

**Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
March 1, 2021**

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, March 1, 2021 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: Carrie Galbraith; Derick Stumeier; Mike French; Sean Pankau and Bill Lane. Trustee Jeff White was absent. With five Trustees and President Hardiek in attendance, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were Clerk Brittny Gipson; Engineer Lee Beckman; Mike Campbell; Eric Emmerich and Herb Meeker.

Engineer Lee Beckman gave his report first, since he had another obligation that evening to attend. He reported Feutz Contractors was the low bidder for the Dieterich Industrial Park East streets and storm sewers project. Ameren has finished the underground electric installation on Commerce Street to the new industrial park lift station. Kieffer's was scheduled to run a test on the lift station pumps, but the ground was too wet to drive back to the lift station. The testing will be rescheduled when the ground dries.

The ITEP 2016 project will be awarded to low bidder Kieffer Bros Construction on Friday in Springfield. IDOT will be conducting the pre-construction meeting within the next 30 days.

Lee did not have any new updates on the Dieterich Creek straightening project, but Eric Emmerich with EJ Water was present to give an update on a grant opportunity with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Board reviewed the color samples for the Liberty Park pavilion roof metal and everyone agreed the darker red color was the best color to match the overall color scheme of the pavilion. Engineer Beckman reported pre-construction meetings will be held tomorrow, March 2nd, with all of the contractors for the Liberty Park OSLAD project.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Lane; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve the Omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular meeting; approve the Treasurer's Report and approve Expenditures. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Eric Emmerich with EJ Water Coop was present to give information to the Board regarding a possible grant opportunity for the Dieterich Creek straightening with the US Army Corps of Engineers. EJ Water works closely with a consultant that has a lot of experience with Corps projects and receiving funding for those projects. The first

step to allowing the Corps to review our project for potential funding is to submit a Letter of Intent to the Corps and they would perform a site visit to look at the Dieterich Creek project. There is no cost to submit a Letter of Intent and no costs for the Corps to conduct a site visit and assessment. There are no obligations required by the Village once the site visit and assessment are complete. After the site assessment, the Corps would present a plan and cost estimate for a feasibility study. The feasibility study cost would be split 50/50 by the Village and the Corps. There is no obligation by the Village to complete a feasibility study. If the Village chooses to proceed with the feasibility study, the results of the feasibility study would determine if the Corps wanted to complete this project and give grant funding. Ideally, the Corps would cover 65% of the project costs and the Village would be responsible for 35% of the project. The Board was in favor of submitting a Letter of Intent to the US Army Corps of Engineers inviting them to Dieterich for their site visit and assessment. Clerk Gipson will work with Eric Emmerich to submit the Letter of Intent.

Village Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Campbell, informed the Board he is still working with Mike Bell at Midwest Meter to get the new water meter plastic lids and new endpoints we are going to test. On Wednesday morning, Mike plans to meet with Pals Electric at the sewer lagoon compressor building so Pals can investigate our current Kaeser compressors for new VFD's as an alternate method of converting to 3-phase power.

Mike reported the Dieterich Unit 30 Library Club has collected and sorted enough recyclable caps to have 4 benches made for the park. The Village agreed to pay the \$250 for each bench. The caps need to be delivered to Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, IN and the 4 benches will be picked up the same day. The Board gave permission for one Village employee to drive to Evansville to drop the caps and pick up the benches.

Mike asked the Board their permission to re-hire John McVicar for seasonal mowing work, since mowing will begin before school dismisses and summer employees start.

Mike reported that the Old Mill sewer laterals had been installed and they were beginning work to repair pot holes. He also reported they were going to work with EJ Water to borrow their vac truck for a day and clean out all of the water shutoff valves around the entire Village.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve awarding the Dieterich Industrial Park East streets and storm sewer project to low bidder Feutz Contractors, Inc for \$1,596,301.85. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Lane; seconded by M. French to approve Pay Estimate 1 (Final) to SENCO Construction, Inc for the French drain improvements at Virginia and Park Streets for \$5,330.05. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

The Board discussed the Village Hall safety glass installation at the public customer windows and it was agreed that we needed to explore the other options for safety

glass through the companies that Mike French had learned about through Akra. The Board agreed to order the steel door and frame from Niebrugge Lumber to add in the hallway to separate the public space and office workspace for Village Hall employees. Once the new door and safety glass additions are installed, Village Hall will be opened for non-appointment public entry again.

A motion was made by Trustee M. French; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to purchase IDNR approved Liberty Park playground equipment from All Inclusive Rec not to exceed \$25,000 for the OSLAD grant project. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

In Other New Business, Trustees discussed the request of Mike Campbell to hire John McVicar as a seasonal mowing employee. The Board agreed that John could return to work on an as-needed basis for \$12.50/hour.

During Trustee comments, Sean Pankau reported the Ameren wooden pole at the northwest corner of S. Main and Virginia Street was scheduled to be moved over and replaced with a fiberglass pole. The fiberglass pole will not require any guidewires for support.

There was no motion to go into Closed Executive Session.

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittney Gipson, Clerk