

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 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, Mayor Copelin called roll: Jim Copelin "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance was Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Melissa Layton and Barclay Harris were absent. Rod Molnar arrived at 6:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Baer to approve the corrected minutes of October 25, 2017. The motion passed 4-0. Brenning voting present.

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

Visitors:

Bobby Britz was in attendance to finalize his request to annex three parcels into the Village. A motion was made by Hedges to approve ordinance 2017-010 allowing for the annexation. Spelman seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported the service lines have been attached to the new water main installed on Wells Street. He brought in a section of 4 inch steel main to give the Board an idea of the condition of the old steel water mains. He estimates the next water main project he would like to do on Spring Street next year would cost roughly \$50,000.00.

Police:

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

The annual TIF Joint Review Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Molnar will contact the other taxing bodies in regards to the meeting.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones reported on several requests to have their equal pay amounts reduced. No changes will be made to these accounts. There were stickers attached to this month's utility bills requesting email addresses of customers. It will allow residents to access their accounts online and eventually provide the ability to make ACH payments. In addition customers could opt to receive their bill by email instead of by postcard. Baer reported that Homefield Energy will be reducing electric rates in the Village from the current .05850 per kwh to .5600 in January of 2018 and reduced to .5496 in January of 2019. The contract was extended until December of 2020. Several adjustments for late fees were requested because of the problem with customers

not receiving their bills last month. A motion was made by Spelman and seconded by Jones to approve adjustments to these accounts. The motion carried 5-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Treasurer Christine Nichols provided a draft of the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance for the Board to review. The ordinance will be on the agenda for the next meeting to be voted on.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

The no smoking signs have been installed at the Village Hall. There will be no Christmas in the Park this year. The committee may look at having it earlier next year.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

The Methodist Church received permission to install an angel tree in the Village Hall. Spelman will get bids on painting the interior of the Village Hall. He will also look into the cost of security cameras for the Village Hall and the park.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Hedges to approve Resolution 2017-004. It is a "Resolution In Support Of Bicentennial Celebrations". The resolution was requested by the Illinois Municipal League. Baer seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk