

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the Village Hall. Mayor Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance, Clerk Gail Hedges called roll: Craig Busch "Here", Joe Bukantos "Here", Chuck Apgar "Here", and Dianne Brenning "Here". Baer and Bramley were absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Police Chief Jason Martin.

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the corrected minutes of May 26, 2021. The motion passed 4-0.

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

Visitors

Ben Spreen and Matt Hardy of Benton and Associates were present to present the inspection report on the Village water tank. The tank was generally found to be in good overall condition. The major exception was the leak at the base of the tank bowl. Given the leak and corrosion, structural repairs are a high priority. Spreen and Hardy will bring estimates for the cost to repair to the next meeting. Bid specifications will follow with a target date for repair in late summer/early fall.

Spreen also explained the difference in the amount of funds in the Village MFT account and the IDOT reports. The difference is \$35,000 received from a Road and Bridge Tax used in coordination with the Township, and funds received through the Rebuild program both of which are deposited into the MFT account.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Discussion continued on the water tank leak. Rhodes will contact McGuire, who conducted the initial inspection, for an estimate of the cost to repair the tank. For budgeting purposes, Rhodes will contact Spreen to request they include engineering costs when providing the estimated cost of tank repair. Public Works staff have been preparing streets for oil and rock to occur later this summer. Rhodes requested permission to charge hotel cost for staff to attend the annual ICC workshop. Hedges asked if it was possible for Reichert Road be mowed in front of the UCB making it look nicer.

Police:

A sum of \$850 has been collected for ordinance violations resulting in properties being cleared of tall grass, weeds, trash, etc. Violations will continue to go out until properties are cleared and ordinances satisfied. A motion was made by Busch and seconded by Bukantos to approve the purchase of new tires for the Ford F150 in the amount of \$609.68. The motion passed 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Economic Dev., Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Busch reported that he is waiting to hear from McCrady, Springfield Sangamon Growth, on the City of Springfield's participation in the Nextsite agreement. Springfield Sangamon Growth will cover the \$30,000 per year county wide subscription for the three-year term of the agreement with Nextsite for business recruitment services. The Village would pay \$2000 annually for three-years for Nextsite services, and an additional fee for each successful business opened. Busch reported that attorney Orr is working on documents necessary to move forward with the business districts.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Requests to forgive late fees were presented by Bukantos for Rhett Bartletti and James and Kathleen Burshears. Brenning made a motion seconded by Bukantos to approve the waiver of the late fees, and the return of the security deposit for Albers. The motion passed 4-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Brenning presented the 2021 Village appropriations. Busch made a motion seconded by Bukantos to approve the appropriations as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Brenning reported that security deposits are often insufficient to cover the remaining balance. Brenning made a motion to increase rental security deposits for gas from \$150.00 to \$200.00 and water and sewer from \$50.00 to \$75.00 for a total of \$275.00. The motion was seconded by Apgar and passed 3-1 with Bukantos voting no. The discussion to transfer funds from the General Fund to the IL Funds account were tabled.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Apgar reported that he had reviewed all the documents regarding the status of the old IGA building. Apgar will contact Gail O'Neil, with the county, to get the current status of the building to determine future action as a dangerous building. Information gathered could apply to other dangerous buildings in the Village.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

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

Busch reported that Flower's Disposal has donated a dumpster for the block party.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Busch to go into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss personnel. Bukantos made a motion to return to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

A decision on staff increases was tabled until further information was available. A motion was made by Brenning seconded by Bukantos for Mayor Copelin to appoint Lori Milosevich of Estes, Bridgewater, and Ogden as Village Treasurer. The motion passed 4-0.

Jim Copelin
Mayor

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk