

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 22, 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", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were acting Police Chief Bill Price and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Rod Molnar was absent.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Spelman to approve the corrected minutes of August 8, 2018. The motion passed 5-0. Jones voting present.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Hedges to approve the corrected executive session minutes of August 8, 2018. The motion passed 5-0. Jones voting present.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved. Baer seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Visitors:

Sangamon County Board Representative Jeff Thomas was in attendance to explain the Smart Ride service that is going to be offered to rural Sangamon County. There will be a \$2.00 charge each way for rides to Springfield. There will be a presentation at the Village Hall on Friday, August 24th at 2:00 p.m. for anyone interested. Ray Pfeiler was present to work out a payment extension on his utility bill. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to grant the request. The motion carried 6-0. Tom McEvoy had questions about the easement outside of his sidewalk and who owns it. Misty Grober requested permission from the Board for three upcoming events in the park. She plans a Trunk or Treat for Halloween with a costume contest and wiener roast to take place on October 24th. She would like to have a movie in the park and will let the Board know when she has a date in mind. She plans to have next year's Kids Fest on July 13, 2019. The Board approved her requests.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported that he is currently working on the water line replacement project. Spelman asked about the door on the old train depot. He said that Don Becker has a door that can be used. Layton asked who to contact for the 7th grade history class to visit the depot. Don Becker is the contact for that also.

Police:

Spelman reported that he had spoken with Comcast Communications. The Village needs to have a static IP address for the Police Department. The Village is currently on a residential account which will need to be upgraded to a business account for increased internet speed at an additional cost of \$10.00 per month. A motion was made by Spelman to make the necessary upgrades. The total cost will be \$114.00 per month. Jones seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Copelin presented a letter of appreciation that he received concerning Officer Josh Hayes. A motorist had a blowout on I55. Hayes stopped to assist the motorist and dispatched for the appropriate

help. The gentleman was very appreciative of the help that he received. Copelin commended Officer Bill Price for the work he has done as Interim Police Chief. Part time Police Officer Jan Bowsher submitted her letter of resignation. The new police vehicle should be in by the end of next week.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

A motion was made by Hedges to approve a TIF redevelopment agreement with Bert Barlow for the construction of his implement dealership on Reichert Road. Baer seconded and the motion was approved 6-0. A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Spelman to approve ordinance 2018-008. The ordinance is required by statute to authorize the TIF agreement. The motion passed 6-0.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones reported that the budget billing system looks in good shape at this point. He recommended reviewing it again in March.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nothing to report.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Baer reported that the installation of the new playground equipment has been completed and will be ready for use on Friday.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Spelman reported on the progress of the new Village website. The web builder would like to get more input on the design. Molnar is working with Sterling Codifiers to have all ordinances up to date before the rollout of the new website.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

BLH computers is going to have a county wide electronic recycling event. The Board decided not to participate.

Daryl Spelman submitted his resignation from the Board effective at the close of the meeting.

A motion was made by Hedges to go into executive session at 7:39 p.m. in order to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:59 p.m.

Copelin recommended that the Board hire Jason Martin as Police Chief at his availability. He will require a medical release from his doctor as he is recovering from a broken arm. Hedges made the motion to employ Martin as new Police Chief beginning when he has medical clearance at a salary of \$53,000.00 annually. Baer seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Spelman to adjourn at 9.09 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village Président

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk