

**Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
September 23, 2019**

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Village Hall.

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

The following Trustees were present: Carrie Galbraith; Jeff White; Sean Pankau; Derick Stumeier; Mike French and Bill Lane. With six Trustees and President Hardiek present, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were: Clerk Brittny Gipson; Steve Kibler; Dan Westendorf; Nikki Westendorf; Danielle Stumeier; Stephanie Fuesting; Traci Bruns; Ashley McQueen; Rhonda Mahaffey; David Mahaffey; Tim Allred; Tammy Wright; Jennifer Meinhart; Nathan Bergbower; Kate Westendorf; Sarah Bill; Leigha Steuart; Ross Martin; Jeff Swan; Janet Swan; Christal Hahn; Ryan Hahn and Jake Fuesting.

Jeff Swan with Finley Engineering Company was present to address the Board on the fiber to home project. Finley is the telecommunications engineering firm assisting Montrose Mutual with the engineering portion of the fiber to home project currently underway in Dieterich and surrounding Montrose Mutual service areas. Jeff detailed the loan and funding process and also the timelines for completion. The downtown Dieterich businesses fiber design has been completed and the new Hartke Subdivision has fiber already. There are four different phases for installs in Dieterich. Subcontractors have been hired to assist Montrose Mutual with the installation. There is currently a crew in the North Pointe subdivision installing the fiber conduit. It will take 4-6 months to finish the fiber install in North Pointe subdivision. The goal is to have all of Dieterich with fiber to home by 3rd quarter 2020. The Board thanked Jeff for his update.

Dieterich resident Tammy Wright was present to address the Board regarding the flooding that occurred in her basement late in the evening of August 21st. Tammy's home has a walkout basement on the west side of her home with a ditch that runs west of her home. She estimated the high water line was 5" up on the exterior brick of her basement wall which allowed several inches of water to flow into and flood her finished basement. She has lived in the home for 30 years and has never had a flooded basement. She wanted the Village to be aware of what happened and to be cautious when planning future construction and development projects that could affect or change the amount of water that flows to her ditch. She would like some sort of protection so this flooding does not occur again.

Seventeen North Pointe subdivision residents were present to address the Board regarding the Air BnB that is currently being operated at a home on North Pointe Drive in the North Pointe subdivision. There are no restrictions within the Village or North Pointe subdivision that prohibit or restrict short term rentals. The residents that spoke were concerned with safety for the children in the neighborhood, since

none of the Air BnB tenants would be familiar with the sense of community and the large amount of children that live in North Pointe that are continually riding bikes and playing all around the neighborhood. The neighbors felt there were no guarantees that anonymous people with harmful intentions would be allowed to stay at the property. Decreased property values and resale values of neighboring properties were also a concern, since the Air BnB was compared to a hotel operating in a residential neighborhood. The speakers requested that language be added to the North Pointe Subdivision covenants to prohibit short term rentals in the subdivision. The Board agreed the Village attorney would be consulted on the matter.

Dieterich Fire Chief, Ross Martin, informed the Board that Abbott ambulance company was going to be holding a community CPR class open to everyone at the Dieterich Civic Center. Ross also detailed his plans to try and lower the ISO rating for Dieterich, which in turn will help to lower homeowner's insurance premiums.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Stumeier; seconded by Trustee S. Pankau to approve the omnibus agenda; approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 5, 2019. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Clerk Gipson updated the Board on the upcoming Dieterich Cemetery renovation project. The southeast east portion of the cemetery will have continuous concrete runners installed starting tomorrow to level the existing monuments. Village maintenance employees do not have the time or proper equipment to level the dirt, seed and straw the portion of the cemetery that will have been under construction. Clerk Gipson is planning to seek quotes for this work from local contractors.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee D. Stumeier to approve Ordinance 976-19: Amending Appointment Ordinance No. 941-19, which would hire Elizabeth Abbott as a part-time, temporary maintenance employee. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Lane; seconded by Trustee D. Stumeier to approve Ordinance 977-19: Amending Ordinance No. 914-18, An Ordinance Authorizing the Operation of Non-Highway Vehicles on Streets and Alleys Under the Jurisdiction of the Village of Dieterich, Effingham County, Illinois. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

The Board reviewed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that were submitted by architects for the Liberty Memorial Park Pavilion addition project.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee D. Stumeier to hire Utz & Associates Architects to create the plans for the Liberty Memorial Park Pavilion addition. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

The Board reviewed the draft Tax Levy Ordinance as prepared by the Village Attorney. The Board requested no changes and the Ordinance will be considered at a future meeting for approval.

At 8:00 PM a motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee M. French to go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c) to discuss a land purchase matter pursuant to Section 2(c) (5) and a land sale matter pursuant to Section 2(c) 6. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

At 9:14 PM the Board returned from Closed Executive Session. Upon roll call the following Trustees were present: Carrie Galbraith, Mike French, Jeff White, Sean Pankau, Derick Stumeier and Bill Lane. President Brad Hardiek presided over the meeting. Also at the meeting was Clerk Brittany Gipson.

At 9:14 PM a motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee M. French to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittany Gipson, Clerk