

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at the Divernon Village Hall. Mayor 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, Treasurer Christine Nichols and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve the corrected minutes of September 27, 2017. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Baer to approve the executive session minutes of September 27, 2017. The motion passed 6-0.

Brenning presented the bills with a motion that they be approved after adding the following items: Bank of Springfield \$2837.94, Frontier Communications \$989.38, Lowes \$67.49, and REA \$2671.14. Baer seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Supervisors Reports:  
Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes gave an update on the installation of the new water main. Two good samples are required from EPA before it can be put into service. He has received one good test and is waiting on the results of the second sample. Rhodes and Craig Cox will be attending the Illinois Commerce Commission natural gas line training conference in Effingham, Illinois on the 18th and 19th of this month. Rhodes also gave bids he had received on updating the bulk water station. A coin operated system would cost \$3225.00, one that would take dollars would be \$4850.00 and a credit card system, \$7125.00. All would require power to be run to the system. Thurber Excavating is nearing completion of the sidewalk program. A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Hedges to approve payment of \$17,910.00 to Thurber upon completion of the project and inspection by the Superintendent. Rhodes suggested having the sidewalk program done by his crew next summer.

Police:

Chief Harris presented the final draft of the updated nuisance ordinance. A motion was made by Layton to approve the ordinance numbered 2017-009. Spelman seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Harris reported he had received recall notices on both of the police vehicles and would be getting them in for repair.

Committee Reports:  
Economic Development, Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Hedges reported that the zoning ordinance amendment is in the hands of the Village Attorney and will report on his recommendations. Some additional soil samples will need to be drilled at the gas station. Mayor Copelin will be meeting with an interested party for a walk through of the property. A signed contract was received on the purchase of the properties at 333 State Street and 609 State Street. Molnar will begin work on making the properties tax exempt while the Village owns them. After the property has been

secured, they will be put up for sale at a later date. Copelin suggested that the Board look into creating an ordinance in regards to food trucks. There is nothing currently on the books.

#### Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

A discussion was held as to whether or not the deposit fee needed to be increased on utilities. It has been the same for several years. The deposit is designed to cover costs if someone leaves town without paying their bill. The deposit is not always covering these costs. No action was taken. Copelin recognized Treasurer Nichols for all of her help in training the new office manager. Nichols reported that the new office manager, Heather Rideout is catching on to the job quickly and is doing very well.

Nichols recommended to the Board that a policy be established concerning accounts that have been adjusted. These would be accounts that have been for customers that have received an adjustment for leaks or have late fees waived. From time to time there is bulk water that cannot be accounted for. After a short discussion, it was decided that in the future for an account to be adjusted a form will have to be submitted by the customer. J. Rhodes will investigate each situation and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether or not an account is eligible to be adjusted. The Board will make the final decision. Nichols said that this policy would be necessary to establish a paper trail for the annual audit.

#### Finance, Personnel, Technology, GIS:

Treasurer Nichols reported that she has received the fraud protection plan as required by GATA. She will get together with the finance committee to look it over and make changes as needed by the Village.

#### Public Safety, Police, Health and Safety:

A discussion was held concerning the nights and hours for this year's trick or treating. A motion was made by Layton and seconded by Jones to have trick or treating on October 30 and 31 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The motion passed 4-3. Yes votes were Layton, Spelman, Baer and Copelin. Voting no were Jones, Hedges and Brenning.

#### Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

#### Building Grounds and Lights, Parks, Recreation:

Spelman reported that the new computers were in and Illini Tech would need to set up a time with Nichols to have them installed. He is waiting to receive an estimate from Don Kern for repairs to the park pavilion. The tentative date to have the door replaced on the police station is October 23, 2017.

#### Old Business:

Copelin passed around a card from Sue Covi expressing her thank for the clock received from the Village Board upon her retirement.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk