

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at the Village Hall. Mayor Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 5:30 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. Larry Baer and Tyler Bramley were absent. Also present were Chief Martin and Superintendent Rhodes.

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the corrected minutes of September 08, 2021. The motion passed 4-0.

Brenning made a motion to approve the bills with the addition of a payment to Randy Smith Trees in the amount of \$1250.00. The motion was seconded by Busch. The motion passed 4-0.

Visitors

Matt Hardy of Benton and Associates presented to the board a bid for repair of the elevated water tank from Maxcor in the amount of \$68,816.00. The bid meets all requirements included in the RFP. Hardy recommended Maxcor be awarded the bid since they meet the requirements. Bukantos made a motion to approve the Maxcor bid. Apgar seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

David Catlin came in late to provide some advice on the amended concealed carry ordinance. The Village attorney will be contacted to determine if changes are necessary.

Supervisor Reports:

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that the annual natural gas leak survey has been completed. In the future, identifying clothing will be worn to alert residents that the Village is conducting the inspection.

Police:

Chief Martin discussed the need for a WatchGuard Video for DVI for one police vehicle. The unit cost is \$5020.00. A motion was made by Apgar seconded by Busch to approve the purchase. The motion passed 4-0. Until more information is available, the digiticket discussion was tabled. The Chevy Tahoe is running. The only repair left is the roof repair which will take place later in October. The Explorer needs a new water pump at a cost of \$1153.94. A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the purchase. The motion passed 4-0.

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

Mayor Copelin has been in discussion with representatives of the south gas station on Reichert Road. Things continue to move forward. Busch reported that the Village should be receiving the first payment from the 1% tax collected in the Business Development Districts.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Nothing to report.

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Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Discussion of the annual audit took place. A motion was made by Brenning, seconded by Busch, to approve the audit. The motion passed 4-0. A motion was made by Benning seconded by Apgar to approve the amended 2021 Appropriations. The motion passed 3-0 with Bukantos voting Present. Brenning made a motion to transfer out of the Illinois Fund Account the balance of \$400,100.86 and close the account and add the sum to \$177,899.14 from the General Fund to pay off the Illinois Finance Loan, gas loan, of \$578,000.00. Apgar seconded the motion which passed 4-0. The monthly gas fee increase will continue to be collected until 50% of the February 2021 gas cost has been collected from gas customers.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Apgar reported the Village continues to move forward on the IGA building. Next steps will be determined up to and including demolition of the building.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

A motion was made Brenning to approve the Animal Control contract with Sangamon County at an annual cost to the Village is \$328.27. Busch seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

The meeting ended with a motion by Busch at 6:50 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Mayor

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk