

CITY OF GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 26

The City of Germantown Council met in regular session on January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the city building Council Chambers.

Judge Alyse Rettich gave the Oath of Office to Mayor Terry Johnson, Michael Kuhn, Robert Rettich IV and Brian Wafzig for City of Germantown Mayor and Council Members.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mayor Terry Johnson, Mr. Jeffrey Jones, Mrs. Bonnie Koogle, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. Rick Reed, Mr. Robert Rettich IV and Mr. Brian Wafzig.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Judy Gilleland, City Manager; Scott Davies, Law Director; Will Parsons, Community Relations Manager; Kelli Sanders-Novak, Clerk of Council, and several visitors.

ORGANIZATION:

Mayor Johnson recommended Brian Wafzig for Council President for 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to appoint Brian Wafzig as President of Council for 2026.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, abstained; Mayor Johnson, yes. 6-yes, 1-abstention. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2026 Council Liaisons

Liaison to Boards and Commissions:

BZA-Jeffrey Jones
Planning Commission-Robert Rettich
Parks & Recreation-Terry Johnson
Pool Board-Rick Reed
City Beautiful Commission-Rick Reed
Firemen's Dependents Board-Jeffrey Jones and Brian Wafzig
Personnel Board-Terry Johnson
Cemetery Board-Bonnie Koogle
Volunteer Peace Officers Dependents Fund-Jeffrey Jones and Rob Rettich
Economic Development- Mike Kuhn

Appointments to Oversight:

Parks Oversight-Terry Johnson
Pool Oversight-Rick Reed
Fire Oversight-Mike Kuhn
Senior Oversight-Bonnie Koogle

Liaisons to other Boards and Commission:

MVRPC-Jeffrey Jones, Alternate-Pat Higgins
MVRPC TAC-Pat Higgins, Alternate-Jonathan Moore
MVCC-Brian Wafzig, Alternate-Mike Kuhn
FRWWTC- Jonathan Moore, Alternate-Jeffrey Jones

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2026 Committee Appointments

Appointment of Citizens to Boards and Commission

Board of Tax Appeals – Mark Heistand – Term Expires 12-31-28
Board of Zoning Appeals – Planning Commission Liaison -Whitney Izor-Term Expires 12-31-26
Board of Zoning Appeals – Terry Dalton – Term Expires 12-31-29
City Beautiful Commission – Ciara Rowe - Terms Expires 12-31-28
City Beautiful Commission – Ellen Weinel - Terms Expires 12-31-28
City Beautiful Commission – Terry Dalton - Terms Expires 12-31-28
City Beautiful Commission – VACANT SEAT - Terms Expires 12-31-26
Economic Development – Tom Winning - Term Expires 12-31-28
Economic Development – Kenneth Tudor - Term Expires 12-31-28
Fire Oversight – Bob Treiber – Term Expires 12-31-27
Fire Oversight – Jeffrey Bobbitt – Term Expires 12-31-27
Fire Oversight – Glenn Jirka – Term Expires 12-31-27
Park Board – William Heistand - Term Expires 12-31-30
Park Board - VACANT SEAT - Term Expires 12-31-28
Park Board - VACANT SEAT - Term Expires 12-31-29
Personnel Board - Jim Wafzig - Term Expires 12-31-27
Personnel Board - Laura Howar - Term Expires 12-31-27
Planning Commission - Emily Berry - Term Expires 12-31-29
Pool Board – Rachel Albert - Term Expires 12-31-28
Pool Board – Sherry Holweger - Term Expires 12-31-28
Pool Board – VACANT SEAT - Term Expires 12-31-26
Pool Oversight Board – Jim Williams - Term Expires 12-31-28
Records Commission - Terry Dalton- Term Expires 12-31-26
Senior Oversight Board - Freda Emrick - Term Expires 12-31-27

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to appoint the Council Liaisons for 2026 and the citizens to the Boards and Commission as submitted for 2026.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Mayor Johnson presented Dr. Mark Cross, German Township Trustee, a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service to German Township and the City. He wished him well in his retirement from German Township.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Gilleland congratulated the newly sworn in Council Members. We look forward to working with everyone during 2026.

She stated that the agenda for the meeting was very short and we would be having a work session.

She wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

CLERK'S REPORT:

None.

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LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Johnson wished everyone a happy and healthy 2026.

He attended the Mayors and Managers meeting on December 10.

He thanked everyone who attended the Christmas in the Park Event and those who made the event possible. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the horse parade due to the weather, but several families did meet us at the Depot to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.

He thanked everyone for their help with a successful Wreaths Across America Event.

He congratulated the members of Council who were sworn in and looks forward to working with them.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Mrs. Koogle's Report:

Mrs. Koogle attended the Senior Oversight Meeting. They have decided to increase the membership fees and discussed the 2026 Budget.

She attended the Cemetery Board Meeting. She thanked the team that redesigned the website. It has such good information on it.

She congratulated the members of Council who were reelected.

Mr. Jones's Report:

Mr. Jones stated he is looking forward to working with the reelected members of council.

He attended the BZA Meeting. They denied the request for a temporary container on Rt. 4.

He attended the MVRPC meeting.

Mr. Kuhn's Report:

Mr. Kuhn congratulated the elected council members. He looks forward to working with this great team.

He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Reed's Report:

Mr. Reed congratulated the members of council that were sworn in.

He announced that Robin Alsip had resigned from the CBC. He thanked her for her many years of service.

Mr. Rettich's Report:

Mr. Rettich congratulated the newly elected council members. He thanked the voters for voting for him and his fellow council members.

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He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Wafzig's Report:

Mr. Wafzig congratulated the council members that were sworn in tonight. This Council seems to work very well together.

He encouraged everyone to consider volunteering on a city board. We have several vacancies on many of our board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. December 1, 2025-Regular Session Meeting Minutes
2. December 1, 2025-WorkSession Meeting Minutes
3. Accept the First Quarter Credit Card Report (This is a requirement by the State Auditor per the credit card policy)
4. RESOLUTION NO. 26-01
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE'S EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VALLEY VIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT 202 JACKSON STREET, FARMERSVILLE, OHIO, FOR PURPOSES OF FUTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Kuhn, yes; Mrs. Koogle, yes; Mr. Reed, yes; Mr. Rettich, yes; Mr. Wafzig, yes; Mayor Johnson, yes. 7-yes, 0-no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEGISLATION:

INTRODUCTION:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli R. Sanders-Novak
Clerk of Council

Terry Johnson
Mayor