Village of Dieterich
Water & Sewer Committee Minutes
August 17, 2023

The Dieterich Village Board Water & Sewer Committee met on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 7:00 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 Board members were present: Trustee Matt Flowers, Trustee Jeff White, and President Brad Hardiek. Also at the meeting were: Village Clerk Brittny Gipson and Village Treasurer Sarah French.

The Water & Sewer Committee was meeting to determine a policy recommendation for water leak situations and to determine if there should be a policy on leak notifications.

After much discussion, it was agreed they would recommend there be no policy set for leak notifications. There are too many variables in every water leak situation, and we are reliant on the water meter reading software. The software company recently completed updates, and the software was unavailable for several weeks. No employees will be able to monitor the system on weekends, holidays, vacations, etc.

It was agreed to recommend that no adjustments be made to the water portion of the bill if there was a leak. The Village must purchase every gallon of water that it used. If the resident used it, whether intentional or unintentional, they still used it, and the tax payers of Dieterich should not be made to pay for their water usage.

If the leak occurred and it was a situation where no water entered our sanitary sewer system, then the committee agreed an adjustment to the sewer portion of the bill could be given. If the leak was a sink, toilet, shower, etc and the water entered the sanitary sewer system, then no adjustment to the sewer portion of the bill would be given. The Village has paid to process the water that has entered the sewer system.

The committee recommended the following for adjustments to the sewer portion of the bill, if a leak has occurred that did not put water into the sanitary sewer system:

- The leak must be verified by pictures or licensed plumber to have not entered the sewer system.
- There will be a form the resident fills out to request the sewer adjustment/reimbursement.
- There is a once in a lifetime per household adjustment.
- We will average the previous 12 months sewer bill and use that as the amount charged for the month of the leak. The overage amount of this average is what will be adjusted/reimbursed.
- This adjustment is only good for the first month the leak occurred.
- This policy will be retroactive for all of 2023.
- Village employees can only inspect the water meter. No inspections of private plumbing lines or fixtures.

At 8:29 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee M. Flowers to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 3 yes and 0 no.

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Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittny Gipson, Clerk