

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 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", Gail Hedges "Here", Larry Baer "Here", Tyler Bramley "Here". Also, in attendance were Police Chief Jason Martin and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of January 22, 2020. The motion passed 5-0. Baer voting present.

Baer presented the Village bills with a motion they be approved. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Visitors:

Chuck Apgar was in attendance but had no business to bring before the Board.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Jeremy Rhodes reported Circle K has received their occupancy permit for the new gaming room. He, Baer and Hedges met to discuss the priority of projects to be worked on. He is meeting with Ben Spreen of Benton and Associates on February 13 to discuss the possibility of an IEPA loan to replace the existing old water mains. IEPA has low interest loans of with a possibility of forgiveness of a portion of the loan. The maximum forgiveness is \$800,000.00. The earliest the Village would be eligible would be 2021. Rhodes demonstrated the new phone system to which will handle emergencies for the natural gas system.

Police:

Chief Martin reported Officer Austin Cronister is in the course for transitioning from part-time to full time status. He distributed a draft of an ordinance regarding prohibited activities on Village streets. He will have the attorney review it before moving forward. A discussion was held concerning fines to be set by the adjudication court. Currently the Village Code has a catch all that any ordinance not specified can be fined up to a maximum of \$750.00. Hedges is working on a document which will be specific to individual ordinances. After receiving several estimates for a camera system for the Village Hall, Martin and Rhodes said they believe they can install the system themselves for around \$600.00. The item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Rhodes has the necessary documentation and will discuss the update to the zoning map with Ben Spreen when they meet tomorrow.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve one request for a utility adjustment. The motion carried 6-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

The finance committee will be meeting with Treasurer Christine Nichols on February 25, 2020 to work on the annual appropriation ordinance.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Bramley met with the representatives of the Ameren Green Edison project. They will install new LED lights at the Village Hall, police garage, public works shop, and the park pavilion. Dusk to dawn photo cells will be installed at the pavilion. Total cost of the project is \$15,500.00. The Village's share will be \$5270.00. Ameren estimates the Village will recoup their costs in less than three years. A motion was made by Baer to enter into an agreement with Ameren on the project. Busch seconded and the motion was approved 6-0. He also spoke with the gentleman from Chatham that is in charge of their Civic Plus phone system. The system would allow automatic calls to go out in case of a boil order or other emergency. Rhodes and Martin will make a trip to Chatham to see how it works before the next meeting. Tim Patterson would like to have some Red Dog Clay added to MacMurray Park before baseball season. He would be willing to split the cost with the Village. A motion was made by Jones to spend up to half the amount of the clay. Rhodes would help with spreading it. Hedges seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Old Business:

A discussion was held concerning the meeting between Rhodes, Hedges and Baer about the priority of projects in the Village. Their plan will be forwarded to Representative Mike Murphy and Senator Steve McClure. Copelin presented the Agreed Order from the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk between the Village and Crain Property Management outlining the timeline and requirements for the clean-up of the old IGA property. A draft of an ordinance requiring house numbers to be displayed on all properties was distributed for the Board members to inspect. Busch asked about the status of new playground equipment for the park. Baer supplied him with catalogs and said that a total of \$20,000.00 has been appropriated this year.

New Business:

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to donate \$50.00 to the Auburn AfterProm Committee. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Baer to go into executive session at 7:56 p.m. to review previous executive session minutes.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Hedges to open executive session minutes October 24, 2018, March 13, 2019, March 27, 2019, April 10, 2019, April 24, 2019, August 14, 2019, August 28, 2019, October 9, 2019, October 23, 2019, and November 11, 2019. Layton seconded and the motion was approved 6-0.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk