

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 8, 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", Melissa Layton "Here", Daryl Spelman "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Interim Police Chief Bill Price and Treasurer Christine Nichols. Wayne Jones and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes were absent.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of July 25, 2018. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to approve the executive session minutes of July 25, 2018. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Visitors:

Todd Becker was in attendance to ask why a stop sign had been placed on First Street at the corner of Faithorn Street. He was advised that there are a number of children in the area and a parent had requested the sign. A traffic survey was conducted before the sign was placed. Becker feels that speed limits should be enforced instead of regulating speeds with a stop sign.

Harold Whitnall would like for the Village to begin proceedings to have the abandoned house at 415 State Street demolished. He said that the property has been empty for three years and is in terrible shape. A realtor just purchased the property. He supplied the Board with pictures of the residence. He has spoken with both State and County officials and was told that the process needs to begin with the Village. Copelin will contact the Village Attorney.

Tom McEvoy would like to have a mail box placed outside his residence on State Street. He was advised that he should speak with the postmaster.

Heather Bramley addressed the Board about an ongoing problem at her daycare business on State Street. She had previously spoken to the Board last year and thought that the problem had been taken care of. Recently problems have arisen again. She wanted to thank the Mayor and the Police Department for their help with the situation. Megan Hitchings, a client of Mrs. Bramley also spoke to the Board regarding this problem. Copelin said that he is working with the Village Attorney on the issue and asked for their patience.

Supervisors Reports:

Public Works:

Copelin reported that Superintendent Rhodes has received the EPA permit for this year's water line replacement project. Baer pointed out that the Village Park is looking good. He said that the new playground equipment has been delivered and will be installed beginning next week. Hedges received a request to have weeds and grass sprayed at the north end of Cornsilk Lane.

Police:

Copelin reported that Officer Bill Price is serving as Interim Police Chief and is doing a good job. The two have been working on getting the property on the southwest corner of Second and Brown Streets cleaned up. Officer Hayes has been working on getting abandoned vehicles off of the street. The new police vehicle has arrived and is having equipment installed. Price will get estimates on a tool box or a tonneau top for the bed of the truck. Layton pointed out that a tree on the corner of State and Kenney Streets is causing an obstruction and needs to be cut back.

*Committee Reports:**Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Molnar reported that Bert Barlow had submitted estimates of his construction project on Reichert Road. Molnar spoke with the TIF attorney and she recommended that a 10% reimbursement be made per Barlow's TIF request. The total would be roughly \$47,000.00. The reimbursement would be paid back yearly to Barlow created by increments in the property taxes generated by the construction. 75% of the increment would be repaid until the amount was completely paid off or the end of the TIF, whichever came first. The Board advised Molnar to have the attorney begin work on the redevelopment agreement. Copelin reported that the bank that owns the gas station properties on Brown Street is being taken over by a larger bank. The realtor working on the sale is reaching out to interested parties to try to make a sale before the takeover takes place.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

There were three requests for adjustments to utility bills this month. Two were for pool fills and one for a late fee. A motion was made by Layton to approve the requests. Baer seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Brenning made the motion to approve ordinance 2018-007, which is a supplemental appropriation ordinance. The ordinance was required to have the funds appropriated to pay off the loan on the sanitary sewer lift station. Baer seconded and the motion passed 5-0. A motion was made by Brenning and seconded by Hedges to pay off the EPA loan on the sanitary sewer lift station. The motion passed 5-0. Treasurer Nichols reported that the annual audit is complete. Nichols pointed out that as a result of the audit, she would like to move the TIF account from Town and Country Bank to Carrollton Bank. A motion was made by Brenning to move the funds. Baer seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Nichols then presented the annual Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Layton and seconded by Spelman to accept the report. The motion was approved 5-0.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

A discussion was held about the property on State Street that was brought up earlier in the meeting. The realty company will be contacted about their plans for the property and told that the Village will begin the process of having the building demolished if the property is not repaired and cleaned up.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Spelman reported that the company building the new Village website would like some input on structure and design. Spelman has some examples for the Board. A motion was made by Spelman to have Sterling Codifiers have the Village Ordinances added to the Village website. This will eliminate having to have a number of books updated each time an ordinance is changed or added. There is a onetime \$200.00 set up cost and a \$500.00 annual maintenance fee. Layton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

A motion was made by Hedges to go into executive session at 8:07 p.m. in order to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:27 p.m.

No other action was taken.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk