

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday July 27, 2022. Mayor Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chuck Apgar called roll: Craig Busch “Here”, Joe Bukantos “Here”, Chuck Apgar “Here”, Tyler Bramley “Here”, Dianne Brenning “Here”, and Larry Baer “Here”. Clerk Gail Hedges and Chief Martin were absent. Also present was Superintendent Rhodes.

A motion was made by Bukantos seconded by Baer to approve the minutes of July 13, 2022. The motion passed 5-0 with Bramley voting present.

A motion was made by Brenning seconded by Bukantos to approve the executive minutes of July 13, 2022. The motion passed 5-0 with Bramley voting present.

Baer made a motion seconded by Brenning to approve the bills with the addition of \$1128.53 to Sangamon County Department of Public Health. The motion passed 6-0.

Visitors

There were no visitors present.

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported that work on the streets has been ongoing, and that bids for resurfacing will be opened on August 9, 2022. The department is in need of several new computers. Heart Technologies quoted \$750.00 for a new computer and \$125.00 per hour for setup with an estimate of 4 hours needed. Rhodes reported that usable equipment could be purchased by the Village independently for a price of \$98.00 each. Baer made a motion to purchase two new Chromebooks from Walmart totaling \$196.00 seconded by Brenning. The motion passed 6-0. Rhodes reported that the first half of the 2022 water main project had been completed. Due to a shortage on the brass fittings, it is unclear if the remainder of the project will be able to be completed as scheduled.

Police:

It was reported that there have been further concerns raised about older youth around the park and school. Discussion was held, and further discussion will be held with the department.

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

Busch shared that Valley View had approached him regarding financial assistance from the Village for work at their property. Discussion was held on options, but no decisions were made at this time. Apgar inquired on the status of the zoning variance for the property located at 201 S Third Street. The status of permitting for the property at 312 S. Lincoln was also questioned. Neither property has submitted a permit. Mayor Copelin asked the Board to begin considering courses of action to address vacant properties in the Village.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Bukantos made a motion to approve a utilities payment plan for Stephanie Kaylor with weekly payments of \$25.00 until the balance is paid off seconded by Busch. The motion passed 6-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Baer reported that the Annual Treasurers Report was completed and will be filed with Sangamon County. The auditors and treasurer will be present at the August 10, 2022 meeting to review the audit. At this point the treasurer and committee are pleased with the results. It was reported that the Village Block Party stayed under budget, and that the new flooring will be installed from August 8-12, 2022.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Apgar reported the Hazard Mitigation Taskforce meeting is tomorrow, July 28, 2022, and community goals will be brainstormed.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

It was reported that the damage done to the water tower has been repaired and that the insurance policy is covering \$1000.00 of the damage. The insurance company will be pursuing action against those responsible for the damage.

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

Busch reported that Heart Technologies has provided two updated proposals for their services. Busch is expecting a quote from another vendor. Further discussion will be held after the quote is received. The picnic table delivery has been delayed until August 1, 2022.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed

New Business:

Baer made a motion to use Sangamon County Public Health Department to provide animal control for the Village seconded by Bramley. The motion passed 6-0.

Baer made a motion to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. Baer made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Baer to purchase the two gas station properties for a price not to exceed \$385,000.00, contingent upon cost of mediation. The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting ended with a motion by Brenning at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Mayor

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk