

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 26, 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", Larry Baer "Here", Tyler Bramley "Here". Also, in attendance were Police Chief Jason Martin and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Gail Hedges was absent.

A motion was made by Busch and seconded by Layton to approve the corrected minutes of February 12, 2020. The motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Jones to approve the executive session minutes of February 12, 2010. The motion passed 5-0.

Baer presented the Village bills with a motion they be approved after adding an invoice for Sun Life Insurance for \$32.92. Layton seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

*Visitors:*

Chuck Apgar was in attendance. He had some suggestions for the Board to consider when discussing the ordinance requiring house numbers on properties.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Jeremy Rhodes reported the water main from Route 104 to the Village had a break that had to be repaired. Fortunately it was found quickly. He estimated a loss of 60,000 gallons. Someone drove into the fence surrounding the historic equipment near the depot. Rhodes believes he can fix it. Jones asked about the significance of the equipment. It was donated to the Village a few years ago. It was the grader used when the HI-Acres subdivision was developed. Jones thinks a sign would be appropriate to explain what it is. Rhodes said he was approached about running a gas main to a house north of Pioneer Park. He discovered that it is in an area that has been annexed into Chatham and therefore CILCO would have rights to the gas in that area. His crew has been working on clearing snow and doing some ditch work.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported he and his officers have been busy working on a couple retail theft and methamphetamine cases. He likes the Night Owl camera system for the Village Hall and Police Department. Money will be appropriated for the system for next year. Busch asked about the situation with the F150 using oil. Martin has been keeping his eye on it. He said the Explorer has around 90,000 miles and needs new struts. Auburn would like to meet again in the next three to four weeks to finalized details on the adjudication court.

*Committee Reports:*

*Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Nothing to report.

*Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:*

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve a utility adjustment for Joe Gaston. The motion carried 5-0. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve an extension on utility payment date for Stephanie Kaylor. The motion carried 5-0.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Baer reported that the safety deposit box at UCB renews on March 1, 2020. He, Hedges and Treasurer Christine Nichols met on February 25th to begin work on the annual appropriation ordinance. He will have a draft at the next meeting and ready for a vote at the second meeting in March.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Layton would like the property owners at 312 Lincoln St. receive a letter informing them that there is a hole in the roof that needs repair. The house has been empty for some time after a fire. She will work with Office Manager Rideout to have a letter drafted. She and Chief Martin will take tour of the Village to see what other properties need to be cleaned up. The ordinance regarding house numbers will be put up to a vote at the next meeting.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Nothing to report.

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

Bramley reported that he, Martin and Rideout went to Chatham to see how the Civic Plus phone system works. They all were impressed with the system. A motion was made by Busch to purchase the system at a cost of \$1000.00 and an annual fee of \$610.00. Baer seconded and the motion passed 5-0. A letter was received from Ameren saying that they had recently done a count of Village streetlights. The Village has 102 lights, but Ameren is only charging for 92. Ameren wants to know if the Village wants to pay for the extra lights or have some removed. Bramley will contact Ameren to let them know the Village does not want to remove any lights. Busch presented the estimates he has received for the new playground equipment. Team Reil Inc. offered a bid of \$13,399.00 and AAA State Of Play an estimate of \$16224.00. The Team Reil estimate did not include all of the equipment such as handicapped accessible swings that AAA did. The Board would like to get all of the equipment in the AAA bid. Busch will contact the company to make a site visit to see if any additional work would be required in the park before the equipment is installed. The item will be addressed again at the next meeting.

*Old Business:*

A short discussion was held on the fines and fees layout for the adjudication court. Hedges has put in most of the work so it will be put off until the next meeting. There are no updates concerning the old gas station properties. Copelin will contact the Village Attorney to see what he would suggest the next move the Village should make. The completed fraud manual should be received from the attorney's office soon.

*New Business:*

Copelin reported that he was informed by the owner of Divernon Equipment that he is going out of business. He is looking for a new tenant for the building.

Motion by Baer to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk