

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 27, 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", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Police Chief Barclay Harris and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Melissa Layton was absent.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Baer to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to approve the corrected executive session minutes of December 13, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved. Baer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes thanked the Board for the Christmas bonus received for him and his crew. He reported that the Illinois Commerce Commission had made a visit to inspect the operations and maintenance manual for the natural gas system. No issues were found. He will wait until spring to get with Rettbergs regarding getting the post with the electrical outlets near the veteran's memorial moved. He said that \$10,000.00 would be more than enough to take care of sidewalks next summer. Rhodes plans to have the work done in house. He estimates that the next water main replacement project would be around \$18,000.00. Baer asked about doing more streets this summer. He will get with the engineers this spring to put together a plan.

Police:

Chief Harris also thanked the Board for the Christmas bonus for him and his staff. Harris reported that new part time officer Tom Hiatt has begun work. Officer Price's father passed away recently. The Board would like to make a donation to a memorial in his name. Harris will check with the family as to what memorial they had asked donations be sent.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Mayor Copelin has so far only found one individual willing to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He has some other people he plans to approach.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

One request for an adjustment for a water leak was approved. Copelin and Treasurer Nichols will meet tomorrow to discuss the possibility of implementing a new outside payroll system.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Spelman to transfer funds from the TIF account to the Sweep account to cover the cost of the new door and enclosure to the Police Department. The motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Jones to approve Ordinance 2017-013, regarding Sexual Harassment. The ordinance is required by State Statute. Spelman seconded and the motion carried 5-0

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Baer would like to have money budgeted next year for the replacement of Christmas lights. A line item will be added when the next Appropriation Ordinance is drafted. A motion was made by Spelman to purchase a copy of Adobe Acrobat Pro to be put on the Office Manager's computer for all personnel to use as needed as cost of \$450.00. Jones seconded and the motion was approved 5-0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk