

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday November 23, 2022. President Pro Tem Larry Baer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Clerk Gail Hedges called roll: Craig Busch “Here”. Joe Bukantos “Here”, Chuck Apgar “Here”, Dianne Brenning “Here”, and Larry Baer “Here”. Also present was Chief Martin. Mayor Jim Copelin, Tyler Bramley, and Superintendent Rhodes were absent

A motion was made by Busch seconded by Apgar to approve the minutes of November 9, 2022. The motion passed 4-0.

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

Visitors

Randy Olson was present as an observer.

Public Works:

No report.

Police:

Chief Martin reported the department is looking into the current cost of body cams. The body cams must be compatible with the WatchGuard systems in all the police vehicles.

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

Busch brought up for further discussion the Business District Guidelines and Application. It was determined further discussion with Adam Stroud was necessary before a Board decision could be made.

Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer

Bukantos presented a request for waiver of late fee from Joannie Hammond. The bill payment was late because her husband had taken a new job and his first check was delayed. Bukantos made a motion to waive the late fee seconded by Busch. The motion passed 4-0.

Finance, Personnel, GIS:

Brenning made a motion seconded by Apgar to approve Paychex as the new accounting system to be used by the Village. The motion passed 4-0. The new system will take effect January 1, 2023, and will save the Village \$160.00 per month. Brenning made a motion seconded by Busch to approve the Village Treasurer to enter employee timesheets when necessary. The motion passed 4-0. Brenning made a motion seconded by Apgar to approve the amended appropriation. The motion passed 4-0. The amendment was necessary due to rising inflation. Brenning made a motion seconded by Apgar to amend the Village Personnel Code to clarify when vacation time is earned. The motion passed 4-0. A discussion on the annual Village gas increase was tabled for further discussion.

Public Safety, Health and Safety:

Apgar reported the hearing on demolition of the old IGA building is scheduled for November 30, 2022.

Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:

Nothing to report.

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

Apgar made a motion seconded by Brenning to approve the purchase of another PTZ camera for the park pavilion at a cost of \$1,779.34. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business:

Brenning reported that Steven Becker is interested in becoming the new Village Historian. Brenning made a motion seconded by Bukantos to approve Becker as the new historian. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business:

Clerk Hedges reported that 2023 Conflict of Interest Statements for Board members are due by December 31, 2022 for the new year.

Apgar made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. Bukantos made a motion to return to regular session at 8:09 p.m. Brenning made a motion seconded by Apgar to approve Christmas bonuses. Full-time staff, and part-time staff meeting the hourly requirement will receive the bonus of \$100.00 for FT and \$50.00 for PT.. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting ended with a motion by Busch at 8:10 p.m.

Larry Baer
President Pro Tem

Gail Hedges
Village Clerk