

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 10, 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", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin. Larry Baer and Rod Molnar were absent.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Jones to approve the corrected minutes of September 26, 2018. The motion passed 4-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after adding an invoice to the Village for \$4000.00 for a TIF reimbursement. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

*Visitors:*

Ben and Misty Grober received permission to have streets on the north and west sides of the park blocked between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on October 26, 2018 for a village wide trunk or treat and costume contest. They are also making plans for next year's "Kids Fest" to be held on July 13, 2019. They would like to have a children's petting zoo as part of the celebration. Ironworkers local 46 has offered to pay for the bounce houses.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes and Hedges will attend the annual United Gas Management meeting in Effingham Illinois on October 11, 2018. He would like new phones for his two crew members so they can take pictures of work on water, gas and sewer lines as well as other work. He can get two phones at Walmart for \$97.20. The new water main had to be re-chlorinated.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported that he contacted Illini Tech regarding an estimate on installing new computers. Microsoft Office Word has been installed on his computers. He suggested that Officer Bill Price be promoted to Sergeant. He would like for Bill to be second in command. No action was taken at this time. It will be discussed further at the next meeting. A motion was made by Jones to have an in car camera system installed in the new police truck at a cost of \$480.00. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Martin suggested that the Village impose ordinance violations instead of writing tickets on minor traffic violations. The Village would then receive all of the revenue generated instead of it being distributed by the county. Attorney Jurgens will be contacted for his opinion. Part time officers Neil Brown, Corey Reynolds and Tom Hiatt have submitted their resignations. Martin has two candidates for the position that are already certified. Copelin asked that the Police Procedure Manual be picked up from the attorney's office.

*Committee Reports:*

*Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Hedges gave an update about the inspections on the new building on Reichert Road. Copelin will check to see if the Zoning Board of Appeals has the final approval on inspections and occupancy.

*Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:*

A discussion was held concerning rental properties that are behind on utility bills. A procedure should be put in place to notify landlords. The item will be revisited at the next meeting.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Brenning reported that Office Manager Heather Rideout would like to renew the Staples Plus membership at a cost of \$49.00. The annual TIF report has been filed with the Comptroller's office.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

A discussion was held on the highway agreement submitted by the contractor employed by the EPA. Hedges feels there are questions that need to be resolved before the Village enters into the agreement. Layton asked about trees that need to be trimmed that are hanging over sidewalks and alleys. Rhodes has them on his list to be done. There is a blind spot on the corner of State and Dodds streets. The stop sign may need to be moved. Rhodes will look into the regulations concerning stop signs before making any changes.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Nothing to report.

*Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:*

Copelin will check on the progress of the new website.

*Old Business:*

None.

*New Business:*

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk