

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 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", Craig Busch "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Melissa Layton "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Derek Hedges "Here", Dianne Brenning "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of December 26, 2018. The motion passed 6-0.

Brenning presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved after adding an invoice from the Otter Lake Water Commission for \$14,763.89. Baer seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

#### *Supervisor Reports:*

##### *Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes reported that he had to have a blockage cleaned out of the pumps at the sewer treatment plant. It was caused by wet wipes. They are supposed to be flushable, but don't always break down. A notice to residents will be put on the website. The Illinois Commerce Commission has completed its inspection of the natural gas system. Letters were mailed out to everyone on the gas system, and Rhodes encouraged everyone to answer the enclosed questionnaire. Final inspections are to take place on the new implement dealer building on Reichert Road on Friday. Rhodes and his crew would like to thank the Board for the Christmas Bonus.

##### *Police:*

Chief Martin reported that he had issued seven warnings for alleyways that needed to be cleaned up. Most have already complied. There was a problem with a semi that was parking in an alley and that has been resolved also. He received a call on an open door on the old grocery store building on the square. He walked through the building and said that the inside is in terrible shape. Water was coming through the roof as it was raining. He has spoken with the Sangamon County Health Department. If requested from the Village, the County will begin the procedure to have the owner clean up the property or have it demolished. There is a \$125.00 fee. The Board instructed Martin to begin the process. Martin will begin screening candidates to send to the part time police academy.

##### *Committee Reports:*

##### *Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Copelin will be getting in touch with those responsible for the old gas stations this week to get an update on the sale of the property.

##### *Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:*

There was one request for an adjustment of a utility bill this month. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Baer to approve the request. The motion passed 6-0.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Baer presented some recommendations for changes to the personnel code. He, Brenning and Treasurer Chris Nichols will be meeting next week to examine the code and make final recommendations for changes. Copelin would like to send the revised draft to the attorney before having the Board vote.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Nothing to report.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

There have been some requests for rock in alleys. J. Rhodes said that this time of year is not a good time to spread rock. He will look at it in the spring when weather improves.

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

Busch reported that the new website is up and running. There is some fine tuning going on. Office Manager Heather Rideout has received training for updating the site. A discussion was held as how to guide residents to the website for information. A message will be put on the next utility bill as well as put on the sign in front of the Village Hall.

*Old Business:*

None.

*New Business:*

Molnar opened the one bid received for the property at 333 State Street. The bid was from Tim Vangieson for \$3000.00. The Board instructed Molnar to make a counter offer of \$3500.00.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk