

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 8 2020 at the Masonic Lodge. Village President Jim Copelin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Clerk Rod Molnar called roll: Jim Copelin "Here", Craig Busch "Here", Melissa Layton "Here", Wayne Jones "Here", Gail Hedges "Here", Tyler Bramley "Here", Larry Baer "Here". Also, in attendance were Police Chief Jason Martin and Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Layton to approve the minutes of July 22, 2020. The motion passed 4-0. Bramley and Jones voting present.

Baer presented the Village bills with a motion they be approved. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes reported the book box donated by the Auburn High School Student Council has been installed. He requested lab testing equipment for water samples as required by the EPA. A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Layton to purchase the equipment at a cost of \$4133.00. Layton asked if weeds could be sprayed around stop signs. Rhodes will take care of it.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported the Ford Explorer is still in the garage but should be repaired by the end of next week. The Village Attorney is working on the department policy handbook. Martin has been in touch with LETAC. The Village will be receiving a reimbursement for the training of officers Zac Pierce and Ben Schoonover. A lengthy discussion was held concerning the Covid-19 restrictions placed on businesses by the Governor. The Village has been given the option of enforcing the restrictions or having it done by the Sangamon County Health Department. Both taverns were closed last weekend for a deep cleaning after six positive cases were identified in town. A decision was made to get a comprehensive plan from the Village Attorney before proceeding with a decision. Bramely left the meeting at 7:19. Martin asked permission to purchase new weapons and ammunition for the department at a cost of \$3394.00. A motion was made by Jones to approve the purchase. Hedges seconded and the motion carried 5-0

*.Committee Reports:*

*Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

Nothing to report.

*Public Utilities, Water, Sewer and Gas:*

Nothing to report.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Nothing to report.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Nothing to report.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Rhodes has not received a date from P.H.Broughton on when the streets will be oiled and chipped. Hedges suggested that a start and end date be added to the bid process next year. Copelin announced the Village has received \$12,873.24 from the Department of Transportation as part of the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan. The funds are to address local transportation needs.

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

Hedges presented the latest draft of the Village Newsletter. There were a couple of suggestions to add before it is mailed. Hedges asked for any other changes by the end of the week as she would like to get it out by the end of the month. Changes to the golf cart ordinance will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. There is interest in adding side by sides to the ordinance, but not four wheelers. Layton reported that school would be starting later this month. Students will be attending remotely the first quarter, but the teachers will be in the building. Food service will be prepared in the cafeteria and delivered to students. A hot spot will be set up in the cafeteria for student without Wi-Fi in their homes. The Jr. High Softball team will begin playing in town beginning on Saturday.

*Old Business:*

Hedges asked about community programs. Copelin would like to begin with programs ran by the Police Department. Possibly a bike rodeo and bicycle safety programs. He would like the department to create a database of special needs individuals. Bramley returned to the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

*New Business:*

Copelin has distributed to the Board a Covid-19 Policy and Procedures memo regarding Village employees. The attorney should have a final draft by the next meeting to be voted on. A motion was made by Baer and seconded by Bramley to donate \$75.00 to sponsor a hole at the American Legion golf outing. The motion carried 6-0. A discussion was held about the possibility of having a Village Wide Cleanup and Garage Sale this fall. The events were postponed in the spring. Layton will contact Flowers to see if they would be available.

Motion by Jones to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk