

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday September 28, 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”, Dianne Brenning “Here”, and Larry Baer “Here”. Also present were Superintendent Rhodes and Sergeant Reardon.

A motion was made by Bukantos seconded by Apgar to approve the amended minutes of September 14, 2022. The motion passed 6-0.

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

Visitors

There were no visitors

Public Works:

Superintendent Rhodes reported the drug and alcohol audit completed by the Illinois Commerce Commission cited no findings. The oil and rock street program has been completed. The damaged trash can, located in the park, has been repaired. The new Christmas decorations have been received.

Police:

Sergeant Reardon discussed with the Board the need for medical gear to allow for immediate response since police are usually the first to arrive on scene. Reardon also discussed the need for tactical clothing for officers. The Board will take action at the next meeting.

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

Mayor Copelin reported that discussions continue on the two gas station properties.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Nothing to report.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Baer made a motion seconded by Brenning to use \$90,220.00 from the general fund to pay down the resident portion of the February 2021 gas bill. The motion passed 5-1 with Busch voting no. The new picnic tables and trash cans must be paid from the general fund as they don’t qualify under TIF or Business District. The Board discussed the use of the Rebuild Illinois funds. Baer made a motion seconded by Brenning to approved the use of Rebuild Illinois funds in the amount of \$77,239.44 to improve the streets or curbs around the Village square. The motion passed 6-0. The Board also discussed the need to bond the substitute office manager.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Nothing to report.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

All dirt that was hauled in at 201 S. Third St. in violation of flood plain regulations has been removed.

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

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Based on a comparison of several tire vendors, the prices at Discount Tire were lowest. The account at Discount Tire has been approved for future purchases. The new landscaping around the Village Hall will be done next week.

New Business:

All the cell phones have been added to the new AT & T plan.

The meeting ended with a motion by Busch at 7:19 p.m.

Jim Copelin
Mayor

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk