

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday September 27, 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, Copelin 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. Melissa Layton took minutes in place of Clerk Rod Molnar.

A motion was made by Hedges to approve minutes of September 13, 2017 with changes on the Section discussing property annexation request by Bobby Britz to read "Owner of A is Britz, Owner of D will sign quit claim and Owner of C is unknown but owner D is believed to be owner". Spelman seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Spelman to approve the minutes of the executive session of September 13, 2017. The motion passed 6-0.

Brenning presented the bills with a motion that they be approved with the addition of an invoice from Edco Awards. Baer seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

#### Visitors:

Brittany and David Catlin were in attendance to request two barricades be placed on 1<sup>st</sup> Street on October 1, 2017 as Wingo's will be parked across the street from Maddy's Tavern so that those in attendance for the Deb Dymont benefit will be able to cross the street. They also stated that October 15<sup>th</sup> will be a Memorial Ride for Craig Jones and motorcycles will be parking for 30-45 minutes in the late afternoon and requested barricades for this event. They have also been nominated for Best of Springfield in Ladies Night Out Category.

Keith Mefford was present, but had nothing to bring before the Board.

#### Supervisors Reports:

##### Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes stated that the Wells Street project is finished and he is waiting for bacteria samples to come back. He also said Thurber Excavating will start on September 26, 2017 on the sidewalk projects. The Knox Box for Tony's has been located and Jeremy will check back to show him where to put it. Branch pickup will continue.

##### Police:

Copelin reported that he will follow up on the purchase of the two lots on State Street. Chief Harris reported there will be a change on the new Nuisance Ordinance on last page. It will be sent to attorney for review. The item was tabled until next meeting. He also discussed the Cannabis Ordinance regarding what to do if person does not pay fine. The attorney told him it will become a civil matter. He will do his best to enforce payments and will bring it to board if fines are not paid.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Hedges said he will follow up on the Britz Annexation and Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Copelin reported that he had spoken with the EPA and some things came back on soil samples for the old gas station. He reported that the realtor had emailed and was looking for a local EPA Contact. They have several interested parties.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones reported that the Equal Pay looks like it moving in the right direction. He commended Sue Covi for doing such a good job on it.

He reported that the Muni Billing training for the new office manager will be \$179.00 for three sessions. A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Spelman to purchase the three sessions at a cost of \$179.00. The motion carried 6-0

Copelin presented a letter from the Otter Lake Water Commission reminding the Village that the wholesale rate for water will increase to \$4.84 per 1000 gallons beginning December 1, 2017. Another increase will occur on December 1, 2018 when the price for 1000 gallons will increase to \$5.09.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Mayor Copelin reported that he has spoken to Craig Cox and he understands our policies and procedures and any consideration given to him for achieving his gas certificate in such a short time would be appreciated. A Visa gift card from UCB was suggested.

Mayor Copelin reported the GATA books have been purchased.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to Report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Baer reported that Thurber Excavating needs to have all paperwork completed when he turns his bill in. Superintendent Rhodes suggested that when we continue with sidewalk project he can look into more economical way to do repairs. He will meet with Baer and Hedges to discuss.

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

Spelman shared an email from Illini Tech with explanation of their procedures when they make a trip to Village Hall. Spelman made a motion purchase 3 new computers from Illini Tech (2 for Police and 1 for Office Manager) at the price of \$3,381.00 Baer seconded and motion carried 6-0. The Public Works Department will take old ones. Spelman reported that Craig Ladage Builders stated the door for the side of Village Hall will be coming in 2 weeks. He also had a quote from Jason Rhodes on the pavilion at the Village Park and repainting and a new roof would be approximately \$53,000.00.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

A motion was made by Hedges to go into executive session at 7:14 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Brenning to give \$1000.00 gift card to Craig Cox for exceeding the timetable in obtaining his gas certification. Jones seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Baer to hire Heather Rideout for the Office Manager position starting Monday October 2, 2017 at \$12.00 per hour. The second was made by Brenning and the motion carried 6-0.

Layton reminded everyone that there would be an open house at Village Hall for Sue Covi to celebrate her retirement on Friday. Cake would be served.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk