

Ceremonial Swearing in of President Wolter prior to the Start of Meeting

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by President Wolter.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Reminder of Fourth of July meetings and Independence Day Committees. Village President Wolter reminded of the need for appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

A. **Standing Committees of the Village Board**

1. **General Government & Finance (1 year term)**

Chair Trustee Rick Miller
Trustee Terri Kaminski
Trustee Bill Neureuther
Trustee Dennis Myers

2. **Public Safety (1 year term)**

Chair Trustee Dennis Myers
Trustee Phil Hudson
Trustee Jolene Pieper
Trustee Jan Miller

3. **Public Works & Highways (1 year term)**

Chair Trustee Terri Kaminski
Trustee Phil Hudson
Trustee Rick Miller
Trustee Bill Neureuther

4. **Administrative Appeals Review Board (1 year term)**

President Dean Wolter
Trustee Jolene Pieper
Trustee Terri Kaminski

5. **Building Construction Oversight Committee (1 year term)**

Chairperson / Trustee David Baum
Trustee Bill Neureuther

6. **Economic Development Committee (1 year term)**
Chairperson / Trustee Jolene Pieper
Trustee Jan Miller
7. **Historic Preservation Commission (1 year)**
Chair/ Trustee Rick Miller
8. **Library Board (1 year term)**
Trustee Jan Miller
9. **Park & Recreation Commission (1 year term)**
Trustee Phil Hudson (1 year term)
10. **Plan Commission (1 year term)**
Chair Village President Dean Wolter
Trustee David Baum
11. **Senior Center Advisory Committee (1 year term)**
Chairperson / Trustee Dennis Myers
Trustee Jan Miller
12. **Utility Advisory Committee (1 year term)**
Chairperson / Trustee Rick Miller
13. **Tourism Commission (1 year term)**
Chair Village President Dean Wolter
Trustee Rick Miller
- B. **Weed Commissioner**
Planning/Zoning Adm. Jeff Retzlaff (1 year term)
- C. **Mid-Moraine Legislative Committee**
Trustee Representative Dennis Myers (1 year term)
- D. **Official Posting Places**
Village Hall - N112 W17001 Mequon Road
Public Library - N112 W16957 Mequon Road
Village Website

Motion (Myers/Hudson) to approve appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS OF PUBLIC
INTEREST/DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The following individuals will be given the opportunity to make announcements of future municipal activities: Village President, Village Board Members, Village Administrator, Village Attorney, Village Clerk, And Department Heads, to include:

CITIZEN INPUT/PUBLIC APPEARANCE on items not subject to a public hearing:

Melanie Smythe of Cedar Lane came to the podium. She commented against development. She spoke against the Village of Germantown and Richfield intergovernmental agreement.

Judy Kautz of Meadow Lark Lane came to the podium and polled the gallery by show of hands on how long residents intend to remain in their home. She referenced an email sent to the Village Board and read the email with reference to the aquafer and drilling of well 12. She spoke against the Village of Germantown and Richfield intergovernmental agreement.

Jeff Braun of Cedar Lane spoke from the virtual connection. He spoke against the Village of Germantown and Richfield intergovernmental agreement.

Dan Gets resident of Richfield came to the podium. He commented on sewer for Richfield. He commented to peacefully work together and make progress.

Village President Wolter read an email from Thomas Kempinski. The email commented against the Village of Germantown and Richfield intergovernmental agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Minutes April 4, 2022, Meeting.
- B. Accounts payable/payroll:
 - 1. April 8, 2022 Accounts Payable \$ 251,177.62
 - 2. April 12, 2022 Payroll \$ 232,847.99
 - 3. April 14, 2022 Accounts Payable \$ 157,424.14

The following items were forwarded from the **Public Safety Committee** with a unanimous recommendation:

- C. Fire Department – Fire Chief and Battalion Chief Vehicles.

Motion (Baum/R. Miller) Consent agenda items. Kaminski requested to pull item A, April 4, 2022 minutes. Roll Call Vote for items B and C, carried unanimously.

Motion (Kaminski/Pieper) to approve Item A, April 4, 2022 minutes as amended / corrected with comments. Tr. Kaminski commented that comments against the Intergovernmental Agreement were not included.

Comments to include that the Village is not getting enough with the \$9 Million and would like to see more and see more park land. A giant warehouse is not a good thing for the community. The Village is not prepared and to slow down the development, what's the rush. The Village does not have the staff.

J. Miller correction of Julie Brown spoke against on page 2 and non-binding duplication.

Hudson commented he will email his comments.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended and corrected carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Potential Reconsideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Richfield for Sewer and Water Services.

Motion (R. Miller/Baum) to reconsider the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of

Richfield for Sewer and Water Services.

Discussion ensued of R. Miller commented on the protection of the private wells. There are safeguards for wells that are currently in place for the wells. The item needs to come through General Government and Finance. This is most likely an insurance matter.

Discussion ensued of the 2050 plan.

Discussion ensued of a motion to table if reconsideration passes, then it is back on the table.

Discussion of a referendum ensued.

Discussion ensued of concern of staff or a system to bill correct utility bills right now.

Discussion ensued of concerns of staff. Additional bills would be with the new billing system.

Staffing issues were discussed and contracted engineering. Discussion ensued of Police and Fire services.

Discussion ensued of County Line Road and open retail space available.

Private wells are another concern, separate concern. Sharing water and no control of the development and limits in place. Develop more carefully and get Germantown side done first.

Discussion ensued of the development and get the Village of Germantown development done first.

Motion to Reconsider Roll Call Vote Carried. Baum, R. Miller, Myers, Neureuther, Wolter voted aye. Hudson, Kaminski, J. Miller, Pieper voted no.

Motion (R. Miller/Baum) to table Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Richfield for Sewer and Water Services. R. Miller, Baum, Myers, Neurether, Wolter voted aye. Hudson, Kaminski, J. Miller, Pieper voted no. Motion carried. The board is to send a list of questions to Administrator Kreklow.

Melanie Smythe came to the podium again with comments against the agreement and site investigation questions.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Fire Department Lateral Transfers.

Motion (Myers/Pieper) to approve the Fire Department Lateral Transfers. Fire Chief Delain reported on lateral transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Wolverine Fireworks Contract.

Motion (Baum/R. Miller) to approve the Wolverine Fireworks Contract. Discussion ensued of the 501 3 c for the Fireworks Contract. There is a timing issue with the contract.

Amendment Motion (Hudson/Pieper) to amend and increase the amount of the contract to \$25,000 and to use ARPA funds for the additional amount. This is an additional ten minutes of fireworks. Discussion ensued to change the emails to the Village address and Village PO Box. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Creation of Non-Profit Corporation to Manage 4th of July Activities.

Attorney Sajdak reported on 5013 c's and does the Village Board want to be part of the controls of this board.

Motion (Pieper/Hudson) Creation of Non-Profit Corporation to Manage 4th of July Activities Named to assist with all celebrations, not just the 4th of July and to be named "Celebrate Germantown WI"

Discussion ensued of how many trustees on the committee. Discussion ensued to have seven on the committee.

Amendment Motion (Hudson/J. Miller) to define the structure as seven members and to include, three village board members, one Village staff, one School Board Member, and two Residents of the Village.

Discussion ensued of number of residents on the committee. Could be amended as needed.

Discussion ensued of bylaws.

Amendment motion carried unanimously. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

D. Painting Design for Water Towers.

Director Ratayczak presented information on different water tower designs. He surveyed the Village Hall, Facebook, and library. Three different options were discussed. Various tank paint schemes were reviewed. SEH assisted with Graphic Designs.

Director Ratayczak presented the top designs.

Discussion ensued of a light gray to not show the algae growth.

The Germantown logo is difficult to read and expensive to paint. Discussion ensued to remove the "Village of" or "Welcome to"; and to only have "Germantown".

Sandy Dobrogrowski of Wilson Drive came to the podium. She commented of an American Flag on the Water Tower.

Motion (Pieper / R. Miller) to approve Baum's Tower, highest rated tower from facebook and allow staff decision leeway and the times font. Motion carried. Baum abstained.

E. Germantown Community Library Annual Report.

Director Smith presented the Germantown Community Library Annual Report. Circulation details were included. The upward circulation trends were shown. Curbside appointments were monitored and discussed. She reported on new upcoming programs and the 2021 highlights. 2022 includes an expanded outreach program. Looking to have a mobile library and expanded use of the library card for zoo and museum passes. They do have a noise policy that allows normal conversation. Discussion ensued of the board taking a library tour.

F. Police Department Union Local 306 Grievance, Vacation Separation Payout. The Village Board May Enter into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and,

- G. Department of Workforce Development wage claim regarding Vacation Separation Payout for former employee James Theep. The Village Board May Enter into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion (Myers/Baum) to convene into closed session for item F. at 9:30 p.m. and to include the Village Board, Administrator Kreklow, Attorney Sajdak, Chief Snow and Manager Hirn. Roll Call Vote Carried.

Motion (Baum/J. Miller) to convene into closed session for item G. at 9:30 p.m. and to include the Village Board, Administrator Kreklow, Attorney Sajdak, Chief Snow and Manager Hirn. Roll Call Vote Carried.

Motion (Baum/Pieper) to return to open session at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Motion (Baum/Myers) to direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session
Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna Braunschweig
Deanna B. Braunschweig, WCMC/CMC
Village Clerk – Treasurer