

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 26, 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", Wayne Jones "Here", Melissa Layton "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of September 12, 2018. The motion passed 4-0. Hedges voting present.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the executive session minutes of September 12, 2018. The motion passed 4-0. Hedges voting present.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved. Baer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Visitors:

Dorsey Taylor of Faithorn Street addressed the Board about an issue of the smell coming from Brush Creek. He said that the dam located near 3rd and Madison streets is not allowing water to flow creating stagnant water near his home. He would like to see something done with the dam. Mayor Copelin feels that management of the creek is out of the Village's jurisdiction, but promised Taylor he would meet with him the next day to determine the proper authorities to look into the issue.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported he and his crew are back to working their normal shift hours. Utility Safety and Design representatives are on site for the next two days for the annual natural gas leak survey. The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants on September 29th and 30th. The new water main is installed but not in operation. Rhodes has completed one test on the new line. The Village Hall will be power washed and the bushes trimmed. A discussion concerning the trees around the Welcome to Divernon sign was held, as they are beginning to grow in front of the sign. No action was taken. An employee meeting with the Village's insurance agent concerning health insurance will be held on October 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Police:

Chief Martin reported that new part time officer Carson Becker will begin working his first shift. Martin would like for the Board to consider promoting Officer Bill Price to Sergeant. A computer upgrade in the department will require some hardware improvements. Illini Tech has supplied an estimate. The new police vehicle is in. Martin would like to have in car video installed before putting it into service. He will get estimates. He plans to advertise for part time officers.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Molnar reported that Bert Barlow has the corrected TIF redevelopment agreement, but has not returned the signed document. Layton reported that the car wash on Reichert Road is for sale.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones reported that budget billing process has improved dramatically.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nothing to report.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Trick or Treat hours will be on October 30th and 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The first movie in the park was successful and a second is planned for October 26th.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Baer reported that he is working with Arnold Monument on a plaque for the Charles G. Brown monument on the north side of the park. The company is willing to donate a stone to install with the plaque. Layton said that the new playground equipment is getting a great deal of use.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Layton reported that she has been working with Office Manager Heather Rideout on content for the new Village Website.

Old Business:

Copelin will have a recommendation for a board member replacement at the next meeting.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Jones to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk