

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 11, 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, Melissa Layton called roll: Jim Copelin "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Melissa Layton "Here", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Barclay Harris. Derek Hedges and Rod Molnar were absent.

A motion was made by Spelman and seconded by Jones to approve the corrected minutes of June 27, 2018. 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.

Visitors:

Misty and Ben Grober were in attendance to update the Board on the "Kids Day" scheduled for this Sunday. A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Baer for the Village to cover the cost of water and electricity for the event as well as make a \$50.00 donation. The motion was approved 5-0.

Jeff and Erin Parga would like for a stop sign to be placed on First Street on the corner of First and Faithorn. They believe that there is a lot of traffic with the number of children present. Copelin will have Chief Harris conduct a traffic study.

David Catlin of Maddy's Tavern was present to give more details about the "Bike Night" that will be held on August 24, 2018. He has been going to similar events. He does not believe that extra security is necessary. The Board told him that he would have to obtain additional liability insurance to cover the event. This has been discussed with Illinois Risk Management, who is the insurer for the Village. Catlin will discuss this with his attorney.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported on a number of items. His crew has poured concrete for the benches in the park. He has spoken with the homeowners at First and South streets about removing limbs so sidewalk work can continue. He is waiting on permits from the EPA to begin this year's water project. Streets have been rocked and chipped.

Police:

Due to the shortage of part time police officers, Officer Hiatt may exceed the 1000 hour limit which would require the Village to contribute to IMRF. This still may be less expensive than hiring a new officer and putting them through training.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Bert Barlow will have a list of expenses for his project on Reichert Road by the next meeting.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

There were three requests for utility adjustments this month. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Spelman to approve two of the requests. The motion passed 5-0. Jones suggested that the Board review the policy on pool fills. A number of ideas were considered. Jones will have Officer Manager Rideout draft the new policy and it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nothing to report.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

A motion was made by Spelman and seconded by Jones to contract with Small But Mighty Web Design to build and maintain a new website for the Village. The initial cost will be \$999.00 with an annual maintenance fee of \$999.00. Jones seconded and the motion was approved 5-0.

At this time Mayor Copelin appointed Melissa Layton as temporary Mayor Pro Tem and left the meeting. The meeting resumed with Layton in charge.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Baer to purchase new blinds for the large window in the Village hall at a cost of \$1145.00 plus \$115.00 for installation. The motion carried 4-0.

New Business:

Chief Harris introduced Carson Becker as a candidate for part time Police Officer. He was previously interviewed by Harris and Copelin. He is a graduate of Illinois State University and has PTI training with the University of Illinois. He is currently living in Bloomington, but would be willing to make the trip for work. He would work as much as needed. He has experience in forensics. After a discussion concerning the Village's full time and part time officer situation, Spelman made the motion to hire Becker as a part time officer at the established rate beginning on July 17, 2018. Jones seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Spelman to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk