

**Village of Dieterich  
Village Board Minutes  
February 6, 2017**

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Hardiek.

The following Trustees were present: Jo Ann Donaldson; Carrie Galbraith; Mike Meyer and Mike French. Trustees Jennie Vail and Steve Kibler were absent. With four Trustees present, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were: Clerk Brittny Gipson; Buster Rosa; Engineer Nick Burrus; Matt Fearday; Aaron Hoelscher; Jeff White; Leroy Westendorf; Eric Emmerich and Joyce Fearday.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Meyer; seconded by Trustee M. French to approve the omnibus agenda; approve minutes of the January 3, 2017 regular meeting; approve expenditures and approve the Treasurer's report. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

Eric Emmerich with EJ Water was present to address the Board about the possibility of partnering with EJ Water to share our water tower and for EJ to take ownership of the Village's water line to Bishop. Allowing EJ Water to use our water tower will give them needed pressure for their water customers south of Dieterich. In exchange for allowing EJ to partner with us on the tower, they will add a booster station and upgrade our pumps to 400 gal/min pumps and maintain all of this equipment. They will also pay to upgrade our outdated telemetry equipment. EJ is also proposing to share half of the water tower maintenance expenses. EJ wants the water line to Bishop in order to improve the connectivity of their water system in the Bishop area. They have several dead end pipes in the Bishop area and by owning the Village's line to Bishop; they will be able to loop together many of their lines, improving pressure to their Bishop area customers. The Village has 15 water customers on the line to Bishop and currently the Village water rates are less than EJ customer water rates. The Village is concerned about the increase in water rates that these 15 customers will incur. EJ has proposed a 20 year phase in for the rate increase. Each customer will only have a 5% annual increase on their water bill. The Village agreed they would consider EJ's proposed contract at the March meeting.

Engineer Nick Burrus from Milano & Grunloh Engineers was present to fill in for Engineer Beckman. Engineer Burrus reported that we are still waiting on approvals from IDNR for the 2013 ITEP project. It is anticipated that we can still make the June letting. The 2016 ITEP project is still in the environmental review process and survey work has begun.

Engineer Burrus reported that the North Pointe Phase 3 ditch project is almost complete. Contractor Lee Goeckner will need to come back in the spring time and lower all inlets and complete final grading on the ditch.

Engineer Burrus explained the current Land Subdivision Ordinance requires a Minor Subdivision plat when neighbors want to purchase land from one another on joining properties. The Board discussed this requirement and agreed that a Minor Subdivision was not necessary when neighbors are buying property from one another and not creating a new lot. They should be able to buy with a deed. Clerk Gipson will work with the Village Attorney to make this change to the Land Subdivision Ordinance.

The Board gave Maintenance Supervisor Buster Rosa permission to buy four new tires for the Village box truck.

The Board received and filed the recommendation letter from the Zoning Board regarding the Petition for Rezoning submitted by Matt Fearday and Aaron Hoelscher for property on North Main Street.

The Board discussed the requested rezoning with Matt Fearday and Aaron Hoelscher. The Board still wants to work with the gentlemen in hopes of a plan for the property that is good for the Village and for them. The current requested rezoning is not consistent with the Village's comprehensive plan or adjacent residential uses; therefore would not be approved by the Village Board.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Meyer; seconded by Trustee M. French to approve Ordinance 837-17: Denying Petition for Rezoning Under the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Dieterich, in the County of Effingham, and State of Illinois. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Meyer; seconded by Trustee M. French to approve the 2016 IDOT Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways for \$1461.25. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Ordinance 838-17: Authorizing Execution of Release of Reservation of Possibility of Reverter (Niebrugge – Lot 80). Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Meyer; seconded by Trustee M. French to approve Ordinance 839-17: Authorizing Execution of Release of Reservation of Possibility of Reverter (Bruns – Lot 75). Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Ordinance 840-17: Repealing Ordinance No. 814-16, and Further Amending Ordinance No. 655-11, As Amended, and Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate in North Pointe Estates Subdivision, East Addition 2 (Lot 63). Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

The Board discussed the need for new chairs at the Board table and office chairs for the Treasurer and Clerk. It was also discussed that a new Board table that fit the space better was needed. The Board asked Clerk Gipson to coordinate the

purchase of a new Board table and chairs and a \$300 per chair limit was agreed upon.

President Hardiek presented a sewer rate scenario chart to the Board. Currently sewer rates are not enough to cover the debt payment on the new lagoon loan, so rates need to be increased. After much discussion, it was agreed that the minimum sewer rate would not change. The Board agreed to increase only the overage rate \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons beyond the 3,000 gallon minimum. The Board will consider an ordinance for the sewer rate increase at the March meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee M. Meyer to donate \$100 to the Dieterich Unit 30 Post Prom. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

Leroy Westendorf was present and asked to address the Board. He owns a parcel at the east end of Section Street where the Village's welcome sign sits. He would like to sell the lot to the Village for \$2,600. The Village thanked Leroy for his offer and agreed to discuss his offer in closed session.

In other new business, the Board asked for EJ Water to assist the Village with installing our new water meters. The Village employees have not been able to get them installed as quickly as the Board had hoped.

At 8:31 PM a motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee M. Meyer to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a land purchase. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

At 9:31 PM the Board returned from Closed Executive Session. Upon roll call the following Trustees were present: Mike Meyer; Jo Ann Donaldson; Carrie Galbraith and Mike French. Trustees Steve Kibler and Jennie Vail were absent. President Brad Hardiek presided over the meeting. Also at the meeting was Clerk Brittny Gipson.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by M. Meyer to approve Ordinance 841-17: Amending Appointment Ordinance No. 816-16. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

At 9:35 PM a motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee M. Meyer to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 4 yes and 0 no.

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Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittny Gipson, Clerk