

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday August 23, 2017 at the Divernon Village Hall. Mayor 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", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Police Chief Barclay Harris, Treasurer Christine Nichols and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Wayne Jones was absent.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to approve the corrected minutes of August 9, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

Brenning presented the bills with a motion that they be approved after adding an invoice from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for \$2838.91. Baer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Visitors:

Brittany and David Catlin were in attendance to request a one day permit to serve liquor in the park for the "Party in the Park" celebration. The request was granted and the fee waived. They also plan to hold a benefit on September 30, 2017. They asked and received permission to have a food truck parked in front of the bar on that day. It may be on the street or on bar property. They also asked if the Board would entertain the possibility of allowing the sale of alcohol on Sunday's beginning at 11:00 a.m. during the NFL season. They were informed that the time was changed a couple of years ago from 1:00 p.m. to noon and would have to discuss any other changes to the liquor ordinance.

Randy Rhodes was present representing the Party in the Park committee. He asked and received permission for use of the park on September 16, 2017 from noon to 10:00 p.m. They will supply the Village with an insurance certificate.

#### Supervisors Reports:

##### Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that the new pumps have been installed on the Third Street sewer lift station. He plans to begin work on the Wells Street water main project.

##### Police:

Chief Harris is recommending changing the days allowed for cleaning up property under the nuisance ordinance be changed from 5 to 7 days. He also would like to change the fines to be \$25.00 for the first day, \$50.00 for the second day, and \$75.00 per each day thereafter. He will begin making changes to the ordinance. He gave the Board an update on the two lots on State Street that are scheduled for a Sheriff's auction. Copelin and Molnar will get in touch with Sangamon County to ensure that the Village's liens on the property are not lost.

#### Committee Reports:

##### Economic Development, Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Hedges gave the Board an update on the property owned by Bob Britz that he is considering annexing into the Village. He passed out a draft of an intergovernmental agreement with the

Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission which would allow the County to provide a Plat Officer to the Village for zoning issues. He asked the Board to review the draft.

#### Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Copelin reported that most of the customers that were behind on budget billing have their accounts paid up, and that their monthly billing charges have been changed so that the problem does not arise in the future.

#### Finance, Personnel, Technology, GIS:

Treasurer Nichols presented the Board with the annual Treasurers Report and the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Baer to accept the Treasurers Report. The motion was approved 5-0. Baer made the motion to approve ordinance 2017-008, the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance. Hedges seconded at the motion carried 5-0. Nichols also requested to have the amount transferred monthly from the General Fund to the Police fund be changed from \$18,000.00 to \$24,000.00 temporarily. This was at the request of the auditors. Brenning made a motion to approve the change. Layton seconded and the motion passed 5-0. She has also enrolled the Village in the GATA program to ensure the Village receives MFT funds in a timely manner. She and Hedges will work on a fraud prevention program for the Village as required by GATA.

#### Public Safety, Police, Health and Safety:

Layton reported that an electronic recycling event will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, September 10, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Baer reported that he has secured a map of the sidewalks to be replaced in the Village. He has an old bid from Thurber Construction for work that was previously planned to be done, but put on hold. Thurber is willing to honor the bid of \$17,910.00. Molnar reported that the MFT plan for sidewalks was approved by IDOT.

#### Building Grounds and Lights, Parks, Recreation:

Spelman reported he had spoken with a company that manages the websites for Williamsville and Pawnee. They would create Divernon a website for \$1000.00 and manage the site for \$100.00 per month or \$1000.00 per year. He has contacted Jason Rhodes and Don Kern about getting repairs done on the pavilion in the park. He also spoke with Illini Tech about some issues regarding service when having computer problems. After going through the contract, he recommends the Village remain with Illini Tech. A motion was made by Spelman to accept the bid from Craig Ladage to replace the door to the entrance to the Police Department and build an enclosure on the outside of the entrance at a total cost of \$8303.00 to be paid from the TIF fund. Layton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Copelin reported that he had received the resignation of Jan Belford. She acted as a backup for office manager Sue Covi. Her resignation will take effect on September 9, 2017.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk