

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 13, 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, Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Treasurer Christine Nichols.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve the corrected minutes of November 22, 2017. The motion passed 6-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved. Baer seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Visitors:

David Catlin requested that Maddy's Tavern be allowed to remain open an extra hour on New Year's Eve. A motion was made by Spelman and seconded by Jones to allow it. The motion carried 6-0. Catlin also informed the Board that Maddy's will be hosting Hall's Bike Night on August 24, 2018.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the Christmas lights contest. Best Theme to Jay and Deb Sergeant. Traditional to P.J. and Chelsea Bostic. Best Light Show to Mark and Amber Bertetto.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that he has an employee that will be on light duty for a month. Layton thanked the public works employees for their work on installing Christmas decorations. There is a street sign at Madison and State that needs to be replaced.

Police:

Chief Harris reported that there have been a number of thefts involving juveniles that his department is working on. Tom Hiatt was interviewed for the open part time Police Officer position. He is retired from the Illinois State Police and currently works part time for Pleasant Plains. He has worked as a juvenile officer, and is a CPR and first aid instructor. Mayor Copelin distributed a sexual harassment policy and ordinance. It will be on the agenda for a vote at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

A motion was made by Hedges to approve ordinance 2017-012 regarding regulations for food trucks. Spelman seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Copelin reported that Representative Wojicki Jimenez will be contacting the EPA on a weekly basis until their work is completed at the gas station. Hedges reported that according to the Village Attorney, that the Board cannot continue to act as the Zoning Board of Appeals and that a separate group will need to be appointed. Copelin plans to present a list of potential candidates at the next meeting.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to approve one request for an adjustment on a utility bill. The motion carried 6-0. It was decided that anytime that all meters were shut off at a residence that no meter fee would be charged during that time, but there would be a \$50.00 reconnect fee when the meter was enabled.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Treasurer Nichols requested that the Board make a transfer from the TIF Account to the Sweep Account to pay for the new door and enclosure to the Police Department. This item will have to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Layton reported that the electric outlets and post near the Veterans Memorial could be moved. Rettbergs installed it. She will get with Jake Rettberg to get an estimate on the work. Layton received information from Flag World on replacing the flag pole at the Veterans Memorial. She will continue working on this project. Spelman presented bids from George Alarm, Heart, and Young's for security cameras for the park and the Village Hall. Spelman said that Wi-Fi would be required for any of the systems to work at the park. The item was tabled.

Old Business:

Molnar reported that the deed for the property at 333 South State has been received but the one for 609 South State has not. The refund from UCB for the TIF overpayment has been received. The Village received a large thank you card from Mrs. Pearce's social studies class for being invited to the Bicentennial Flag raising.

New Business:

Nichols reported that the Munibilling Online Payment System is currently on hold. The State of Illinois requires a number of items done before implementing the system. These include a public hearing and a procurement of at least three bids. She will continue working on this and report back to the Board. She would like the Board to consider using an outside payroll service. She believes this would be a good addition to the current system. The Board instructed her to look into what it would take to implement the system. The TIF Joint Review Board meeting has been rescheduled for January 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

A motion was made by Layton to go into executive session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Spelman to open the executive session minutes of 7/10/2013, 1/11/2017, 4/26/2017, 5/10/2017, 5/24/2017, 9/13/2017, and 9/27/2017. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Baer to present Village employees gift cards as a Christmas bonus. Full time employee's \$100.00 cards and part time \$50.00 cards. Spelman seconded and the motion was approved 6-0.

A motion was made by Jones to employ Tom Hiatt as a part time Police Officer pending background and reference checks at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. Spelman seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jones to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk