

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at the Masonic Lodge. Mayor Pro Tem Larry Baer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, Clerk Rod Molnar called roll: Larry Baer “Here”, Craig Busch “Here”, Melissa Layton “Here”, Wayne Jones “Here”, Tyler Bramley “Here”. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes. Jim Copelin and Gail Hedges were absent.

A motion was made by Layton and seconded by Jones to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020. The motion passed 4-0.

Baer reported he had reviewed the bills and Layton made the motion to approve them. Bramley seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Visitors:

Chuck Apgar was in attendance but had no business to bring before the Board. David and Brittany Catlin as well as Jamie Bartholomew, representing Maddy’s Tavern, were in attendance. They are hosting a memorial event on Saturday and asked the Board if there were any questions. They assured the Board that there would be no incidents like the event from a couple of weeks ago. They requested barricades to block off First Street for a short time. Tim Stewart and Mark Mills, the owners of the property at 312 Lincoln Street, advised the Board they had begun work on the property that was damaged by the fire some years ago. They will get the outside work done before winter and then finish the inside. The Board thanked them for keeping the Village aware of the work. Sarah Peterson asked for a stop sign be installed on First Street to slow down traffic between the square and Madison Street. Chief Martin will conduct a traffic study. She also asked for gravel in the alley on north First Street.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported the Civic Plus system was used to notify residents of fire hydrant flushing. He worked with Office Manager Heather Rideout on the project and felt it worked very well. He and his crew have completed the sidewalk project on State Street. He expects to receive materials for the water line replacement project soon. The water system has a leak which he has been unable to find. The Rural Water Commission used their equipment also, but had no luck. He requested the Board hire Nelson Mather for two days at the cost of \$2400.00 to assist. He has the most technical equipment for finding leaks. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Bramley to approve the request. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Nothing to report.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Nothing to report.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Nothing to report.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Jones received a request for a new streetlight on Faithorn Street. Chief Martin will check to determine if it is necessary. Layton reported Flowers Sanitation would not be interested in a village wide cleanup this fall, but would plan on one in the spring. The Village Wide Garage Sale will take place on October 2nd and 3rd. The Sangamon County Health Department will be giving flu shots on November 2nd between 10:00-11:30 at the public works garage.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Rhodes replaced the broken parts on the baby swings in the park. Baer suggested getting heavy duty picnic tables for under the pavilion. Rhodes will get some prices.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to purchase an ad in the Auburn High School Yearbook at a cost of \$50.00. The motion was approved 4-0.

Motion by Busch to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Larry Baer
Mayor Pro Tem

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk