

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at the Masonic Lodge. Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baer 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: Larry Baer "Here", Craig Busch "Here", Melissa Layton "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Gail Hedges "Here", Tyler Bramley "Here". Also, in attendance were Police Chief Jason Martin, Treasurer and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Jim Copelin was absent.

A motion was made by Busch and seconded by Jones to approve the minutes of August 26, 2020. The motion passed 5-0.

Hedges presented the Village bills with a motion they be approved. Bramley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Visitors:

Chuck Apgar was in attendance but had no business to bring before the Board. James Mayes introduced himself to the Board. He is interested in becoming a part time Police Officer when the Village has an opening. He has lived in town for eight years and has been on the Fire Department for the last six years. Chief Martin would like to have him. A new training class will begin on October 4th. Randy Olsen and Kevin Zimmerman were in attendance to address the Golf Cart Ordinance discussion to take place later in the meeting.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported the Fire Department will be flushing hydrants on September 19th and 20th. He will be using the Civic Plus system to notify residents. Olsen would like to have the sidewalk replaced in front of his property. He understands that it is too late to have it done this year, but would like to be considered for next summer.

Police:

Chief Martin is having trouble with police radios. The signal is not sufficient to be heard by Sangamon County dispatch on a consistent basis. The problem is not just in Divernon. Most of the southern part of the County is affected. Police Chiefs in the area have talked to Motorola-Starcom several times, but the issue has not been resolved. Adding repeaters to squad cars would be a cost of \$4800.00 each. Hedges suggested getting local legislators involved. Baer said the cost of the repeaters could be budgeted for next year. Martin also presented some cost estimates for solar speed boards at \$3000.00 each and solar stop signs at \$1900.00 each. No action was taken.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Molnar reported TIF attorney Kathy Orr will attend the next meeting by phone to present some ideas concerning TIF.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones presented two requests for adjustment of late payments due to mail delays. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to waive the late fee on the account of Barbara Salinger. The motion carried 5-0. Jones also made the motion to wave the late fee on the account of Julie Meyer. Bramley seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

At the previous meeting, the Board advised Treasurer Amanda Kessler to secure a credit card from UCB for Village use. Kessler said the bank would need approval from the Board to set the credit card limit. A motion was made by Jones to have Kessler secure a credit card from United Community Bank with a credit limit of \$5000.00. Busch seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Martin was contacted by the Sangamon County Health Department about setting up a drive through flu clinic. In the past flu shots have been given at the Senior Citizens Center. This year, due to the pandemic, the County would like to have a drive through area with a canopy. Rhodes suggested using his shop. It's a large area with garage doors on either end. Martin will contact county officials to see if they would like to make a visit to see if the building would suffice.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Hedges and Martin worked together on changing the Golf Cart Ordinance to allow utility vehicles. Olsen and Zimmerman would like the Board to consider also adding ATV's. They feel as long as speed limits are regulated, they are no different from other slow-moving vehicles. Martin would like to keep the ordinance restricted to golf carts and UTV's for now and consider amending it at a later time. Hedges asked everyone to read the ordinance thoroughly and make comments and suggestions before the next meeting.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Hedges presented a policy on usage of the Village Park. After some minor revisions, a motion was made by Bramley to approve the policy. Hedges seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Hedges said in the Ameren bill there were programs they are offering for utility assistance. She will have them added to the Village website and also be put into the next newsletter.

Old Business:

Layton reported the Village Wide Garage Sale will be held on October 2nd and 3rd.

New Business:

Busch reported he had spoken with Rick Sennings of the Snack Shack. He plans to be adding more items to the convenience store and will begin accepting payments from Snap and Wick. Molnar reported that the filing period for the municipal election be held April 6, 2021 is from December 14-21. Circulation of petitions can begin on September 22nd. Candidates packets will be available at the Village Hall. Trick or Treat hours will be addressed at the first meeting in October.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Larry Baer
Mayor Pro Tem

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk