

**Village of Germantown  
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees  
September 18, 2018**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on September 18, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, and Trustees: Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Jerald Schroeder and Roger Rickhoff. Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles, Supt. Steve Mullins and Village Attorney Aaron Epplin were also present. Guests included: Jeff “Cotton” Wuebbles, Mike Babb, and Leah (Red Deuce Manager). Trustee Ken Albers and Fred Lucas 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 Jerald Schroeder, second by Trustee Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Mike Babb was present to discuss the poultry ordinance. Babb said he did not know Roosters were not allowed in town, and has since removed it from his property. He also said he did not know the coop size allowed. Chickens and geese have been in his back yard for many many years with no issues. Jeff “Cotton” Wuebbles asked why the size of coops needed to be so small and claims the Village is pushing people away from having animals in their yards. Wuebbles asked the Board to change the ordinance. Trustee Jerald Schroeder explained the board tries to make rules for the better of the whole town. Times are changing and the Village needs to change with it. Attorney Aaron Epplin said previously the code of Ordinances did not allow poultry at all and the ordinance was created to allow and control regulations pertaining to poultry. Epplin will do a little research regarding coop sizes and report back to the Board next month.

Leah, manager of the Red Deuce, asked permission for the bar to hold a “meat shoot” behind the property. The Board said they needed more information on where the event would be held before they can give permission. This too was tabled for more information.

The 407 Leo Street property was discussed next. Mrs. Carrie Benfield has signed a contract with the Village to purchase the property for \$53,000. The contract gives Benfield until Dec 1, 2018 to remove any items from the property she would like. Attorney Aaron Epplin presented the Board with a Resolution. Trustee Ken Brauer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03, *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST TO ALL DOCUMENTS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN, CLINTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS*. Trustee Roger Rickhoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Street & Sidewalk Committee Chairman, Trustee Roger Rickhoff, said the curbing and ditch closure is finished. Curbing only was installed on the 100 block of Sycamore Street. The resident’s did not want a sidewalk installed. A discussion followed regarding curbing/sidewalks on the north side of the block. This was tabled until the Committee could discuss with the property owners.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, said the committee will be meeting to discuss health insurance renewal. He also said the Water & Sewer Committee needs to meet to figure out which project the Village wants to move forward with.

Supt. Steve Mullins reported the backhoe is ordered. A 2019 New Holland backhoe was ordered from Midwest Tractor Sales for \$74,850 which included the trade-in of our current backhoe. The Finance & Insurance Committee will work out the financing details.

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

Trustee Ken Brauer then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jerald Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned, 9:10 pm.

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