Economic Development, resident Teresa Mullins and Central High School student Isabella Wempe.

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, seconded by Trustee Ken Albers. Motion carried.

Justin Vonderhaar of HMG was present to request Pay #1 of the Filtration Project in the amount of \$9,949.50. Justin said the contractor will be doing the majority of the project next spring. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to approve the payment with Trustee Ken Brauer seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Teresa Mullins asked the Board personally to sponsor the PTA raffle at school. It is a major fundraiser and this year they are short sponsors. Village President Duane Ripperda thanked her for coming and encourages the Board members to sponsor the raffle.

Jake Zambaldi and Emily Calderon of Moran Economic Development were present to discuss a Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Germantown. Emily explained the steps to a comp plan the timeline of adopting the plan. Attorney Aaron Epplin expressed his opinion that he feels this is a good idea for the Village. A lengthy discussion followed on what is included in the plan and how Emily will go about creating this plan. Moran Economic Development will submit a proposal to the Village by next month's meeting.

Steve Bryant of Good Energy arrived at the meeting to discuss Municipal Aggregation for supplying electric to Ameren IP for the Village of Germantown. Mr. Bryant explained the process behind adopting Municipal Aggregation. If the Village decides to move forward, an ordinance, resolution and service agreement with Good Energy will be on the agenda for the November meeting. Should the board move forward, the public question will be on the next election ballot for the residents of Germantown to decide. Once the Board decides to move forward, Good Energy will send public information via mail, email, flyers, etc. informing the community. President Ripperda thanked Mr. Bryant for the information and Mr. Bryant left the meeting.

Village President Duane Ripperda explained, as liquor commissioner, he has removed the 3am closing hour permit for liquor establishments. Closing hour will be 2am on weekends.

President Ripperda also asked Supt. Steve Mullins and Chairman Roger Rickhoff where the curbing project stood. Mullins informed the Board that a fall project is underway and should begin in the next week or two.

Trick-or-treat for the Village residents has been set for Oct. 28, 2022 from 6:30-8:30.

Trustee Ken Brauer, on behalf of the Health & Insurance Committee, said the committee met to discuss employee health insurance renewal. The committee decided to change carriers from United Healthcare to Blue Cross/Blue Shield to save the Village significant money in premiums. With that, the employee deductibles raised so the Committee is recommending paying the first \$700 of each deductible then 80%. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt the new health insurance policies. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, chairman of the Building & Equipment Committee, said the Clerk's office and the Police Department will be switching offices this winter. The Committee will meet with the departments to see what is needed.

Trustee Ken Brauer, Chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee, said the Committee met recently to discuss the application from the Germantown Library for TIF assistance on the building. They are requesting \$1500 of the \$7500 it cost to replace the furnace in the building. After a brief discussion, Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to enter into a TIF agreement and adopt Resolution 2022-10, *A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUNDS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with an Ordinance discussed last month on Police Duties and Powers. Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-05, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30-2-1 OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 30 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-06, *AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 8 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Ordinance establishes a rental property inspection program and occupancy permits.

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

Trustee Brad Schroeder then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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