

**Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
December 17, 2018**

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Village Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Hardiek and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following Trustees were present: Carrie Galbraith; Mike French; Steve Kibler; Jeff White and Mike Meyer. Trustee Jennie Ashley was absent. With five Trustees and President Hardiek present, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were: Clerk Brittny Gipson, Dave Frigen with Wabash Communications, Lee Buehnerkemper and Alex Wright with the Dieterich Business Association, and Tyson Emmerich and Brian Emmerich with Emmerich Automotive.

Lee Buehnerkemper and Alex Wright addressed the Board on behalf of the Dieterich Business Association (DBA). The DBA would like to purchase and install some type of signage for the Zumbahlen Industrial Park. The sign would list all of the businesses in the Industrial Park and have name plaques that are removable. The DBA wanted the Board's blessing before they went any further with the project. They would like to install the sign on the south side of Rt. 33, but IDOT's approval for this location needs to be granted. Clerk Gipson was going to inquire on the possibility of a sign located on the south side of Rt. 33. The Board commended the DBA for their efforts and gave their blessing to move forward with the sign project.

Dave Frigen, COO of Wabash Communications, addressed the Board on behalf of Wabash Communications as the new owners of Montrose Mutual Telephone Company in Dieterich. Dave apologized for not coming to meet the Board sooner. The ICC only recently had approved Wabash to buy Montrose Mutual Telephone Company and during this approval period, they were required to halt all fiber optic construction in the Montrose Mutual territory. The overbuild of fiber optic lines to all of the Montrose Mutual customers is taking longer than originally planned, but they are planning to have the entire Montrose Mutual system built with fiber in 2-3 years. Dave said the most logical place for them to start the fiber over build would be in the Village of Dieterich, however, he could not give specific construction timelines. The Board thanked Dave for the update.

Tyson and Brian Emmerich addressed the Board with plans for their new business expansion of Emmerich Automotive. They are planning to start the new building addition in early 2019. Tyson and Brian were able to answer questions the Board asked and they had questions regarding the specific process for re-zoning, site plan approval and building permit approval. Clerk Gipson agreed to email them all of the details for each process. The Board was excited to see their plans and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Meyer; seconded by Trustee J. White to approve the omnibus agenda; approve minutes of the December 3, 2018 regular meeting. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Clerk Gipson asked the Board their thoughts on installing a new lagoon fence along the east side of the lagoon. Village employees Mike and Clayton had been working to clean up the brush along the fence row and the old fence was not salvageable. The Board agreed a fence was needed and asked for pricing on a 4' and 6' chain link fence.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee S. Kibler for only Village of Dieterich funds to be used for payment of the new water and sewer main extensions to the Dollar General store. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

The Board reviewed a price quote from Ameren to install additional street lighting along the east side of Liberty Drive. The Board asked about the boring fees and if certain lines could be trenched at a lower cost to avoid the high boring costs. Clerk Gipson was asked to find out more information.

After discussion and review of the Candle Art TIF incentive application, the Board agreed they would be willing to draft a TIF incentive agreement with Phil Niemerg for a new addition to his Candle Art facility.

The Board discussed the future medical center on South Main Street planned by Dr. Braddy. Dr. Braddy has requested the Village provide assistance in the form of a TIF incentive to help offset the costs of improving the open ditch at the south end of her property to a 4' storm sewer. The Board agreed to draft a TIF incentive to reimburse Dr. Braddy for a portion of the cost incurred for adding a storm sewer to the open ditch on the south end of her property.

During the comments portion of the meeting, Trustees discussed removing the old pavilion on the north side of the tennis courts. It was agreed the pavilion location was not ideal and it was too dilapidated to make it worthwhile to repair. The Board agreed to have Village Maintenance personnel tear down the pavilion when the weather allows.

President Hardiek had no new information for Closed Session, so no Closed Executive Session was necessary. At 8:53 PM a motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee M. French to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittney Gipson, Clerk