

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 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", Craig Busch "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin. Melissa Layton was absent.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of January 9, 2019. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to donate \$50.00 to the Auburn Afterprom Committee. Brenning then presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after an invoice for the Auburn Afterprom Committee for \$50.00. Baer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

*Visitors:*

Jon Hopkins was in attendance. He is purchasing the Corner Bar and will take ownership on February 1, 2019. He has applied for a liquor and gaming license. Molnar said all of his documents are in order and Chief Martin cleared his background check. A motion was made by Baer to approve a liquor and gaming license for The Corner Bar and Grill LLC. Jones seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Misty Grober was in attendance. She and her husband recently held the Christmas activities at the park for the kids. She expressed her frustration with getting help. Funding wasn't a problem, it was just getting others to give some time to the event.

Bert Barlow, the owner of Divernon Equipment, which is getting ready to open on Reichert Road was present. He just received his final inspection from Evan Lloyd. His concern was he didn't believe the review process identified changes that should've been made prior to the construction. The changes were pointed out during the final inspection which cost him an additional expense.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes reported that the cleanup from the recent snowstorm went well. It was the first major storm for his crew members and he thought that they did a good job. Rhodes is currently trying to find a large water break. With the ground frozen it is not surfacing and thus far he hasn't had any luck. He has contacted the Illinois Rural Water Association, which the Village belongs to. They have the latest equipment for breaks like these. They will be in town first thing tomorrow morning.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported that he has contacted the Sangamon County Health Department about the condition of the old grocery store on the square. An inspector from the department is coming tomorrow to make his initial inspection. The County has sent the owner a letter. The Chief has

received two applications for the part time officer position and expects three or four more. He will begin interviews at a later date.

*Committee Reports:*

*Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Copelin has spoken with several individuals regarding the old gas station properties, but hasn't been able to get much information. He does understand that the transfer of ownership to the new bank has taken place. He will contact Representative Mike Murphy to see if he can help.

*Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:*

Jones made a motion to approve one request of an adjustment on a utility bill. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 5-0. After reviewing the budget billing report, it was decided to mail letters to those whose accounts are falling into arrears to remind them that all accounts will need to be paid up on May 1, 2019. Baer was contacted by Jarad McMorris of Goodenergy. He believes that he may be able to offer the Village discounts on use of streetlights. Molnar will look into the contract with Ameren before making any decisions.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Baer, Brenning and Treasurer Christine Nichols met and made some changes to the Personnel Code. The Code has been sent to the Village Attorney for his opinion before voting.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Busch asked about the possibility of the Village hosting a clinic for flu shots next year. Brenning said this is done at the Senior Citizens Center each year and anyone is welcome.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Nothing to report.

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

Busch gave an update on the new Village Website. There will be a sticker on the next utility bill reminding residents to look at the website for information.

*Old Business:*

None.

*New Business:*

Hiring of a part time police officer was tabled until the first meeting in February.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk