Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
November 6, 2023

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:30 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: Jeff White; Fred Bray; Carrie Galbraith; Matt Flowers; Bill Lane and Pam Hartke. With six Trustees and President Brad Hardiek present, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting were: Village Clerk Brittny Gipson, Village Maintenance Supervisor Mike Campbell, Village Engineer Lee Beckman, Traci Bruns, Tony Martin, Tracy Martin and Michael Weber.

Tony and Tracy Martin with Teutopolis based solar company Sonne Energy were present to address the Board regarding the proposed solar ordinance. The Martins offered their advice on roof mounted panel setbacks and safety features they suggested should be included. They recommended the solar ordinance be drafted with the International Fire Code language. They also explained the lengthy process for applying to Ameren and the State of Illinois for residential customers that are seeking State reimbursement and tax credit incentives. They asked that the Board allow any current solar application that has been submitted to Ameren and the State be allowed to go forth in the process and not be required to adjust panel setbacks, if the International Fire Code setbacks are not used in the final ordinance. Having to reapply could delay the solar project a year. The Board agreed they would not make anyone who has already applied change their setbacks in the application and reapply.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee F. Bray to approve the omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the October 16, 2023 regular meeting, approve the Treasurer's Report and approve Expenditures. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Engineer Lee Beckman reviewed the current status of the Wright Family Center. Previously the idea of adding a culvert to the north end of the daycare playground was discussed to better facilitate storm water drainage through that area. AKRA had given the Board pricing for the different options and those options were discussed.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve the installation of an 18" elliptical steel pipe culvert under the north end of the Wright Family Center daycare playground for $4,602.00 with AKRA Builders. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Lee discussed the north parking lot of the Wright Family Center where it meets the rear yards of the 4-plex homes. M&G was working with AKRA to revise the design and get pricing for the additional concrete stoop extensions, steps, retaining walls and handrails.

Lee reported that we are still waiting for the State Legislative and DCEO grant

agreements for the E. Section Street storm sewer project. We cannot begin the project until grant agreements are executed. Both grant agreements should arrive any day.

IDOT in Springfield will be conducting the bid opening for our Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk project in January 2024. We are now planning for a second quarter 2024 construction start.

The pipes and some rip rap have been installed for the North Pointe ditch check project. Concrete has been poured at one location, instead of rip rap placed, given the difficult location to be able to maintain that rip rap in the future. Contractor Eric Goeckner should be finished soon.

It was mentioned the Island Grove Drainage District has begun cleaning the ditches and waterways and Dieterich Creek channel for a large area north of Dieterich and through the portion of the Dieterich Creek that runs adjacent to the Industrial Park East. There are concerns with storm water runoff from the north now coming faster and with greater intensity to Dieterich, with the potential of flooding being enhanced.

Traci Bruns began her position as the Director of the Wright Family Center on November 1st. She was present to discuss her recommendations with the Board for the facility hours, membership pricing, and facility rental pricing. The facility hours, pricing structure, and sale of memberships will be announced in the near future.

Mike Campbell presented pricing information from various tree removal companies to remove dead trees on the east side of Steppe Drive and a tree that is damaging sanitary sewer lines in an alley near Vine Street. Tree roots have entered the sanitary sewer main and have clogged the main. The only way to keep the tree roots out is to remove the tree. The tree must be removed before the sanitary sewer main can be repaired.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee J. White to hire Effingham Tree Service to remove 3 trees for a price not to exceed $1,985.00. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Mike and the Board discussed how the portable speed radar signs work well to slow traffic on Rt. 33 and Main Street. It was agreed that pricing for permanent signs should be researched.

Mike reported the POW/MIA chair had been delivered and the chair dedication ceremony will be performed at the Veterans Day Program on November 10th. The chair will then be permanently installed on the north side of our Veterans Memorial.

Mike reported the Dodge dump truck bed is beyond function with all of the holes. A new bed was priced and the truck is so old, it's not worth adding a new dump bed for $8,000. The truck is a manual transmission, so plowing snow with it is very difficult. Mike is going to research some possible buyers for the truck.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee J. White to approve Ordinance 1146-2023: Levying the Taxes for the Corporate Purposes of the Village of Dieterich, Effingham County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Flowers; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to approve Ordinance 1147-2023: Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Effingham County Emergency Telephone System Board). Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee M. Flowers to approve Ordinance 1148-2023: Authorizing the Lease of Real Estate (Just the Ticket, LLC). Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee J. White to approve Resolution 543-2023: Approving Agreement with 120Water. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

The Board discussed the possible sponsorship of the upcoming WEIU Dieterich: This is Our Story television production. The Board agreed they wanted to do something, so formal consideration for sponsorship will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Change Order #1 from Farnsworth Group for a deduct of $9,500 for a change in the scope of services for the Wright Family Center. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee M. Flowers to approve Pay Request #10 from AKRA Builders for construction of the Wright Family Center for $548,839.60. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve Change Order #19 from AKRA Builders for an increase of $8,864.00 for site work changes at the Wright Family Center. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made Trustee B. Lane; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Change Order #20 from AKRA Builders for a deduct of $80.00 at the Wright Family Center. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee J. White to approve a donation of $250 to the Dieterich Community Ruritan Club to assist with the expenses of bringing Santa to Dieterich on December 17, 2023. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

During the comments portion of the meeting, it was suggested that we install speed limit signs in Hartke Subdivision and consider a 3-way stop on both ends of Memorial Drive.

At 9:25 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittny Gipson, Clerk