

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
September 17, 2019**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on September 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, and Brad Schroeder. Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included: residents Joe & Connie Lewis, Central HS students Kaetlyn Wuebbles and Mary Ashford, Maurice Spihlman, Duane Kampwerth and Steve Arentsen of Germantown Fire District, Gordon Cachola, Red Deuce owner. Trustee Jerald Schroeder 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 Roger Rickhoff, second by Trustee Ken Brauer. Motion carried.

Duane Kampwerth, Steve Arentsen, and Maurice Spihlmann were present, representing the Fire District, to discuss the addition to the firehouse. Spihlmann said ABACUS found the property pins and drew a plat with two options for the Board to review. There was discussion on where the actual pins are located. The FD will contact ABACUS to mark the pins and the options. Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to give the Village President and Village Clerk authority to sign the Quit Claim Deed giving the Fire District the property they need. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Connie Lewis spoke next. She addressed the board regarding the dust on the newly oiled streets. Lewis was clearly upset and infuriated. She said the dust is ridiculous and a health hazard. She said, "this happened three years ago and were told it wouldn't happen again and here we are" Village President Duane Ripperda tried to reassure her that the Village didn't do this on purpose and are making every effort to correct the situation. Lewis continued to express her frustration of the situation. Supt. Steve Mullins explained the Village ordered upgraded rock, and supposedly was delivered upgraded rock but clearly the rock did not hold up. He has been in contact with the Quarry and this issue is not closed. Efforts to clean up the rock have included: hiring Wilke Trucking to spread water while the Village street sweeper swept the streets, the City of Breese came in with their vac truck and vacuumed the streets, and now this week, Metro Commercial Sweeping will come in and again sweep the streets.

Gordon Cachola, owner of the Red Deuce, was present to discuss his business and his recent TIF deal. Mr. Cachola's business recently burnt down. His TIF contract with the Village states if the business would fail or close within a year of the deal, 100% would be refunded. Cachola recently received \$12,865 from the Village TIF fund. The TIF Committee has recommended to the Board that the Village stick to the contract and requests reimbursement. Cachola asked for 90 days to repay the money as he feels the insurance company should pay within that timeframe. Attorney Aaron Epplin will draft the agreement and get it to the Clerk's office.

Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles reported next. He said he will be holding a bike safety day at the school the end of September.

Wuebbles said the camera at Sycamore and Hwy 161 is being installed. He feels these cameras will help tremendously in the future.

The two Police cadets are scheduled to graduate on September 21st. Good luck to both!

Trustee Michael Albers asked Chief Wuebbles to check into the costs for the portable lighted speed tracking signs.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report next. The chips used to oil/chip the roads were again discussed. The Village Clerk was instructed to draft a letter to the quarry and salesman who handled the purchase. The Village wants the Quarry to explain what happened, pick up the excess rock and reimburse the Village for the steps taken to remove the rock and dust.

Trustee Brad Schroeder, Building & Equipment Committee Chairman, said he spoke with Tom Eversgerd regarding the property at 604 Church St. Schroeder said the Board originally offered Eversgerd \$15,000 for the property. Eversgerd returned with "he would take nothing less than \$25,000". The Board agreed to give Schroeder negotiating power. Schroeder countered offer and went up to \$27,500. Eversgerd then said he would take nothing less than \$30,000. The Board has decided to rescind the offer and let the property go. It was noted that Eversgerd has a couple portable sheds on the property that are actually on Village property. Those sheds will have to be moved off Village property.

Schroeder also spoke about the backhoe. Supt. Mullins said they are keeping detailed records for now. There have been 2 major failures (engine and hydraulic system). The backhoe has a 1yr. warranty that will expire in March, 2020. The Committee will review before the warranty is up.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, Street & Sidewalk Committee Chairman, said curbing is still on the schedule for this year.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning, TIF & Subdivision Committee, met to discuss the Red Deuce, GFD and Lakenburg Motor Co. The Committee has decided, as previously discussed, to have the Red Deuce reimburse their TIF deal, as stated in their contract.

Brauer said the Fire Department has not turned in a TIF Application to date but will try to help as the Village can.

The Committee also approved the TIF application by Lakenburg Motor Co for \$10,000 toward the purchase and demolition of the dilapidated house behind their current business.

Attorney Aaron Epplin had a brief discussion on the Parade Ordinance. He will finalize and present at the next meeting.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BY THE ADDITION OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 7 PROHIBITING CANNABIS BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS*. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A plat of survey was presented on behalf of Jessica Gebke. She is asking for Lot 5 of Timberlake Subdivision to be divided into two parcels. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to approve the plat. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

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

