

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday January 25, 2023. 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”, Dianne Brenning “Here”. Also present were Chief Martin and Superintendent Rhodes. Larry Baer and Clerk Gail Hedges were absent. Tyler Bramley joined the meeting at 6:55

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Bukantos to approve the amended minutes of January 11, 2022. The motion passed 4-0.

Brenning made a motion seconded by Busch to approve the bills. The motion passed 4-0.

*Visitors*

Rod Molnar was present to observe.

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes reported that the pressure reducing valve has been delivered. The Department is effectively managing the pressure while working to schedule the repair.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported that the DigiTicket setup is being finalized. Paychex is working for scheduling, but there is still some setup needed to get the time cards functioning. Chief Martin also reported that representatives from Thayer had planned to attend the Board meeting, but had to cancel. The Village will continue to evaluate the benefits from shared services. Chief Martin reported that the department has been evaluating replacement firearms, and is considering a trade-in with Scheels. More details will be presented at the next meeting.

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

Busch reported on the revenue generated in the business districts. Discussion was held on the previous discussions on assistance requested by Valley View Agri-Systems. It was noted that the formal request process for business assistance has been adopted and documents are available on the Village website. Apgar inquired on the status of the property purchases; Mayor Copelin informed the Board that there has not been any further progress.

*Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer*

Nothing to report.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Brenning reported on updated requirements tied to opening the new CD. The Board approved the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the Sweep Account to a 13-month CD to be housed at the Illinois National Bank. The following persons named have the authority to open/sign on the account: Jim Copelin, Mayor; Larry Baer, Trustee - Finance Committee; Dianne Brenning, Trustee - Finance Committee; and Gail Hedges, Clerk.

Brandon Packard was present as a candidate for the open Public Works positions. Having been initially interviewed, Packard answered questions from the Board. Bramley made a motion, seconded by Busch to hire Packard at a \$19 hourly wage. The Motion passed 5-0.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Apgar reported that in the hearing on January 18, 2023, the Judge ordered that the old IGA building be demolished within 60 days. If that is not completed the Village can demolish and recover costs.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Apgar updated the board that BLH will be available for electronics recycling on May 6, 2023 at the Village Hall. This will also be the Village Clean-up Day. The Village yard sale is scheduled for April 29, 2023.

New Business:

None.

The meeting ended with a motion by Brenning at 7:15 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Mayor

Chuck Apgar  
Trustee