

**Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
November 16, 2020**

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Dieterich Civic Center.

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

The following Trustees were present: Jeff White; Carrie Galbraith; Derick Stumeier and Mike French. Trustees Sean Pankau and Bill Lane were present via electronic attendance. With six Trustees and President Hardiek in attendance, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were Clerk Brittny Gipson and AnneMarie Hopkins with Kemper CPA Group via electronic attendance.

AnneMarie Hopkins is the accountant for Kemper CPA Group that is in charge of the annual Village audit. AnneMarie reviewed the annual audit findings with the Board and reported the Village had a clean audit with no issues found. Overall the income statement was net ahead for the year, meaning the Village brought in more income than we paid out in expenses. AnneMarie did recommend the Board look into raising water and sewer rates, since for the last 2 years, those funds were borrowing money and current rates were not enough to cover the water and sewer account expenses. AnneMarie also recommend talking with our bank to inquire about refinancing and lowering our interest rates on some loans.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve the Omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the November 2, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

No one was present to report on the water/sewer/streets departments.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Stumeier; seconded by Trustee J. White to approve Change Order #3 for Tebbe Excavating for \$2,000 for additional dirt work on the Liberty Park pond project. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve Ordinance 1050-2020: Levying the Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the Village of Dieterich, Effingham County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Resolution 502-2020: Authorizing the Adoption of the Effingham County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee D. Stumeier; seconded by J. White to approve hosting a Dieterich exterior Christmas Lighting Contest on Facebook for residents. The winner will receive a free December water/sewer/trash bill. Second place will receive

75% off of their December bill and third place will receive 50% off of their bill. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

During the comments portion of the meeting, it was mentioned the Caucus for nominating candidates for the April 2021 Consolidated Election for three Village Trustee positions and a Village President will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Civic Center at 12:00 p.m. for the Liberty Party and at 12:30 p.m. for the Peoples Party.

It was also discussed that the Village Clerk and Treasurer would be allowed to join the Village's current Verizon account for their cell phone plans. Currently the Clerk and Treasurer are both reimbursed \$25 a month for using their personal cell phones for Village work, but with the increased remote work and use of their personal cell phones, it was agreed they would be allowed to join the Village's government account, instead of receiving a monthly reimbursement.

At 8:12 PM a motion was made by Trustee D. Stumeier; 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