

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at Village Hall on Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Village President Craig Busch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Rod Molnar called the 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 Attorney Tony Schuering, and Deputy Clerk Tara Kerouac. Superintendent Rhodes was absent. Chief Porter was absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Apgar to approve the minutes of October 8, 2025. Trustee Hedges seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Trustee Brenning made a motion to approve the bills. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Public Works:

Mayor Busch reported that the Hydro Kinetic monitoring system went down at the pump station. Superintendent Rhodes authorized a purchase in the amount of \$4,200 for the necessary repairs. The fire department will be flushing hydrants for the Village on October 25, 2025. The Office Manager will send a notification via CivicPlus to alert all residents.

The Board discussed the need to replace the Public Works dump truck bed. Two estimates were presented: one from Koenig Body for \$15,969.00 and one from Woody's Municipal Supply for \$ 23,050.00. Trustee Olson made a motion to approve the Koenig Body's estimate in the amount of \$15,696.00 for replacement of the bed lining. Trustee Hedges seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. It was noted that the Public Works truck, which has already been purchased, is still in the process of being built at Woody's.

Trustee Hedges brought to the Boards attention the need for a Zoning Administrator. Trustee Hedges stated she and Superintendent Rhodes met with Erin from IDNR regarding floodplain management. Trustee Hedges stated a Zoning Administrator was needed to track zoning and update the Villages flood management. Trustee Olson stated a new map was needed for the Village. Discussion was held, and Mayor Busch will follow up with Superintendent Rhodes regarding the utilization of current staff in handling zoning issues within the flood plain.

Police Department:

Chief Porter arrived at 7:58 p.m. He distributed a draft permit for the side-by-side ordinance. The Board noted the permit did not meet the required size specifications and needed to be enlarged. Chief Porter will make the necessary corrections and present the revised permit at the next Board meeting.

Finance:

Trustee Brening informed the Board that \$83,000 was transferred from Community State Bank due to FDIC limitations. It was transferred into the Village Sweep account.

The Board voted on a Resolution 2025-020, authorizing the purchase of one or more Certificates of Deposit and related actions in connection therewith. Trustee Rhodes made a motion to approve

Resolution 2025-020. Trustee Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Village Communication:

Trustee Rhodes informed the Board she is working on the Newsletter for the Village and will have it completed for the December 2025 release.

Trustee Apgar stated he was able to renew the Domain for the Village website despite the government shutting down.

Village Grounds:

The Board voted the Resolution 2025-021, accepting an agreement with TruGreen for services related to Village-owned properties, authorizing execution thereof, and other actions in connections therewith. Trustee McDannald made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-021. Trustee Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Village Ordinances:

The Board voted on Ordinance 2025-022, Amending Title 1, Chapter 8 of the Village's Code of Ordinances to implement Regulations and standards for public comment periods and other actions in connection therewith. Trustee Apgar made motion to approve Ordinance 2025-022. Trustee Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

The Board discussed an ordinance regulating expenses for local government travel. The policy would regulate reimbursement for travel, hotel, and food expenses for elected officials. The policy specifies allowable types of business-related expenses, establishes a maximum reimbursement limit, and requires supporting documentation for all claims. Any expenses exceeding the approved allowance must receive prior board approval.

The Board discussed establishing regulations for electronic notifications for the use of local government. Attorney Schuering with write up a draft proposal and present it to the Board.

The Board discussed a proposed Parental Responsibility ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to hold parents or legal guardians accountable for the actions of their minor children in cases involving ordinance violations. The Board noted that under the proposed ordinance, parents could be subject to penalties if their child engages in misconduct that results in a violation. This item was for discussion only; no action was taken.

The Board voted on Amending Title 6, Chapter 6 of Ordinance 2025-023. Trustee Apgar made a motion to approve amending Ordinance 2025-023, Trustee McDannald seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Old Business:

Mayor Busch informed the board that the closing of the Dowson Farm property is scheduled for Friday at 10:00 a.m. He will provide and update once the transaction is finalized.

New Business

Trustee Hedges reported that she met with Senator McClure's office regarding potential funding opportunities. The Senator's staff indicated they will send information on available grants that the Village may be eligible to apply for when submitting future project proposals.

The Board voted on a donation to the Village food pantry. Trustee Hedges made a motion to approve a \$1,000.00 donation. Trustee Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Trustee Hedges made a motion, seconded by Trustee Rhodes, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Busch
Mayor

Tara Kerouac
Deputy Clerk