

The regular meeting of the Village of Divernon Board of Trustees was held at the Village Hall on Wednesday November 26, 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," Gail Hedges "Here," Chuck Apgar "Here," Colton McDannald "Here," Randy Olson "Here," Julie Rhodes "Here," and Dianne Brenning "Here".

Busch opened the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Rex Kieffer was in attendance to request a variance in regards to Section 10-4-1F of the Village of Divernon's Code of Ordinances for the property at 43 South Second Street. His request is to add a structure to the garage on the property. He is asking he be allowed to build within 10 feet of the property line to match with the current structure. Zoning requires a setback of 20 feet. Busch asked for any other testimony regarding the request. Robert Crosby replied he is the next-door neighbor and is in favor of the change. There was no other testimony. The item will be placed on the agenda to be voted on at the next meeting. Busch closed the hearing.

Busch then opened the regular portion of the meeting. Molnar again called Roll: Craig Busch, "Here," Gail Hedges "Here," Chuck Apgar "Here," Colton McDannald "Here," Randy Olson "Here," Julie Rhodes "Here," and Dianne Brenning "Here".

A motion was made by McDannald and seconded by Rhodes to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025 with corrections. The motion was approved 6-0.

Brenning made a motion to approve the bills. McDannald seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

*Visitors:*

Rex Kieffer, Robert Crosby and Katrina Molnar.

*Supervisor Reports:*

*Public Works:*

Superintendent Rhodes was not in attendance. Nothing to report.

*Police Department:*

Police Chief Christian Porter was not in attendance. Busch reported new officer Brandon Hipsher will graduate from the Police Academy on December 5, 2025.

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

Nothing to report.

*Finance, Personnel, GIS:*

Rhodes made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-027 to create a new bank account to use in connection with the business district funds and other actions in connection therewith. Apgar seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

*Village Communication:*

Nothing to report.

*Village Grounds:*

McDannald reported he is working on the annual Block Party. He is working on hiring bands and two food trucks have been scheduled thus far.

*Village Ordinances:*

Nothing to report.

*Old Business:*

A motion was made by Brenning to approve Resolution 2025-028. The motion is to select healthcare benefits for Village employees for calendar year 2026 and other actions in connection therewith. Olson seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Rhodes will work to have judges in place for the annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Winners will be awarded at the first meeting in December.

Brenning reported an increase of 3% in sanitary sewer rates will go into effect on January 1, 2026. The increase has already been approved by the Board.

*New Business:*

None.

A motion was made by Hedges and seconded by Apgar to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Craig Busch  
Village President

Rodney Molnar  
Village Clerk