

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday February 22, 2023. 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 was Chief Martin. Superintendent Rhodes was absent.

A motion was made by Busch, seconded by Apgar, to approve the amended minutes of February 8, 2023. The motion passed 5-1 with Bramley voting present. Busch made a motion to approve the February 8, 2023 Executive Session minutes seconded by Baer. The motion passes 5-1 with Bramley voting present.

Baer made a motion, seconded by Brenning, to approve the bills with the addition of Staples for of \$385.68 and Rick and Trish Sennings for \$450.00. The motion passed 6-0.

*Visitors*

There were no visitors.

*Public Works:*

Mayor Copelin reported the Village has been in contact with the Auburn School District regarding the water main covered by the junior high school parking lot. The two parties must work out a resolution to the situation of the water main being covered by the parking lot.

*Police:*

Chief Martin reported that new equipment upgrading the police department has been purchased and is in the process of being installed.

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

Mayor Copelin reported that the Village has a purchase contract in hand for the two abandoned gas stations. The Village will begin working to clean-up the north property including first steps towards remediation soon. Nextsite continues to work to identify potential businesses for both properties. The Village attorney continues to work on the pre-annexation agreement for property on Rt. 104. Dowson Farms has requested to annex 3.29 acres into the Village for solar panels.

*Public Utilities Water, Gas and Sewer*

Nothing to report.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Authorization was given for the Acting Village Treasurer to have an entry key. Eleven applications were received for the Office Manager position.

*Public Safety, Health and Safety:*

Nothing to report.

*Public Works, Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks:*

Mayor Copelin reported a refurbished computer will be issued to Rhodes. Apgar reported the DCEO grants have moved to the next level of approval.

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

Busch made a motion, seconded by Bukantos, to purchase new ground cover for under the park playground equipment in the amount of \$14,470.00. The motion passed 6-0. There was some discussion of a walking /golf cart path and other changes in McMurray Park area.

Old Business:

Brenning made a motion to approve up to \$750.00 for Designer Landscape to provide spring clean-up including fertilizer, weed control and mulch, The motion was seconded by Baer, and passed 6-0.

New Business:

None.

The meeting ended with a motion by Baer at 7:31 p.m.

Jim Copelin  
Mayor

Gail Hedges  
Clerk