

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Divernon Village Hall. Village President Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance, Clerk Rod Molnar called roll: Jim Copelin "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Police Chief Barclay Harris, Treasurer Christine Nichols and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Melissa Layton was absent.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to approve the minutes of December 27, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after adding invoices for Kathleen Orr for \$220.00 and Frontier Communications for \$494.26. Baer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that he has received a request for a commercial building permit for the property at 500 Reichert Road. He pointed out that the Capital Improvement Program of 2004 recommended extending Henrietta Street to Reichert Road. He asked the Board if they would like for him to look into the project.

Police:

Chief Harris reported that the new part time officer is doing well. Harris and his officers have been receiving updates on new laws that took place at the beginning of the year. He has placed an ad in the Auburn Citizen and Divernon News for a part time officer. Jan Bowsher will be helping out the department in taking over Nellie Allen's duties. The Village sent flowers for Nellie's funeral as she was a valued employee of the Village.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Copelin and Hedges gave an update on the gas station property. The contractor that took the soil samples has not yet reported their findings to the EPA. Copelin, Hedges and Representative Wojcicki-Jimenez have been in contact with the EPA on a weekly basis.

Copelin recommended that the following individuals be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals with their first meeting to take place in January. Keith Mefford, Kevin Carter, Tim Vangeison, and Randy Rhodes. A motion was made by Hedges to approve the appointment. Spelman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

There was an approval of two adjustments to water bills. The Board authorized Molnar to put liens on two properties for non-payment of utility bills. Nichols reported that she is working on securing a vendor for the Village to use for online payments of utility bills. She will be meeting

with five or six vendors on demonstrations and will narrow that number down to two or three to make a presentation to the Board.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nichols is continuing to look for an outside payroll service.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Molnar reported that deeds for the properties at 333 State Street and 609 State Street have been received. The Department of Natural Resources will be sending deeds to two properties from the flood buyout. Sterling Codifiers sent updates to the Village Ordinance book.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk