

**Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
December 7, 2020**

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. 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: Sean Pankau; Carrie Galbraith; Derick Stumeier; Mike French; Bill Lane and Jeff White. With six Trustees and President Hardiek in attendance, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were Clerk Brittany Gipson, Engineer Lee Beckman and Herb Meeker.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve the Omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting; approve the Treasurer's Report; approve Expenditures and approve Ordinance 1051-2020: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Release of Reservation of Possibility of Reverter (B&E Developers – Lot 21 Hartke Subdivision). Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Engineer Beckman was needed for a conference call, so the Board agreed to move ahead on the agenda and go back to Engineer Beckman's report when he was available later in the evening.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve Resolution 503-2020: Establishing a Schedule of Meetings for the Village Board of Trustees and the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve holiday bonus pay and gifts for employees, board members and the CSS cleaning crew. Permanent full-time and part-time employees will receive \$12.50 per month of employment for the year of 2020. Village Board members, Zoning Board members and the Village Engineer will all receive \$25 in Moovin' Moolah. The CSS cleaning crew members will each be given a \$10 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

During the comments portion of the meeting, President Hardiek reported that he and Treasurer French had received the loan refinance information from Dieterich Bank. We will be able to lower the interest rates on all four of the Village's loans. The total savings over the life of the loans will be approximately \$157,000. The formal documents needed to refinance the loans will be presented to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

President Hardiek thanked Makenna French for volunteering to stuff envelopes for the water bills to be included with community event flyers. He also thanked Clerk

Gipson and her sons for decorating the Village Christmas tree for the charity Christmas tree decorating contest to be held at Liberty Park.

It was discussed to try a new start time of 5:30 p.m. for the Village Caucus to be held in 2022. The Caucus is usually held in the afternoon, but it was agreed holding it in the evening, before the normal 6:30 p.m. Board meeting, may help to increase attendance.

During comments, Clerk Gipson asked the Board their opinion on fencing for parcels that are zoned B-1 General Commercial and M-1 Light Industrial. There is currently nothing in the code that allows fencing in a B-1 or M-1 District. The Board agreed Clerk Gipson should review possible language for fencing guidelines for B-1 and M-1 Districts.

Engineer Beckman reported the Joint Agreement with IDOT for the street construction in Industrial Park East has been received. IDOT still needs to approve the plans before the streets and storm sewers can go out for bid. Ameren has pushed back the 3 phase underground electric install until January.

Engineer Beckman reported the Liberty Park pond project had been finished by Tebbe Excavating.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Change Order #4 to Tebbe Excavating for \$18.20 to balance rock quantities. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve Pay Estimate #1/Final Pay Estimate to Tebbe Excavating for \$61,599.60 for the Liberty Park pond project. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Engineer Beckman reported the ITEP 2016 project is scheduled for the January 2021 IDOT letting scheduled in Springfield. The creek straightening mitigation plan is still under review with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Engineer Beckman reviewed the Virginia Street and Park Street French drain project, the Norb Avenue Detention pond cleanout project and the Zumbahlen Avenue sewer extension project for Higgs Welding's new building. All of the projects were out for bid and the bid openings will all be December 17th at Village Hall.

The Board discussed the OSLAD park grant and the new fishing pier with Engineer Beckman. After discussion, it was agreed the cover that was planned for the walkway of the fishing pier was too narrow to be useful. It was agreed the estimated \$30,000-\$40,000 cost of the walkway cover would be more beneficial spent as a stand-alone pavilion near the pond.

The idea of adding a shuffleboard court somewhere in the park was discussed. It was agreed that adding the shuffleboard court lines under the new pavilion addition would be the best place. This way family gatherings and other parties that rent the pavilion will have easy, shaded access to the shuffleboard court.

At 7:54 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee J. White to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittany Gipson, Clerk