

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday October 25, 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". Also in attendance was Police Chief Barclay Harris. Dianne Brenning and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes were absent.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to approve the corrected minutes of October 11, 2017. The motion passed 5-0.

Baer presented the bills with a motion that they be approved after adding an invoice from Med Compliance for \$59.00. Hedges seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Visitors:

Deb Bolash was in attendance to request an adjustment on her water bill as she had a leaking water heater. Her request was approved.

Bobby Britz presented documents to annex three parcels into the Village. This included three quit claim deeds and a letter from his attorney. He will be presenting petitions for annexation when he has the required signatures. This will be forwarded to the Village attorney and be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Keith Medford was in attendance but had nothing to bring before the Board.

#### Supervisors Reports:

##### Police:

Chief Harris reported that Ladage Construction had begun work on the door and enclosure into the Police Department. He has signed up office manager Heather Rideout and himself into the NIPA natural gas safety training scheduled for November 1, 2017 in Springfield. He also reminded the Board that Rideout would need to be taking the FOIA training.

##### Committee Reports:

##### Economic Development, Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Hedges reported that he and the Village attorney are still working on the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. He also distributed a draft of a food truck ordinance and asked for input from the Board before presenting a final draft for approval. Mayor Copelin said he had spoken with the owners of Wingo's food truck and explained that the Village was just trying to get something in place regarding these types of businesses as there is currently nothing on the books.

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

Copelin had a number of requests for adjustment to their water and gas bills. Most were due to not receiving their bills. A motion was made by Jones to adjust all of these requests. Layton seconded and the motion passed 5-0. There was a problem with a number of residents not receiving their bill this month. Copelin placed a call to Treasurer Nichols for an update to the problem. Nichols said that there seemed to be no pattern as to who received a bill and who did

not. Some post office boxes received bills while others did not. The same was true with those who got their mail in mailboxes. A large number of Glenarm residents were affected. There were some residents that brought their bill that was in a number of pieces. She said her and Rideout had tried to reach everyone by phone that hadn't paid on time, but not everyone had a phone number in the system. It was decided that late notices be sent to all those that had not paid and adjust the accounts on a case by case basis, as some of these accounts are always paid on time and others are habitually late. Cecile Hay requested that her equal pay be reduced from \$125.00 to \$85.00 per month. It will be reduced to \$100.00 after the outstanding balance has been paid, as \$85.00 would not cover expenses. Tiffany Beagle requested to be allowed to pay her bill on the 21st instead of the 20th because of the dates she receives her paychecks. The request was denied as the Board felt if they began making specific requests like this they would need to do it for everyone. Copelin reported that he had spoken with the Divernon Postmaster regarding the problem of residents not receiving their bills, but nothing was resolved.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nichols said she hadn't had a chance to look at Hedges recommendations for changes to the fraud policy as required by GATA. Copelin reported that he, Molnar and Nichols met with Fred Jessup from United Community Bank regarding the possible overpayment of TIF funds to the bank.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Layton presented samples of "No Smoking" signs to be placed on the Village Hall.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

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

Spelman said that the Village Website would need to be updated to allow for online bill paying.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk