

**Village of Dieterich  
Village Board Minutes  
September 8, 2022**

The Dieterich Village Board met in special session on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Dieterich Village Hall located at 103 W. Section Street.

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

The following Trustees were present: Pam Hartke; Bill Lane; Sean Pankau; Derick Stumeier and Carrie Galbraith. Trustee Chad White was absent. With five Trustees and President Brad Hardiek present, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were: Village Clerk Brittney Gipson, Village Engineer Lee Beckman, Ron Davis with IDNR, John Wright, Tammy Wright, Karen Dorn, Donnie Dorn, Jack Lewis, Becky Groves, Lisa Fritscher, Daniel Butterson, Barbara Butterson, Stanley Russell, Berdeena Leturno, Scott Leturno, Nick Fewkes, Nick Taylor, Rebecca Lankford, Lance Priess, Jason Newburn, Charlotte Ervin, Dave Ervin, Jim Woomer, Ryan Repking, Jackie Aldridge, Donald Fulk, Bobby Brown, Mike Westendorf, Cindy Westendorf, Gary Horn, Kelly Langford, Cindy Meinhart, and Jenny Niemerg.

Ron Davis with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources, was present to give residents information about the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program for home buyouts. If their home was flooded from the historic rain event on August 1 and 2, 2022, they may qualify for a buyout at 100% of the pre-flood value. The value of each home that qualifies for a buyout is determined by a certified appraiser. IDNR offers a program the Village can apply for, and the Village pays all of the costs for the appraisal, acquisition and demolition of the home, and then IDNR reimburses 100% of the costs to the Village. There is no cost to the homeowner for this program. This is a voluntary program, and no one will be forced into a buyout. If the homeowner doesn't agree with the appraisal amount, they do not have to accept the buyout. If they don't agree with the appraisal and still want to seek a buyout, they can hire their own certified appraisal (at their expense). If the new appraisal is higher, IDNR will accept that second appraisal for the home. For homes that are part of the buyout, the Village is required to keep these former homesites as green space forever. No new insurable structures can be built on these properties.

Ron was able to answer many questions the residents had, and if anyone present was interested in getting an appraisal on their property to be considered for a buyout, they were to let Clerk Gipson know at the end of the meeting.

Engineer Lee Beckman was present to review the Dieterich Creek straightening plans with the attendees and give other information on mitigation efforts underway to help with storm water collection. The difficulties and lawfulness of altering the creek banks and bed through the main channel inside and outside of Village limits were discussed.

Several residents filled out speaker cards. Jim Woomer, Lisa Fritscher, Stan Russell,

Berdeena Leturno, Karen Dorn and Donnie Dorn all detailed flooding or standing water concerns in or around their property that were noted for further review.

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee B. Lane; seconded by Trustee S. Pankau to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

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Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittany Gipson, Clerk