

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 25, 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 Spelman to approve the minutes of April 11, 2018. The motion passed 6-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after adding an invoice to Sun Life Assurance of Canada Insurance Co. for \$38.32. Baer seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported the part time employee Bob Caldwell had begun work. A tile collapse that occurred at 2nd and Virginia Streets has been repaired. A question came up regarding culverts. There are a number in Hi-Acres subdivision that need attention. Rhodes will take a look at the problem. Rhodes and Cox have installed 25 feet of new sidewalk on Madison Street. Layton asked Rhodes to take a look at the public works page on the Village Website. She said it needs some updating. Hedges had a request to spray for weeds at the end of Cornsilk Lane.

Police:

Chief Harris distributed a draft of requests for pay for officers achieving certifications. No action was taken. He said he is currently short one part time officer and would like to advertise in South County Publications for a new officer. The new police vehicle is not scheduled for delivery until June or July. New lights have been installed in the police garage. Harris will look at the police page on the Village Website to see what needs to be updated.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Copelin reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals will be having their first meeting in early May. Hedges gave an update on the new commercial building being constructed on Reichert Road. A building permit has been issued and the owner may begin construction, but the final approval of plans required by statute has not been received from Evan Lloyd Architects. Hedges will work to see that the process is streamlined so that in the future the final permit will not be issued until all requirements have been met.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

There were no requests for adjustments of utility bills this month. Jones reported that letters regarding budget billing have been sent to those in arrears. Customers with high credit amounts will be looked at later.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

The payoff of the loan from Bank of Springfield for new water and gas meters will be put on the agenda for the next meeting, as it will be the first meeting in the new fiscal year. All appropriations for the current fiscal year have been distributed. Brenning reported that the new credit card payment system was activated in early April and so far 68 customers have used the system. There have been a number of requests to see if the system can handle automatic payments. Brenning will check with Treasurer Nichols to see if the system has the capability. Nichols requested that inter-fund transfers be made by moving \$50,000.00 from the Gas Fund to the General Fund and \$50,000.00 from the Gas Fund to the Water Fund. Brenning made the motion for the fund transfers. Baer seconded and the motion was approved 6-0.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Layton presented a new contract from Flowers Sanitation for garbage pickup and recycling. It is a three year contract expiring in 2021. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to accept the new contract. The motion carried 6-0.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Molnar reported that IDOT has approved the Village's 2018 MFT program for street work. Baer reported that he had put an ad in the SJ-R for for the Public Works position and would be taking applications until Friday.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Copelin reported that he had spoken with the Village Attorney regarding playground equipment. With a 2/3 vote of the board the project would not have to be bid. The item was tabled until the next meeting. Layton has been working with Office Manager Heather Rideout on updating the Village Website. The new flagpoles for the park are schedule to be delivered in two weeks. The Village Wide Garage Sale will take place next weekend and Clean-Up day on May 12 2018. Copelin presented the idea of planning a community celebration to market the community and local businesses. The event would begin in 2019. He and Layton will begin looking into it.

Old Business:

Molnar will run a new ad for the sale of the properties at 333 State Street and 609 State Street. There will be no minimum bid, but the Village will reserve the right to reject bids.

New Business:

J. Rhodes asked for and received permission for his crew to begin summer hours of 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning on May 7 2018.

A motion was made by Layton to go into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the following pay increases:

Full time employees, Jeremy Rhodes, Craig Cox and Barclay Harris a three percent increase. Heather Rideout, a two percent increase. Josh Hayes and William Price, a one dollar per hour increase.

Part time employees, Corey Reynolds and Tom Hiatt, a two dollar per hour increase and Dewaine Hoagland a sixty cent per hour increase to bring them up to the new starting salary for part time police officers. Jan Bowsher, Neil Brown, Randy Loyd, and Bob Caldwell, a three percent increase. The motion was approved 6-0.

Motion by Baer to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk