

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2017 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", Melissa Layton "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.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Baer to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018. The motion passed 5-0. Layton voting present.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after adding invoices for Bank of Springfield for \$2837.94 and Designer Landscapes for \$2147.45. Baer seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Visitors:

Bert Barlow was in attendance to inform the Board that he planned to open a lawn and garden dealership on Reichert Road. He intends to build a 60' by 160' building and will employ about five. J. Rhodes has looked over the building permit and recommended to the Board that it be approved. A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Jones to approve the commercial building permit. The motion carried 6-0.

Reggie Benton of Benton and Associates was present to advise the Board on what it would take to extend Henrietta Street to Reichert Road. Two lots plus a portion of another parcel would need to be purchased. In addition, Benton suggested that an oil and chip surface would not hold up to the traffic because of the curve in the proposed extension. A rough estimate to complete the project would be \$150,000.00 plus the purchase of the properties. The item was tabled for now to see if the properties needed would even be available for sale. MFT and TIF monies could be used for the project.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that so far there have been no breaks on the water system. A couple customers have had major breaks on their side of the meter. Baer asked Rhodes to supply him with a list of requests as the finance committee will begin work on the annual appropriation ordinance.

Police:

Chief Harris reported on a recent incident of a stolen vehicle. He recommends that residents keep their vehicles locked and not to leave them running while they are inside the house. The Jeep that was confiscated in an arrest last year is now the property of the Village. Officer Hayes will make arrangements to get the vehicle to auction.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Copelin informed the Board that he still has three open positions for the Zoning Board of Appeals and would like suggestions.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

A motion was made by Jones to approve adjustments to three accounts where customers had water leaks. Hedges seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Treasurer Nichols reported that she has talked with several communities including some local that have online payment systems. She plans to have a recommendation for the Board soon.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nichols is continuing to work on securing an outside payroll service. She also suggested that a new account be added to the general ledger for Staples Reward Card numbered 01-114. Brenning made the motion to add the item. Hedges seconded and the motion was approved 6-0. A motion was made by Brenning to move the Village's CD to Bank of Springfield at the recommendation of the outside auditors. Hedges seconded and the motion passed 6-0. An item will be put on the next agenda for the annual audit to be put out for bid.

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 he was unable to put a lien on the property at 421 Kenney Street as the bill was to a renter and not the property owner. The Board advised him that the bill should be sent to the property owner as it is now his responsibility.

New Business:

Molnar reported that the Village now has the deeds to the properties at 333 State Street and 609 State Street and an item will be on the next agenda to pass an ordinance approving the sale of these properties.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk