

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at Village Hall on Wednesday October 8, 2025. Village President Craig Busch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Rod Molnar called Roll: Craig Busch “Here,” Chuck Apgar “Here,” Gail Hedges “Here,” Colton McDannald “Here,” Randy Olson “Here,” Dianne Brenning “Here,” and Julie Rhodes “Here”. Also, present were Police Chief Christian Porter, Superintendent Jeremy Rhodes and Attorney Tony Schuering. Deputy Clerk Tara Kerouac was absent.

Hedges made a motion, seconded by Olson, to approve the amended minutes of September 24, 2025. The motion passed 6-0.

Brenning made a motion to approve the bills after adding invoices from the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for \$49,408.45 and the American Association of Notaries for \$94.90. Rhodes seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

*Visitors:*

Tom Masters was in attendance. He has purchased the house at 103 W. South Street and is interested in purchasing the property next door. That property is where a house was torn down after a fire. Schuering will provide Masters with the information on the current property owner.

Dorce and Linda Taylor were in attendance. They are in the process of purchasing the property at 1 N. Henrietta Street. They would like to build a structure on the property and would like to know if it is permissible before making the purchase. Rhodes explained a structure of 24x24 feet would be allowed if it meets all of the setback requirements. Anything larger would require a variance hearing and explained the process. The Taylor’s were provided with an application for a building permit and the link to the zoning ordinances on the Village website.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes reported Martin Engineering had shot some elevations on the concrete work at the new gas station property. The north entrance to Henrietta Street was too high which will require two panels of concrete to be removed and repaved.

*Police Department:*

Chief Porter reported a number of fines have been levied against the owner of the property at 312 S. Lincoln Street. None has been paid and no additional work has been done on the property. Schuering laid out a few options and will get together with Porter on the Village’s next move.

*Committees:*

*Economic Development, Zoning, TIF, Building Permits:*

The property at the corner of Brown St. and Reichert Road still has not closed. The sale should be finalized in several weeks. The property will be marketed once a closing date takes place.

A motion was made by Apgar and seconded by McDannald to approve the amended redevelopment agreement with David Goddard in regards to roofing repairs and Herman's Garage not to exceed \$11,600.00. The money will be paid out of the South Business District account. The motion carried by voice vote. Apgar made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-019 as amended approving and economic incentive agreement between the Village and David Goddard. McDannald seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

*Finance:*

Brenning asked if payment for the K-9 purchased by Jared Leaks had been received. The response was no. Attorney Schuering will follow-up.

*Village Communication:*

Nothing to report:

*Village Grounds:*

Busch reported he had received a quote from Ace Sign Company regarding banners, brackets, and poles to be hung around the Village which could be changed depending on the season. The total was \$6739.87. The item was tabled until next spring.

*Village Ordinances:*

A motion was made by Hedges to approve Ordinance 2025-020. The ordinance would restrict a registered sex offender from living within 800 feet of a school or park within the Village. Apgar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Attorney Schuering will make a proposal at the next meeting regarding possible ordinances which will address how public meetings may be recorded and public comment given.

Hedges reported she, Olson, and Porter will be working on ordinances regarding loitering, and nuisances related to camping.

*Old Business:*

Molnar reported T. McElroy has not made any utility payments on his account for some time as promised. Rhodes has volunteered to work with Office Manager Kerouac to do a sweep of the accounts payable to determine customers falling behind on their utility bills.

*New Business*

A discussion was held about removing direct control of the annual Block Party from the Village. One option discussed was creating a subcommittee within the Village and give the committee a budget and the autonomy to run the event. Another option was to have a group totally separate from the Village

run the event, like the homecoming used to be handled. There are pros and cons either way. A decision is yet to be reached.

A motion was made by Rhodes and seconded by Hedges to replace some outdated computer equipment. Two desktop computers, 1 laptop computer and one docking station will be replaced by CCS at a cost of \$3995.00. The motion passed 6-0.

A motion was made by Hedges to go into executive session at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and reviewing executive session minutes of July 30, 2025, August 13, 2025, and September 10, 2025. Apgar seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Apgar and seconded by Hedges to approve the amended executive session minutes of July 30, 2025, August 13, 2025 and September 10, 2025. The motion passed 6-0.

Hedges made a motion, seconded by Apgar, to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Craig Busch  
Mayor

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk