

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at the Masonic Lodge. Village President Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Clerk Rod Molnar called roll: Jim Copelin "Here", Craig Busch "Here", Melissa Layton "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Gail Hedges "Here", Tyler Bramley "Here", Larry Baer "Here". Also, in attendance were Police Chief Jason Martin, Treasurer Amanda Kessler and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Hedges to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020. The motion passed 6-0.

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

Visitors:

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported the streets were oiled and chipped this week and he was pleased with the work. He plans to begin work on the sidewalk project on State Street this week. He has received the required EPA construction permits for the water project this summer. A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Busch to purchase supplies for the project at a cost of \$30,210.87. The motion carried 6-0.

Police:

Chief Martin reported the Ford Explorer will be back in-service tomorrow. He and Hedges will work together to add UTV vehicles to the existing golf cart ordinance. Baer asked to pick up patrols on Brown Street during the morning hours. Copelin distributed a list of ordinance violations from the past month. A discussion was held concerning a recent event held in the park. There were reports of motorcycles and cars doing burnouts on the streets. Trash was left in the park. Martin was in attendance until 5:00 p.m. and said when he left none of this had taken place. Hedges will work on a policy to be handed out to individuals requesting to use the park.

Committee Reports:

Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Molnar reported he and Kessler had spoken with TIF attorney Kathy Orr regarding the gas station properties that are now for sale. Orr has some ideas the Board may want to consider for the properties. She will be asked to attend a meeting in the near future.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Jones presented a request for an adjustment to a utility bill. A motion was made by Jones to approve the request. Busch seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Kessler presented the Annual Treasurers Report. A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Hedges to approve the report and the motion carried 6-0. Kessler reported the Village has so far

received \$25,746.48 from the Rebuild Illinois Fund. The fund is from revenue collected from the 19-cent gas tax increase. The Village will receive \$77,239.44 total over three years. The monies can be spent as Motor Fuel Tax funds but should be kept in a sub account. A motion was made by Busch to have Kessler secure a credit card for the Village through United Community Bank as one is needed to handle some business items. Jones seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Copelin asked Martin and Rhodes to look into what parking signs could be put on the dead-end street east of Lincoln and Dodds. Cars parking at softball games are taking up parking spaces the residences need, while others are in fire lanes and in front of driveways. Hedges asked Rhodes if something could be done with the new ditch that was cut on State Street as it is hard to mow.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

Hedges reported the Village Newsletter will be mailed tomorrow.

Old Business:

Layton reported the Village Wide Garage Sale will be the weekend of October 3rd. She will contact Flowers Sanitation about a possible cleanup day.

New Business:

Benton and Associates will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Friday September 4th. They have extended an invitation to the Board to attend.

Motion by Hedges to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Village President

Rodney Molnar
Village Clerk