

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at the Masonic Lodge. Village President Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance, 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 Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021. The motion passed 6-0.

Baer presented the Village bills with a motion they be approved after adding an invoice to the Illinois Department of Revenue for gas tax for \$7376.16. Busch seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

*Visitors:*

Chuck Apgar was in attendance.

David Catlin was in attendance to let the Board know that Maddy's Tavern will be hosting Bike Night again this year. The event will take place on May 28, 2021. He will be requesting all four sides of the park be closed for the event. As more details are finalized, he will be back to another meeting.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes he is waiting on the final test result on the water line extension project from the EPA. He said it will take about two weeks to tie the houses into the line. He said his new employee is working out well. He has had him begin working on his natural gas testing to work towards his certification. Busch pointed out how nice the improvements look at MacMurray Park.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported Matt Hulslander has been working hard preparing for his physical testing. Martin has completed 75% of the Police Policy Manual.

*Committee Reports:*

*Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Busch reported he has been in touch with TIF attorney Kathy Orr about preparing an ordinance requiring all businesses to register with the Village. The Village currently has an ordinance, but Orr said it does not meet the requirements of state statute.

*Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:*

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Layton to approve utility adjustments of late fees for Mac's Convenience Stores and Energy Transfer Operating LP. The motion passed 6-0.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Baer reported he, Hedges, Treasurer Amanda Kessler and new Treasurer Jackie Billings met to work on the repayment plan for the loan from the Illinois Finance Authority. Options are to raise natural gas prices by 30 cents per unit for three years, 15 cents per unit for six years or 30 cents per unit during the summer months and 15 cents during the winter months. Copelin said the item would be tabled until the new board is seated.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Layton reported the annual Village Wide Garage Sale will take place this weekend. 15 people have signed up. Cleanup day will take place on May 8th from 7:00 a.m. to Noon. She has a list of properties needing cleaned up for Chief Martin. She has copies of letters to be sent out citing the violation, ordinance, and number of days to complete the cleanup. It was determined the Village will restart condemnation of the old grocery store property. The owner began cleaning up the property, but work has stalled. Busch reported Masten Mosquito will be making their first application the second week of May. They will post on the Village's Facebook page to alert residents they will be in town. A total of 18 COVID shots were given at the COVID vaccination clinic. The health department will return on May 14<sup>th</sup> to give the second shot. Anyone wanting to receive the first shot may attend also.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Hedges reported the application has been made to the U.S. Department of Interior for the grant for drinking water improvements. She received notification the application has been received. If the Village is initially approved, a second part of the application will be required. Rhodes sent a copy to Benton and Associates. Benton feels the application looks very good.

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

Hedges is working on the quarterly Village Newsletter. She asked the board for items and suggestions. Copelin said the Newsletter would be sent out immediately after the next board meeting. Busch reported the schedule for the Block Party has been sent to Emerson Press. Flyers will be posted soon.

*Old Business:*

None.

*New Business:*

None.

A motion was made by Jones to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk