

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 23, 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", Larry Baer "Here" and Dianne Brenning "Here". Bramley was absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes.

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021. The motion passed 4-0 with Baer voting present. Busch made a motion to approve the corrected Executive Session minutes and Brenning seconded. The motion passed 4-0 with Baer voting present.

Baer made a motion to approve the Village bills requesting to hold the Law Enforcement Training bill. Brenning seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Visitors

David Catlin was present to share planned upcoming events. He also shared that the Vi's Tavern building had been purchased and would be demolished within the next few weeks. Removal of the building will allow for the expansion of Maddy's beer garden.

Ben Spreen, of Benton and Associates, was in attendance to present the engineering services proposal regarding the water tower repair. The proposal includes \$6500.00 for preparation of contract/bid documents and \$3000.00 to assistance with the bid process for a total of \$9500.00.

Sarah Peterson was present to share there were two separate incidents that had occurred at UCB that required police attention. When local police were called, no one was on duty at the time so dispatch was called. Sangamon County responded, but the suspicious persons were gone by the time they arrived. Peterson is concerned that there was no police coverage to address the situation in a timely manner.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Discussion took place on the Benton and Associates proposal. Baer made a motion to approve the cost of \$9500.00 for Benton's engineering services. Bukantos seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Rhodes will request Benton issue four proposals for bid. Repair should begin late summer or early fall. Rhodes informed the Board that a new roof was needed on the Village Hall. Rhodes will contact several roofers to determine if it is more cost effective to use shingles or a metal roof. New gas meters have been installed at the Dowson grain site. The high-pressure main valve has been replaced by USDI. Street patching and necessary grinding out has been done. Painting of the square curbing, and lining for parking was completed. A dead tree on Wells Street will be removed once bids are received. Hedges commented on how nice the trimmed landscaping looked.

Police:

It was reported that a go cart was seen traveling on village streets which is an ordinance violation.

Committee Reports: Economic Dev., Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:

Busch reported that attorney Orr had completed the necessary documents to move forward with the business district business registrations. A letter with registration documents will be sent to all commercial businesses requesting information on the establishment. This information will provide the Village with the information needed to contact the business and business owners if necessary.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Nothing to report.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Baer reported that documents needed for the audit must be gathered prior to the auditors coming. It was decided to leave the \$300,000.00 at the UCB instead of transferring to the IL Fund. The current credit card has been cancelled and a new credit card will be ordered. Credit card purchases are for emergencies and must have prior approval.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

The final spraying for mosquitos will occur the Friday before the block party. A motion was made by Busch and seconded by Baer to extend the mosquito contract another 6 applications at a cost of \$2300.00. The motion carried 4-1 with Bukantos voting no. Apgar reported that the dangerous building case against the old IGA building can be reopened with the intent to demolish. The Village attorney will be contacted to reinitiate the original action. It was reported that Flower's had sold their sanitation business to Republic. Flowers indicated the same terms will apply under the new Republic contract.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

The request to put in a culvert along E. Brown was denied due to potential hampering of water flow.

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

Koozies for the block party are available at Emerson Press and Maddy's Tavern.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Baer made a motion to approve the liquor and gaming license for Maddy's Tavern. Apgar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Baer to go into executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss staff increases. Baer made a motion to return to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

Baer made a motion to approve a 3% salary increase for full-time employees not including those on probation. Brenning seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Baer made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Mayor

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk