

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
September 20, 2022**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburges, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, and Brad Schroeder. Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Officer Dawson Huelskamp and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Trustees Roger Rickhoff and Jerald Schroeder were 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 Brauer, seconded by Trustee Brad Schroeder. Motion carried.

President Duane Ripperda explained that he accepted the resignation of Zoning Board of Appeals trustee Shane Street. President Ripperda said he appointed Eric Kues, 1210 Hermeling Lane, to a 5-yr term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to accept the appointment and Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Ripperda said he, Village Clerk Lakenburges, Police Chief Wuebbles and Supt. Mullins met with the school about the new addition and moving the main entrance to Munster Street. Ripperda said there are concerns with moving the entrance: more traffic, congested traffic, pedestrian safety and a long time business will lose parking. The school explained they had no choice but to put the addition where it is planned. The school's architect will look into other options for an entry but it will undoubtedly be off of Munster Street.

Ripperda said Village Clerk office helper Chris Winter has recently resigned. A discussion followed on whether to replace her. Clerk Lakenburges is confident she can do the job herself but understands the Board's concern on personal time off and having a person in the office. This was tabled for a later date to give Lakenburges time to determine if she needs help.

A discussion followed regarding the request by Marvin Gebke to use Village property at this new business on Sycamore Street for parking and/or a driving lane. Attorney Aaron Epplin said the Village would still hold liability unless he has a bond with a permit. The Village does not have that policy into effect so at this time the Village has decided to deny the request and ask Gebke to make other arrangements.

A brief discussion followed on closing hours of the bars in town. Currently closing hour is 2:00am unless an approved late closing request is on file, then the closing hour is 3:00am. This was tabled for a later date.

Supt. Steve Mullins reported that the next round of oiling is scheduled for Sept. 27 and 28. The Maintenance department will also be spraying for mosquitos.

Breese Ambulance Truth in Taxation hearing is scheduled to be held at the Village Hall, tentative date, October 12, 2022 at 7pm.

Clerk Lakenburgs presented information for a telephone, text, email alert system CodeRED to the Board. Lakenburgs stated that most of the surrounding communities use this system to alert their residents in time of a local or national event. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to purchase the alert system for \$3,000 annually. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Lakenburgs also informed the Board that the Clerk's office will be accepting online payments via CourtMoney. It is a free service to the Village to allow for customers to pay their utility bill online.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve further information regarding municipal aggregation for the Village to seek electrical suppliers on behalf of the Village. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Clerk Lakenburgs will contact Good Energy for more information.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the TIF, Zoning & Subdivision Committee said he received an application from the Germantown Library requesting \$1500 for HVAC repairs. The Board approved and the agreement and Resolution will be prepared for next month's meeting.

Trustee Brauer said Moran Economic Development will be here October 18th for the following:
6:00pm – Meet with the Committee to discuss expanding TIF boundaries
6:30pm – Annual Joint Review Board Meeting
7:00pm – Attend regular meeting to discuss a Comprehensive Plan

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin said he contacted the lawyer for Gordon Cachelo and the Red Deuce property is still in litigation.

Epplin said he is still reviewing the rental property and inspection ordinance and will have it ready for next month. Tabled.

Epplin will also have an ordinance for the Police and taking suspects into custody for Ordinance violations prepared for next month.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.


