

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 13, 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", Melissa Layton "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Derek Hedges "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin. Larry Baer and Dianne Brenning were absent.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Busch to approve the corrected minutes of January 23, 2019. The motion passed 4-0 with the Mayor voting. Layton voting present.

Hedges presented the Village bills with a motion that they be approved. Jones seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Visitors:

Nanette Grogran was in attendance to work out a payment plan to catch up on her utility bill. It was agreed that she would pay an extra \$50.00 per month until she is caught up.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that he and his crew have dealt with three water line breaks, two being major breaks this month. With the ground being frozen, the water was not making its way to the surface making them hard to track down. A great deal of water was lost as two of the breaks were on one of the main lines coming into town. He passed out information from USDI regarding a program which would keep the Villages natural gas records electronically. Rhodes feels that it is kind of expensive and would like to get more information before making a recommendation. Craig Cox has received his Class D water certificate. Darrin Copelin is now enrolled in the program.

Police:

Chief Martin reported that he has received seven applications for the part time police officer position. He and the Mayor will meet with the top four candidates before bringing recommendations to the Board. There have been reports of some counterfeit dollar bills circulating in the Village. Martin is considering a program of making a data base of elderly residents that his department can check on during cold snaps and heat waves. He gave an update on trying to get the old IGA property cleaned up. So far neither he nor Sangamon County has been able to make contact with the owner. He had the Menard County Sherriff's office check his residence in Talulla Illinois and it appears to be abandoned. Martin also checked a residence in Springfield and was unable to make any contact.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Copelin gave an update on the work going on at the Corner Bar. When the new owner received his liquor license he said that no major construction would be taking place. The Zoning Administrator later was contacted that there was construction going on and placed a temporary hold on the work. It was determined by the Village Attorney that the work was just cosmetic and

he was allowed to continue the repairs. Hedges contacted Evan Lloyd Architects about concerns that Bert Barlow had with his final inspection when he was required to make some changes. Evan Lloyd provided documentation from the Architectural review process showing where required changes were identified and communicated to the business owner, the owner's architect, and the owner's contractor. These were the same changes identified during the final inspection.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

A discussion was held concerning the notification of landlords when a tenant is behind on utility bills. One landlord recently had a renter leave owing a large bill and would like to be notified. There are a large number of delinquent notices sent out each month to tenants and nearly all get them paid before the shut off date. To duplicate the process to landlords would be costly and unnecessary in most cases. Copelin will talk with the office manager about the possibility of sending delinquent notices to landlords via email.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

The Mayor and Office Manager met with someone interested in filling in for the office manager when she is not at work. No action was taken.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Busch asked about when J. Rhodes would be taking requests for rock in alleys. Rhodes said it would be in the spring when it dries up.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Busch reported that a link to all Village Ordinances are now on the website. He would like to add a link for job postings.

Old Business:

The properties at 333 State Street and 609 State Street will be put out for bid again.

New Business:

None.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk