Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
January 8, 2024

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2024 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, Mitch Hardiek with Milano & Grunloh, Scott Leturno, Berdeena Leturno, and Nick Taylor with EDN.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Flowers; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to approve the omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the December 18, 2023 regular meeting, approve the Treasurer's Report, approve Expenditures and approve Per Diem Pay. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Mitch Hardiek with Milano & Grunloh was present for Engineer Lee Beckman's report. He reviewed the current status of the Wright Family Center, which is nearly complete, and he provided the notes from the final walk through on the site that was conducted on January 5th. A few minor outstanding items were noted.

Mitch reported that we have received the State Legislative and DCEO grant agreements for the E. Section Street storm sewer project and are waiting for the State to sign those agreements so we can go out to bid. Hopefully we can receive the executed grant agreements soon and go out for bid in February.

IDOT in Springfield will be conducting the bid opening for our Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk project and have moved the letting date back to March 8th, but there is potential for it to be moved back to April.

President Hardiek asked to move ahead on the agenda to New Business item #2. Earlier in the day, IDNR had released their press release announcing the Flood Hazard Mitigation grant for home buyouts to occur for Dieterich residents that had homes damaged during the flooding on August 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Lane; seconded by Trustee J. White to approve Resolution 545-2024: Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between Village of Dieterich and the State of Illinois/Department of Natural Resources for the Dieterich Flood Hazard Mitigation Project – Contract Number OWR-434. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

President Hardiek asked if residents Scott and Berdeena Leturno wanted to address the Board, since they had filled out a speaker card. Leturno's asked a few questions and discussed details of the home buyouts with the Board.

President Hardiek moved back up to the Water/Sewer/Streets Department report portion of the agenda.

Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Campbell, discussed seeking an architect to write roof replacement specifications for the Village Hall roof to go out to bid for a new roof. The Board agreed Mike could get pricing for architects to write the specifications.

Mike and the Board discussed revising the current pricing structure for the ROINC contracts with EJ Water, at the request of EJ Water, for water and wastewater operators. It was agreed that we needed to revise those contracts and Clerk Gipson will work with the attorney to make those revisions to raise the monthly fee the village will pay to EJ for both water and wastewater operator services.

Mike reported his discussions with EJ on moving the metering equipment for the village water supply to the EJ pump house a few miles north of Dieterich.

Mike did not have pricing numbers available yet for the flashing stop signs or the speed radar signs. Those discussions will resume when we have prices to consider.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee M. Flowers to approve Pay Request #12 from AKRA Builders for construction of the Wright Family Center for $369,762.55. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee J. White; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve Ordinance 1151-2024: Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement (Brad and Jordan Jansen). Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Trustees reviewed the draft solar ordinance, and it was agreed that it should now go through the public hearing process before further consideration. Clerk Gipson will work with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission to set the public hearing date.

The Board discussed raising the water/sewer/trash billing deposit from $100 to $200 for new residents that are renters. There have recently been cases where the $100 deposit has not been enough to cover the bill when renters have left. The Board agreed it was time to raise the deposit and Clerk Gipson with work with the attorney to draft the proper ordinance for passage at a later meeting.

In Other New Business, President Hardiek presented a spreadsheet for the Board to review with all the 2023 monthly tax income revenue numbers for the village.

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittny Gipson, Clerk