

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 12, 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", Larry Baer "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes, Treasurer Christine Nichols and Officer Josh Hayes. Derek Hedges was absent.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of August 22, 2018. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the executive session minutes of August 22, 2018. The motion passed 4-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after adding invoices for Grace Price for \$37.50 and Rural Electric for \$2330.07. Baer seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Visitors:

Whitey Patton of Patton and Associates was in attendance to present the annual audit. He reported that the Village has seven months of revenues in reserve. He would recommend one year.

Keith and Margaret Mefford were in attendance. Keith requested that he be reinstated to the Zoning Board of Appeals. After a short discussion, Copelin said the Board would take it under advisement.

With several family and friends in attendance, Copelin swore in new Police Chief Jason Martin. His wife Devona pinned on his badge.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported that the water line replacement project was nearly complete. A discussion was held regarding a reimbursement to Darrin Copelin for obtaining his CDL. The Board decided there would be no reimbursement. Part time employee Adam Crimp submitted his resignation. Copelin met with Representative Sarah Wojcicki Jimenez. She plans to put a request of \$20,000.00 in the Capital Improvement Budget for work at the sewer plant.

Police:

Chief Martin reported that the new police vehicle would be in next week. Cam Graphics will then put names on the truck and a tool box will be added. He has estimates for new vests for the officers. He will check as the former chief may have already ordered them. He has secured a number of laptops for the Board's use from a grant from State Farm. Nichols requested a copy of the grant documents for next year's audit.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Molnar reported that Bert Barlow has the TIF redevelopment plan approved by the Board at the last meeting. When a signed copy is returned it will be forwarded to the TIF attorney and filed.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones reported that there is a large outstanding balance at the former Patsy's restaurant on the square. Their deposit has been applied to the bill, but a balance still remains. If not collected, the landlord will be contacted as it will need to be paid before service is reconnected.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nichols reported that the Village will apply for a new WEX card with which fuel for vehicles is purchased. Under the new process approved by the State of Illinois it will save the Village \$42.00 monthly in fees and the Village will also be eligible for a rebate based on the amount of fuel used each month. Nichols explained in detail some questions that the Board had regarding the audit. A reciprocal agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding telecommunications tax will be rescinded.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Layton reported that work continues on the new website. Content is being transferred from the old website. Misty Grober will be having a movie in the park on September 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. The movie will be The Sandlot. Baer reported that he found some information on the historical marker on the north side of the Village Square. It was to commemorate Charles G. Brown who donated the land for the park. Baer will look into purchasing a plaque to add to the marker. The new playground equipment is in place and the reviews are good.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Copelin has set the dates for the monthly Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. A discussion was held concerning Mr. Meffords request to be put on the Zoning Board. No action was taken. Copelin said he has been approached by two people interested in the open Village Board seat. He will have discussions with both of them and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Molnar reported that election packets for the Village Board for the election to be held on April 2, 2019 will be available at the Village Hall beginning on Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

A motion was made by Jones to go into executive session at 8:23 p.m. in order to discuss personnel issues.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Brenning to give Office Manager Heather Rideout a \$1.00 per hour increase in pay at her one year anniversary on October 1, 2018. Layton seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Brenning to present Officer Bill Price with a \$250.00 gift card for appreciation for the work done as Interim Police Chief. The motion was approved 4-0.

Motion by Layton to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk