The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 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", Melissa Layton "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Gail Hedges "Here", Larry Baer "Here". Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin. Craig Busch and Tyler Bramley were absent.

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to approve the corrected minutes of March 10, 2021. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Hedges to approve the executive session minutes of March 24, 2021. The motion passed 4-0.

Baer presented the Village bills with a motion to approve. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Visitors:

Joe Bukantos and Chuck Apgar were in attendance.

Supervisor *Reports:*
Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported public works is working on the water line replacement project on Second Street and Kenny Street. The doors have been replaced on the concession stand at MacMurray Park. Part time employee, Jeff Allen will begin work on Monday.

Police:

Chief Martin introduced Christian Porter who is interested in becoming a part time police officer. Martin would like to put him through the part time police academy. Porter currently has his own deer processing business. He has no criminal justice experience, but would like to work to become a full-time officer within five years. No action was taken by the Board. Martin will begin work on creating an ordinance to allow utility vehicles to be driven in the Village. He has been checking videos from dumping yard waste at the sewer treatment plant. He found only one person from out-of-town dumping. Enforcement action will be taken against the individual. The department's bicycle needs repairs of around $150.00.

Committee Reports:
Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Baer to authorize the implementation of the North Business District. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to authorize the implementation of the South Business District. The motion carried 4-0.

Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:

Nothing to report.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Baer reported he and Hedges will begin work on the annual Appropriation Ordinance and it will be presented at the next meeting. The Village received a loan of $600,000.00 from the Illinois Finance Authority to pay for the incremental natural gas costs. The loan is a one percent simple interest loan for three years. It may be paid back at any time without penalty. The Board voted to apply for the loan at the special meeting held on March 8, 2021. Baer and Hedges will work on how the costs will be spread over the term of the loan to our gas customers.

*P*ublic Safety, Health and Safety:

Layton reported cleanup day will be on May 8, 2021. There will be two services, one for household dumping and one for electronic recycling waste. The household cleanup will be from 7:00 A.M. to Noon and the electronic recycling from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. The annual Village Wide Garage Sale will take place on April 30th and May 1st. Layton and Martin will take a ride through the Village to identify properties needing to be cleaned up.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Hedges reported she and Rhodes reviewed the water line replacement plans from Benton and Associates. They made a few revisions and will return them to Benton for completion.

Village Communication/Building Grounds and Lights, Parks:

A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Hedges to renew the computer services contract with Heart Technologies. The motion was approved 4-0.

Old Busin*ess:*

A motion was made by Hedges to contract with Masten Mosquito Control for spraying this summer at a cost of $2300.00. Jones seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with the Mayor voting. Jones voted no.

New Business:

None.

A motion was made by Baer to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Jim Copelin   Rodney Molnar
Village President   Village Clerk