

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday November 24, 2021, at the Village Hall. President Pro Tem Larry Baer 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”, Tyler Bramley “Here”, and Dianne Brenning “Here”. Mayor Jim Copelin and Superintendent Rhodes were absent. Also present was Chief Martin.

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021. The motion passed 4-0 with Bramley voting present.

Brenning made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Bramley. The motion passed 5-0.

*Visitors*

No visitors were present.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

No report.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported the Tahoe computer is being phased out because it will not support the necessary applications. A refurbished computer costing \$1395.00 which includes a 3-year warranty will have the specifications necessary to operate all applications. Apgar made a motion seconded by Bramley to approve the purchase of a refurbished computer with the 3-year warranty. The motion passed 5-0. Martin also reported that a push bar for the Explorer was being donated and will be picked up by Martin if it meets Village needs.

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

Busch indicated that Nextsite is requesting the Village complete a questionnaire providing information to assist them in identifying potential businesses for the vacant station sites.

*Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer*

Shari Bearden requested the Village waive the late fee charged due to the automatic bill pay via the bank not aligning with the payment due date. Ms. Bearden has since signed up for direct debit which will be handled by Heather Rideout. Busch made a motion seconded by Bukantos to waive the late fee. The motion passed 5-0. Bukantos reported the water tower repair is almost complete. Bukantos made a motion to approve the 3% per 1000-gallons water rate increase annually for the next 5-years which was recently passed by the Otter Lake Water Commission. The motion was seconded by Busch which passed 5-0.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Baer reported the Village has collected to date \$53,275.95 from gas customers to cover the customer portion of the February 2021 gas bill.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Apgar reported the Sangamon County Natural Hazard Mitigation Committee will be meeting to discuss the status of the mitigation plan. The plan proposed purchasing emergency radios, preparing pamphlets discussing emergency safety measures, enforcing policies to eliminate/reduce property damage in flood plains, and developing/purchasing an e-alert system.

*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:

Nothing to report.

The meeting ended with a motion by Busch at 7:18 p.m.

Larry Baer  
President Pro Tem

Gail Hedges  
Village Clerk