

Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
September 17, 2024

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on September 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Village Clerk Dawn Lakenburgs, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Roger Rickhoff, and Brad Schroeder. Public Works Supt. Steve Mullins and Police Chief Dean Darnall, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin and were also present. Trustees Jerald Schroeder and Ken Brauer were absent. Guests included: Kailyn & Karson Korte, Ava Strake, Reed Wuebbles, and Jace Kalmer, Central High School students.

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 Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Village President Duane Ripperda started out with the property purchase on the north end of town for a new "Welcome" sign. After a brief discussion, Trustee Ken Albers made a motion to purchase the property from the Leon Albers Family Trust in the amount of \$12,000.00. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Roll call vote showed the following Trustees voting "Aye": Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Brad Schroeder and Roger Rickhoff. Trustees Ken Brauer and Jerald Schroeder were absent.

President Ripperda said he had a conversation with adjacent farmer, Rich Peters. He would like to have a conversation regarding the property. This was tabled until the sale of the property was finalized.

Police Chief Dean Darnall reported next. He said the security is set for the Raise the Roof Rock Fest scheduled for the weekend.

A discussion was held about the Debris Yard. Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with an updated ordinance. Trustee Brad Schroeder made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-07, *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 27 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Michael Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Ken Albers, chairman of the Water & Sewer Committee, said he had a committee meeting with Supt. Steve Mullins regarding the next capital improvement plan for Germantown. The committee is recommending we begin the process of replacing more old water and sewer mains in town. A discussion was held on locations, etc. It was determined to start with a discussion with HMG Engineering. Trustee Michael Albers then made a motion to hire HMG Engineering to start the engineering process. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried. Supt. Mullins will contact HMG.

Trustee Roger Rickhoff, chairman of the Street & Sidewalk Committee, said the sidewalk project will be started after the Rock Fest. Supt. Mullins said he is waiting for the curbing contractor to contact him regarding the curbing project this fall.

Attorney Aaron Epplin said he is working on the land switch by the sewer plant. He also said the law firm hired by the Village to handle the mesothelioma lawsuit has requested all the files on the project and is hoping to get the Village dismissed from the case.

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

Trustee Roger Rickhoff then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


