Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
March 4, 2024

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, March 4, 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: Fred Bray; Carrie Galbraith; Matt Flowers; Bill Lane and Pam Hartke. Trustee Jeff 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 Brittny Gipson, Village Maintenance Supervisor Mike Campbell, and Village Engineer Lee Beckman with Milano & Grunloh.

A motion was made by Trustee F. Bray; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve the omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the February 19, 2024 regular meeting, approve the Treasurer's Report, and approve Expenditures. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Engineer Lee Beckman reported there was a meeting at Village Hall earlier in the day with Clerk Gipson, President Hardiek, and Supervisor Campbell to discuss revisions to the East Section Street storm sewer plans. Plan revisions will be complete before the public information meeting on March 13th at 6:00 p.m. The public has been invited to review the plans and ask questions about the project. Lee is planning for a bid opening late April or early May. Construction will take approximately 3 months and should begin in June or July.

Lee reported the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project should have an April letting date, as long as we receive all environmental clearances. July is the expected construction start date.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Campbell reviewed the new street sign quote from Progressive Chemical. IDOT now requires a 9" tall sign blade and new reflectivity standards for street signs on Rt. 33. There are several other street signs not on Rt. 33 that are faded and cannot be read and they need to be replaced also.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve the purchase of new street signs and u-channel posts from Progressive Chemical and Lighting for $3,497.39 plus shipping costs. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee B. Lane; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to approve hiring Art Borries for the refinishing of the Civic Center floor for $1,650.00. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mike reported Gardenscape Contractors donated two trees to be planted at the Wright Family Center and the Dieterich Trailblazers 4-H Club had planted the trees for their club's community service project a little earlier in the evening today.

Mike reported there was a sanitary sewer main that got clogged the day before on Sunday, March 3rd on the line between Loda and Vine Streets and he worked with EJ Water to come out that day and use their jet machine to clear the clog. It appeared tree roots were the cause of the clog and Mike will investigate the matter further to determine how the tree roots were able to get into the sanitary sewer main.

Mike also reported Effingham County performed their road bumping earlier in the day and will be coming a few weeks later to perform the total patch system work on the roads they bumped.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Flowers; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to approve Pay Request #14 from AKRA Builders for the construction of the Wright Family Center for $91,385.25. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to approve Ordinance 1156-2024: Authorizing Execution of Release of Reservation of Possibility of Reverter (Donald & Laura Dill – Lot 3). Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

The Board reviewed and discussed six applications that had been received for temporary summer employment for the maintenance department.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to offer the summer employment positions to Caleb Gephart, Tanner Will, and Landen Keck. Caleb and Tanner were both employed with the Village of Dieterich last summer and Landen had been previously employed in the maintenance department at the Village of Cisne. Having three employees with previous municipal experience will be an advantage to the maintenance department. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

In Other New Business, the installation of new monument concrete runners at Dieterich Cemetery was discussed. JB Esker is still willing to complete the project for us, but the price of concrete and prevailing wage has increased. JB Esker will now be charging $36/linear foot of cemetery runner. Work beginning is completely weather dependent, and they will be using Effingham Monument to remove and replace each headstone. Effingham Monument will be charging $120/hour per person which includes all materials, equipment, and labor. The Board agreed the project should continue and the runners should start being placed on the west end of the cemetery first.

During the comments portion of the meeting, cars driving too fast on the newly improved Steppe Drive was discussed. The increase of traffic on Steppe Drive with Montessori Kids Universe daycare and the Wright Family Center is cause for concern, since so many children are near Steppe Drive. Everyone agreed that speed bumps would be a good solution and Mike was going to research the cost.

There was no motion to go into Closed Executive Session.

At 8:06 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee B. Lane to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittny Gipson, Clerk