

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 11, 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", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Police Chief Barclay Harris and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Baer to approve the minutes of March 28, 2018. The motion passed 4-0. Layton and Hedges voting present.

A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Spelman to approve the corrected executive session minutes of March 28, 2018. The motion passed 4-0. Layton and Hedges voting present.

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

Visitors:

Hunter Cody was in attendance to request that the lot he owns at 315 S. Henrietta be divided into two separate lots. He would like to sell the southern half of the property. He has spoken with Sangamon County and they require approval from the Village. A motion was made by Hedges to approve the request. Baer seconded and the motion carried 6-0. Cody will contact the Sangamon County Supervisor of Assessments to see exactly what type of documentation is required from the Village for their approval.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported on a number of items. There was a water break on Lewis Street that was caused by a faulty pressure reducing valve. The valve failed to shut down completely which caused an excessive amount of pressure on the main. Public Works employee Ryan Woker has submitted his letter of resignation and his last day will be tomorrow. The Village has advertised and accepted applications until the end of business today. The personnel committee will reduce the number of applicants to be interviewed by the Board. A recommendation will be made by the next meeting. Bob Caldwell will be reinstated as a part time employee for the public works department at a rate of \$13.26 per hour beginning immediately.

Police:

Chief Harris reported that Officer Price was involved in the capture of a burglary suspect. Harris distributed a survey of surrounding small communities to compare their rate of pay for officers with those from Divernon. He also explained what continuing education courses are required of him and his officers. Layton asked the Chief to keep an eye on the American Legion Hall as there have been a number of kids climbing on the roof. Harris will see that his officers are aware of the situation.

*Committee Reports:**Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Mayor Copelin recommended that Jenna Woker be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Spelman to approve the appointment. The motion passed 6-0. Copelin had no update on the gas station property other than that he had spoken with the Chamber of Commerce who will contact Casey's to let them know that the property is now available. Bert Barlow supplied J. Rhodes with the drawing for his new building on Reichert Road. Hedges will get them to Evan Loyd for their approval.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

The new credit/debit card payment system is up and running. So far 14 customers have used the system. Letters were sent out to budget billing customers with their requirements for the coming year.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Payoff of the loan at Bank of Springfield will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The Village's other major loans are through EPA. Roughly \$164,000.00 is owed on the upgrade at the wastewater treatment plant and \$80,000.00 for the water tower upgrades and water line extension on State Street. Treasurer Nichols hopes to have the payroll system up and running any day. Copelin read a letter from Office Manager Heather Rideout expressing her thanks for her pay increase at the end of her probationary period. Copelin is working on the employee's annual reviews and will be getting with the personnel committee regarding these.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Layton reported that Flowers Sanitation will be sending the Village a new contract. Flowers is prepared for the Village's upcoming cleanup day on May 12 2018.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs for the annual MFT work on Village Streets. The motion was approved 6-0. A motion was made by Jones to approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Brenning seconded and the motion carried 6-0. Layton asked if the Village had begun receiving requests for sidewalk replacements. The American Legion would like to have the area in front of their hall considered for replacement this year.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Jones to purchase new flag poles for the Village Park. A 25 foot pole at a cost of \$1967.00 and two 20 foot poles at a cost of \$1600.00 each. They will be installed at the Veterans Memorial. In addition a new inside pole and flag for the Village Hall at a cost of \$149.00. Jones seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Brenning and Baer received estimates for new playground equipment for the park. If the total exceeds \$20,000.00 the item would need to be put out for bid. Copelin will contact the Village Attorney for specific requirements of the bidding process. There was discussion on what would be the required surface under the equipment. Molnar will contact Illinois Risk Management regarding their requirements. Illini Tech has refurbished the old computers from the Village Hall and has installed them at the Public Works garage.

Old Business:

Molnar reported that there were no bids received on the properties at 333 State Street and 609 State Street. He will contact the attorney about what should be done next.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Baer to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk