

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 13, 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”, Melissa Layton “Here”, Daryl Spelman “Here”, Derek Hedges “Here”. Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Barclay Harris.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of May 23, 2018. The motion passed 4-0 with the Mayor voting.

Hedges presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved. Layton seconded and the motion carried 4-0 with the Mayor voting.

Visitors:

Misty Grober was in attendance to request to reserve the park on Sunday July 15, 2018 from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m. She along with a number of volunteers will be putting on a “Kids Day”. It will be for children aged 0-18. There will be food, drinks and games.

Bert Barlow who is constructing the new building on Reichert Road was present to make a TIF proposal for a one time grant to assist in construction costs. He will be selling Mahindra tractors and Gravely mowers. The proposal will be sent to the TIF attorney for her opinion before proceeding. Spelman asked if TIF projects were subject to prevailing wage. The attorney will be asked about that also.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported on a number of items. He and his crew are preparing the streets to be oiled and chipped. He attended the Gas Utilities Alliance meeting in Effingham, Illinois. The insurance cost for the natural gas system will increase from \$4.25 to \$4.65 per meter. New employee Darrin Copelin is working out well. Rhodes has been working on some flooding issues with plugged tiles. The jetting machine needed some extensive repairs.

Police:

Chief Harris reported that he has been in touch with the owner of the old grocery store on the corner of the square and he will begin cleaning up the property. Harris recently attended the Police Chief’s meeting. IDOT gave a demonstration on motorcycle safety. He will be meeting with the attorney next week to review the Police Policy Manual. Copelin asked Harris to look at trees that have been overgrowing alleys that need to be trimmed.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended that amendments to the Zoning Ordinance be approved. The Village Attorney will be sending an updated copy and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting for approval. Maddie’s Tavern will be hosting a “bike night” in August. Molnar will contact Illinois Risk Management to see what will be required for insurance

purposes for the event. Hedges reported that an individual may be requesting to put a food truck on commercial property. The Food Truck Ordinance only applies to public property. It appears that as long as they comply with Sangamon County Health Department regulations, there should be no problem. Hedges will explore the issue further. He said that he had not received any feedback on the proposed cover letter for commercial building permits and will be sending a copy to Office Manager Rideout.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

There were three requests for utility adjustments, two being pool fills. A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Spelman to approve the requests. The motion carried 4-0 with the Mayor voting.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

The new payroll system is working pretty well. The scheduler portion of the system is not yet online.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

A FOIA request was received from the Operators Union concerning sidewalk work done last summer.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Spelman and Copelin will be meeting next week with a representative from Small But Mighty Web Design about having a new website built.

Old Business:

There were no bids received for the State Street properties.

New Business:

A motion was made by Layton to approve the annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance as required by statute. Hedges seconded and the motion passed 4-0 with the Mayor voting.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk