

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD
JOINT LISTING SESSION
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Braunschweig. President Wolter was absent excused.

MOTION (Myers/R. Miller) to nominate Tr. David Baum as ProTem. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ROLL CALL: Present: Trustees Baum, Hudson, J. Miller, R. Miller, Myers, Pieper, and Neureuther. Absent Excused: President Wolter, and Kaminski. Also present: Administrator Kreklow, Clerk Treasurer Braunschweig, Attorney Sajdak, Director Ratayczak, Chief Snow, Superintendent Zimmerman, Superintendent Haugen, and Superintendent Anderson.

Present: Village of Richfield: Village of Richfield President, John Jeffords.

Village of Richfield Board of Trustees: Dan Neu, Tom Wolff, Rock Brandner, Bill Collins.

Village of Richfield Administrator Jim Healy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

**INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
PROVIDING SEWER AND WATER TO THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD'S NORTHEAST
CORRIDOR.**

Village of Germantown Administrator Kreklow reported on the request from the Village of Richfield and the discussions of an intergovernmental agreement. This listening session was scheduled for transparency.

The Village of Richfield is tentatively planning to take action in February and Germantown is tentatively planning to take action in March.

Christian Tscheschloc of the Washington County Economic Development Washington County gave an informational presentation of the Village of Germantown providing sewer and water to the Village of Richfield's Northeast Corridor.

He commented on two governments coming together prior to action. He came forward to present analysis.

There has been a shift of business parks competing on the availability of workforce and talent of workforce. He commented on commuting of workforce. There is a concentration of commuters for jobs in the area. -The center of gravity for commuters is shifting to the area and a trend for skilled talent for manufacturing.

Both communities have an opportunity to manage development.

Christian reported on the recent vacant Zilber property, due to the low inventory, this is an opportunity for an additional use for that property.

Supply chain issues, need to be more diverse in development activity. It is here and needs to be managed. Developers such as Hillwood are very critical.

Hillwood has shown interest in this area. This is a former Ross Perot company. Hillwood will drive international and national interest.

This is collaboration between two Villages. Unique situation. Richfield's development is limited and has completed their comprehensive plan. Opportunity to share services such as utilizing the water / sewer that already exists.

This is a unique situation because the Village of Richfield is not a competitor but a partner. His discussion included the development of the I-41 corridor and to keeps the center of gravity on the Village of Germantown.

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC APPEARANCE
VILLAGE BOARDS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND COMMENTS FROM THE
PUBLIC. NO FORMAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN. LISTENING SESSION ONLY:

Please be advised per §19.84(2), information will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that there be a three (3) minute time period, per person, with time extension per the Chief Presiding Officer's discretion; be further advised that there may be limited discussion on the information received, however, no action will be taken under public comments. (15 minutes) Written Public Comments should be directed to comments@village.germantown.wi.us, by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 27th.

Administrator Kreklow gave instructions that there are comment cards at the table if residents would like to use them. The information will be reported at the respect boards and on-line.

- Don Kriefall of the Village of Richfield came forward. He commended both boards on working together. Important to manage growth as it is coming. The progress is coming and need to manage it. By keeping the growth in the corridor, this manages the infrastructure.
- Bill Wetterau, of the Village of Germantown came forward. He would like more detailed information. He had concerns of the sewer lines becoming overloaded. He reported on past history from the 70s and asked the Village of Richfield to assist with the development on the Holy Hill Road. Again, approached the Village of Richfield in the 90s.
- Discussion ensued that there can be development at the north end of town without overloading the sewer lines.
- Bob Sauderburg of the Village of Germantown came forward. He would like more details such as the actual fees the Village of Germantown will charge the Village of Richfield. He commented on a TID.
- Additional details and meetings are yet to come. The purpose of this evening is to listen to public comment and questions.
- Shawn Murphy of the Village of Germantown came forward. He commented with questions on the well. The well is not deep as expected to go. There was a monitor on his well. His well dropped eight feet.
- The recovery period of the well was monitored and the time it took to recover was monitored.
- Shawn commented on concern of neighboring wells.

- Jamie Ludovic, of the Village of Richfield came forward. She was speaking on behalf of County Executive Josh Schoemann's Office. She commented on growth in the communities and the ability to manage that growth. This is a county issue not just Village of Germantown / Village of Richfield issue. The partnership allows leverage of the rising utility costs.
- Betsy Village of Germantown. Woodlawn Drive came forward. She commented on Goldendale Road. Major accidents on Goldendale Road. She questioned the safety and traffic and increase of traffic. Her father is a local farmer and his well significantly drained. Wants information on the wells. She does not believe this is a good idea.

Holy Hill will be expanded and construction will start this summer, this includes four lanes and stop light on Holy Hills and Goldendale. DOT is reviewing the interchange and considering to expand for the additional traffic.

Joseph Mosgaller of the Village of Richfield, Pleasant Hill Road came forward. He questioned who pays for the sewer and water when it goes through your property. He questioned how much it costs.

Erin of Germantown came forward. He spoke of the water utility increase and questioned why the big increase. He spoke of the services needed to maintain the system and how much is coming from the Village of Richfield.

Tom Barney of the Village of Germantown came forward. He commented that this is premature to get opinions without a good number of how affecting residents.

Brian G. of the Village of the Richfield came forward. He commented In favor of intergovernmental agreements. It would be prudent to understand the intended development. He questioned if the corridor restricted to businesses that would not have impact on the water / sewer. Are there restrictions in the development corridor?

Doug M. of the Village of the Richfield came forward. He commented that this is very preliminary as there are so many questions. He questioned what is the benefit and a TIF district is a big step. Richfield to hire a consultant.

Bill and Carol Schneider sent an email of comments for Richfield to pay for the service. Tyler Bort sent an email of comment that the deal should not move forward.

There was a question of bringing the item to a referendum.

Tr. Baum / Chair Pro Tem commented in summary, there are no formal agreements, there is a memorandum of understanding. Looking for information from the public. The Boards are looking for a public forum to hear from public. There is more information to come.

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Germantown Village Board will be on Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Village Clerk / Treasurer