

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday June 8, 2022. Mayor Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Clerk Gail Hedges called roll: Craig Busch “Here”, Joe Bukantos “Here”, Chuck Apgar “Here”, Tyler Bramley “Here”, Larry Baer “Here”, and Dianne Brenning “Here”. Absent were Superintendent Rhodes and Chief Martin.

A motion was made by Baer seconded by Apgar to approve the minutes of May 25 2022. The motion passed 6-0. A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the Executive Committee minutes of May 25, 2022. The motion passed 6-0.

Baer made a motion seconded by Brenning to approve the bills. The motion passed 6-0.

Visitors

Linda Bolash was present as the proposed new Zoning Board member.

Public Works:

Hedges presented the 2022 MFT Maintenance Agreement for Village streets in the amount of \$65,000. Busch made a motion seconded by Bukantos to approve the 2022 MFT Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$65,000. The motion passed 6-0. Hedges reported that IML RMA insurance had paid \$21,749.07 for damages to the water tower.

Police:

Busch reported that Maddy’s Bike Night went well with no reported issues.

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

Brenning made a motion seconded by Bramley to approve Linda Bolash as a new Zoning Board member. The motion passed 6-0. There was some discussion of the Zoning Board variance process. Discussion continues with all parties involved on the sale of the two vacant gas station properties. Demolition of the south property should begin sometime in June. Mayor Copelin reported the parking lot at the junior high school is scheduled to be redone this summer by the school district.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Discussion continued on power washing the water tower. The decision on a vendor should be made at the June 22, 2022 meeting.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Baer reported the salary increases had been processed. The CD at the UCB is due for renewal. Baer made a motion seconded by Brenning to close the CD and open a new money market until the best CD rates can be determined. The motion passed 6-0. A decision on a new CD will be made at the next board meeting. Baer reported a total of \$131,660 has been collected to date from residents for their portion of the February 2021 gas bill. Baer reported a plaque will be mounted at the old Train Depot recognizing the Baker Maney Scraper on display.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Apgar reported the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is being updated to reflect new or revised goals. He asked that board members review the 2015 plan and note needed changes. There is no update on the old IGA store. Village residents need to be reminded that parking in front of stop signs obstructing view is illegal, cars parked on the street must be parked on the side of the street in the direction in which traffic flows, and handicap access should not be blocked.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

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

Brenning reported that any new trees planted along Brown Street that are dead have been reported and will be replaced. Brenning made a motion seconded by Baer to purchase three additional trees for the south side of Brown Street. The motion passed 5-1 with Bukantos voting no. Hedges indicated the bushes around Village Hall needed to be trimmed.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Hedges requested approval of the 2022 liquor and gaming licenses for the Corner Bar, Circle K and Lucky Lana's. Busch made a motion to approve the 2022 liquor and gaming licenses for the Corner Bar, Circle K and Lucky Lana's seconded by Baer. The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting ended with a motion by Baer at 7:35. p.m.

Jim Copelin
Mayor

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk