

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 22, 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, 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 was Police Chief Barclay Harris. Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes was absent.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Jones to approve the corrected minutes of November 8, 2017. The motion passed 5-0. Layton voting present.

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

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Jones pointed out that the Christmas decorations look great. Brenning said the Mike Bolash provided his bucket truck to help the Village employees. Brenning asked him to submit an invoice for the work. Layton recognized Jeff Allen for cleaning up all of the leaves around the square.

Police:

Chief Harris reported that the new door and enclosure to the Police Department was completed.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Copelin reported that he had met with Representative Sara Wojcicki Jimenez to go over concerns of the Village. Hedges reported that the proposed food truck ordinance is being reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Office Manager Heather Rideout has five pages of customers that have supplied their email addresses to begin receiving their gas and water bill through email. Two of three requests to have bills adjusted were approved. The second of three scheduled increases from the Otter Lake Water Commission of 25 cents per 1000 gallons will go into effect on December 1, 2017. Previously, the Village added an automatic water rate increase of 30 cents per 1000 gallons to be added on December 1 of each year. The 30 cent per 1000 gallon water rate increase effective December 1, 2017 will be used to cover the cost of the Otter Lake increase.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve ordinance 2017-011, the annual Tax Levy Ordinance. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Several members of the Board will meet at the square on Saturday morning to put up Christmas decorations. The annual Christmas light contest will be judged on December 11 and winners announced on December 13. Baer will secure the judges. Three \$100.00 prizes will be awarded. One each for “Best Light Show”, “Best Theme”, and “Traditional”.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Spelman reported that three businesses will be submitting bids for security cameras for the park and the Village Hall. He requested bids from Youngs, Hart and George Alarm. Melissa Layton will check into having a new flag pole installed in the park.

Old Business:

Molnar reminded the Board that the annual TIF Joint Review meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 13, 2017, just prior to the Village Board meeting.

New Business:

Lana Swain of the Corner Bar requested to keep the bar open an extra hour on New Year’s Eve. A motion was made by Hedges to approve the request. Baer seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The Village will join other municipalities across the state in kicking of the yearlong bicentennial celebration of the State of Illinois. The Bicentennial Flag will be raised at noon on Monday December 4, 2017. A motion was made by Layton and seconded by Jones to purchase a 1/8 page ad in the Auburn High School yearbook. The motion was approved 6-0.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk