

**Village of Germantown
Meeting of the President and Board of Trustees
September 21, 2021**

The regular monthly Board meeting of the President and Board of Trustees for the Village of Germantown was held on September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Those present included the following: Village President Duane Ripperda, Trustees: Ken Albers, Michael Albers, Ken Brauer, Roger Rickhoff, Brad Schroeder and Jerald Schroeder. Clerk Dawn Lakenburg, Village Attorney Aaron Epplin, Police Chief Jeff Wuebbles and Supt. Steve Mullins and were also present. Guests included: Justin VonderHaar of HMG, Inc., Ryan Linnemann, Jarod Lohman and fiancée Allison Moennig, and Pat Netemeyer of Netemeyer Engineering.

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 Michael Albers. Motion carried.

Ryan Linnemann, Jarod Lohman and Allison Moennig, along with their engineer, Pat Netemeyer, were present to discuss a 2-lot subdivision proposed at the west end of Main Street. Both Linnemann and Lohman plan to purchase property from Albers/Winter. In previous discussions with the Zoning/TIF/Subdivision Committee, Linnemann presented a plat with a 50' road right-of-way along the property. Lohman is proposing to purchase the property adjacent (north) of Linnemann's. Linnemann and Lohman said they will not allow Main Street to continue west through their property. Netemeyer said it would have to be the next developer's responsibility to build a road from Church Street and create cul-de-sacs in the area. President Ripperda showed the area map on the meeting room screen and said it doesn't make sense not to continue Main Street. It is the responsibility of the Village to look for future growth and doesn't see an option not to continue Main Street west. Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning/TIF/Subdivision Committee said it will land lock that whole area. Brauer also asked why storm drainage, W&S lines, etc wasn't shown on the plat. Netemeyer suggested a 25' "emergency vehicle right-of-way" and Trustee Jerald Schroeder agreed with the developers and said he saw no problem with it. Several questions were posed and President Ripperda said a new plat must be presented and the committee discuss. A new subdivision agreement will have to be drafted and agreed upon prior to any plat acceptance by the Board. This was tabled for the time. Linnemann, Lohman, Moennig and Netemeyer left the meeting.

Justin VonderHaar of HMG Engineers, Inc was present to discuss the final punch list and change order for the water project. He presented the Change Order for approval. VonderHaar said the change orders came in mostly from the RR crossing work. He is going to apply it to the current loan and hope the EPA approves it. If not, the Village will have to pay the cost. Total project cost is \$838,310.75. Trustee Jerald Schroeder made a motion to approve Change Order #3 from Korte Luitjohan in the amount of \$46,396.00. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Supt. Steve Mullins gave his report for August. The EPA submitted a Compliance Commitment Agreement for the water filtration system being designed by HMG. Trustee Brad Schroeder

made a motion to approve the agreement. Trustee Ken Brauer seconded the motion and the motion carried. VonderHaar left the meeting.

Trustee Jerald Schroeder, Finance & Insurance Chairman, said the committee will be meeting this month to discuss the health insurance renewal.

Trustee Schroeder then talked about a lawn edger the Park District purchased and previously talked with Supt. Mullins about the Village possibly in need of an edger as well. After a brief discussion, Trustee Roger Rickhoff made a motion to go in half with the Park on the edger. The equipment will be shared by both taxing districts. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Village's share is \$332.17.

Trustee Schroeder also brought up a resident request. He asked about installing a flashing red light at the corner of Sycamore and Locust St, at the 4way stop sign. There are homes very close to the intersection and the Board thought it wouldn't be very aesthetically pleasing to have a red light flashing in their homes. Chief Wuebbles was asked to do extra patrol at this intersection.

Trustee Ken Brauer, chairman of the Zoning/TIF/Subdivision Committee said the Library District has sent a formal request for TIF assistance in repairing their parking area at the library. The Committee will make a recommendation to the Board at a later date, after more information is acquired.

Village Attorney Aaron Epplin said he researched the ordinance and state statutes regarding high grass in the Village. He feels the Village ordinance is as strict as we can get it.

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

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters, Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Brad Schroeder seconded the motion and the motion carried. 8:20pm.

At 8:30pm, Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to exit executive session and re-enter the regular meeting. Trustee Ken Albers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Michael Albers made a motion to give all Village employees a \$1.00/hr raise. 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 8:35pm.


