

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 9, 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", Melissa Layton "Here", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here". Also in attendance were Police Chief Barclay Harris and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Dianne Brenning was absent.

A motion was made by Layton and seconded by Spelman to approve the minutes of April 25, 2018. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Spelman and seconded by Baer to approve the executive session minutes of April 25, 2018. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Visitors:

James Richards was in attendance to explain that he had removed two inches of dirt and replaced it with two inches of rock to add extra parking space in front of his house and hoped that the Village would not trench a ditch. J. Rhodes said he has been watching the area after rains and so far has not seen a problem. If one exists at a later time it will be addressed then.

The Board then interviewed two candidates for the open public works position. The first candidate was Matt Icenogle of Chatham. He currently works for Simplex. In the past he has worked for Ball Township where he worked on the roads. He has a CDL and has worked with heavy equipment. The second candidate was Darrin Copelin of Divernon. He has worked for the past ten years for Langheim Concrete. He has worked in the labor industry all of his life. He has worked with heavy equipment. He will get his CDL. Both candidates would like to give their present employers two weeks' notice.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported that the new flag poles have been delivered and that he and Craig would begin working on installing them this week. The recent audit of the natural gas system by the Illinois Commerce Commission raised a few minor issues. The Village will be receiving a report. He thanked the Board for his recent pay increase.

Police:

Chief Harris reported that he has begun working on notifying residents of yards and vehicles that needed attention. He and his officers have recently received training for first aid and also taser use. Harris will also be receiving training from DCFS. The department recently assisted the Jr. High School with tornado and lockdown drills. The new weapons rack has been installed in the Tahoe and the seat has been repaired.

*Committee Reports:**Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Copelin reported that he had spoken with the realtor in regards to the gas station property. He had heard from the EPA that he should be receiving the NFR reports in the next couple of weeks which should explain that no further remediation is required at the properties. Hedges reported he is still working on a new cover letter to go along with commercial building permit applications to help better explain the process. He spoke with Evan Lloyd Architects and they are still waiting on responses to the mechanical and electrical plan review as well as the architectural review of the shell of the building for the new building on Reichert Road. Hedges spoke with Evan Lloyd and checked on drawing requirements of other communities regarding commercial building permits. He found most, if not all require the same or more drawings for the architectural review process. These drawings are required, in part, from state statutes, acts, and laws. The Village passed an ordinance in 2016 as required to update our ordinances and align them with the regulatory requirements. Initially, the Village contracted with Sangamon County to do the inspections but found this process to be too cumbersome based on business owner's feedback. At that time, the Village contracted with Evan Lloyd to do the inspections and architectural review process.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

There were no requests for adjustments of utility bills this month. Jones reported that the new credit card processing system is working really well. A motion was made by Jones to approve the estimate of charges from Benton and Associates for engineering for the new water replacement project at a cost of \$3000.00. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

A motion was made by Baer to pay off the loan from Bank of Springfield for new water and gas meters. The payment should be done by wire transfer. Jones seconded and the motion was approved 5-0.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Layton reported that Flowers Sanitation will be here on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to noon for clean-up day. Layton, Hedges and Jones will be taking payments. Officer Reynolds will be in attendance to check to make sure all dropping off trash are Divernon residents. Unfortunately the electronics recycling will have to be canceled as the company that was hired has gone out of business. Layton tried to secure another company, but at this late date none were available. A notice will be posted on the sign in front of the Village Hall as well as the website and social media.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Jones to approve the materials quotations for MFT street work in the amount of \$14,100.00 from Illinois Road Contractors. The motion carried 5-0.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to purchase new playground equipment for the Village Park at an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00. The equipment would be paid for from the TIF fund. The motion failed, Baer and Layton voting yes, Spelman and Hedges voting no, Jones voting present. The motion required 2/3 vote of the Board as the amount exceeded the no bid amount of \$25,000.00

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

A motion was made by Hedges to go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to employ Darrin Copelin in the public works department at a rate of \$15.00 per hour beginning in two weeks. The motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk