

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 5, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wolter.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: President Wolter, Trustees Baum, Hudson, Kaminski, Miller, Myers, Pieper, Wing, and Zabel. Also present: Administrator Kreklow, Clerk Braunschweig, Attorney Sajdak, Manager Tucker, Chief Snow, Superintendent Anderson, and Manager Uselding. Clerk's Note: This was a partial Virtual Webex Meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Proclamations were read by President Wolter at the podium for Robert L Warren, Jeffrey M. Hughes, Daniel K. Wing, Arthur H. Zabel. Each came to the front of the room. Attendees applauded and wished each of them well.

**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:

- B. Firefighter Amy Boll was Sworn In.
- C. Election Update:  
The Spring Election will be held tomorrow, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Polls will be open from 7 am – 8 pm. Voters can find their poll location by calling the Clerk's office or at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).

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

Michael Stib came forward to the podium. He spoke of the incident with Village Police Department that was denied by the Police Department. He is requesting the Village to reimburse him for damage on his vehicle.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Minutes March 15, 2021 Regular Village Board Meeting.
- B. Accounts payable/payroll:
  - 1. March 19, 2021 Accounts Payable \$ 697,560.22
  - 2. March 26, 2021 Accounts Payable \$ 209,178.87
  - 3. March 30, 2021 Payroll (Hourly) \$ 242,493.41
  - 4. March 31, 2021 Payroll (Salary) \$ 96,605.93
  - 5. March 31, 2021 Accounts Payable \$ 212,651.07

**Motion (Baum/Myers) to approve Consent Agenda items. Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Police Department – Hiring of Clerk Position.

**Motion (Zabel/Baum) to approve the Police Department – Hiring Clerk Position as presented. Roll Call Vote carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, Inc., Honor Flight Memorial Virtual Golf Fundraiser, Public Grant Program for Fees, June 6, 2021, Stix Golf, W164N11271 Squire Drive.

**Ryan and Daniel Hughes of Stix Golf came to the podium to introduce their event in the Germantown Market Place. Motion (Baum/Wing) to approve \$50 Public Grant Program for Fees and to go before the Tourism Commission. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Resolution 07-2021, Disallowance of Claim, Michael Stib.

**Attorney Sajdak advised the board on the resolution and request. Michael Stib commented he had just purchased vehicle. Chief Snow reported that the handler did not loose control of the K-9. The dog did alert on the vehicle. Not negligent by the officer.**

**Motion (Baum/Zabel) approve Resolution 07-2021, Disallowance of Claim, Michael Stib. Michael Stib would be able to go thru the court process. Motion carried unanimously.**

- C. Appointment of Superintendent of Highways, Parks, Building and Grounds and Setting of Salary.

**Motion (Zabel/Baum) to approve the appointment of Scott Anderson to Street Superintendent with a salary as recommended by staff and General Government and Finance. Roll Call Vote carried unanimously.**

- D. Consideration of Village – Wide Mask Requirement.

**This is on the agenda due to the state supreme court acted and revoked the governor mask mandate. Discussion of communities with mask mandate ensued. Discussion ensued of businesses and individuals having a choice.**

**Motion (Baum/Pieper) to terminate the village wide mask mandate. Motion by Tr. Baum, Second by Tr. Pieper, Motion Carried. Trustee Hudson voted no.**

- E. Consideration of Mask Policy for Village Employees and Guests of Village Facilities.

**Since the state supreme court acted and revoked the governor mask mandate. Discussion ensued to operate under current policy for the masks. Washington county does not have a requirement for their employees; however, strongly encourages to wear a mask when working with individuals that are wearing a mask. Germantown school district continue to require masks. Some special considerations for Village operations.**

**The library has a number of visitors and there are significant staff concerns. The library board will weigh in on that. The Senior Center has more of an at risk population. Recreation programs many operated in the schools and need to comply with school rules. The election is tomorrow, significant in high risk categories.**

**There is concern of liability for the Village. The labor counsel reminded that there may be potential liability. Maintain for employees for liability reasons. Revisit in sixty days. Respect in wide range of people we serve. The Village does have signage to be a good neighbor.**

**Motion (Kaminski/Baum) Maintain current masking requirement as we have now for sixty days for staff as we have now. At the polls, the areas that are in control of the Chief are in Village rules. Concern of higher risk employees and employees that are more concerned about COVID than others. Discussion ensued of sixty-day extension until more employees are vaccinated and safer environment would make a better place to work and for business. Implement to wear a mask when someone else is wearing a mask.**

**Roll call vote carried. Pieper, Wing, and Wolter voted no.**

**F. American Rescue Plan Act Overview.**

**Administrator Kreklow reported on the American Rescue Plan. The federal government passed 1.9 trillion dollars for relief due to COVID. The Village of Germantown will receive up to 1.9 Million dollars. Guidance on how to expend the funds is yet to come. The information is subject to change. Funds need to be used by December 31, 2024. The funds cannot be used to decrease taxes at the local level.**

**The funds can be used for COVID related expenditures such as safety equipment and cleaning supplies; programs to assist businesses or households; premium pay for essential workers; and, investments for water/sewer or infrastructure. We are presently looking at replacement of water meters.**

**Revenue losses are in the 1 – 1.5 million dollars and includes Hotel / Motel Taxes, Fines and Forfeitures, Ambulance Fees, Recreation Fees, Earnings on investments.**

**Additional guidance will come in Mid-May. First check is expected mid-May and then one year from now. The guidance from treasury is yet to come. Initial reports show that the Village could create a program to assist businesses.**

**G. Ordinance 03-2021, An Ordinance Amending Section 12.02 of the Germantown Municipal Code Relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor for Off-Premises Consumption.**

**Motion (Myers/Zabel) to approve Ordinance 03-2021, An Ordinance Amending Section 12.02 of the Germantown Municipal Code Relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor for Off-Premises Consumption. Roll Call Vote Carried. Hudson and Baum voted no.**

**H. Presbyterian Homes Claim. The Village Board May Enter into Closed Session per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) 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 (Baum/Myers) to convene into closed session at 8:21 p.m; and to include the Village Board, Village Administrator, and Village Attorney. Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

**Motion (Baum/Zabel) to convene into open session at 8:37 p.m.**

**Motion (Baum/Pieper) to direct staff to take action as discussed in closed session. Motion carried. Miller Abstained.**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Deanna Braunschweig*

Deanna B. Braunschweig, WCMC/CMC  
Village Clerk