Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
April 7, 2025

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025 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; Pam Hartke; Matt Flowers; Berdeena Leturno and Carrie Galbraith. Trustee Bill Lane 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, Maintenance Supervisor Mike Campbell, Wright Family Center Director Traci Bruns, Village Engineer Lee Beckman, Stacy Welter, Heather Worman, Kali Worman, Kelly Frohning, and Marie Adamick with the Effingham Daily News.

Kelly Frohning, Heather Worman, and Kali Worman were all present to address the Board regarding the formation of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Dieterich. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a non-profit organization inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age 5, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners. There is no cost for parents to sign up their children. Each child will receive one age-appropriate book each month from birth to 5 years old mailed to their home. Effingham, Teutopolis and Newton have already implemented the program and Dieterich would like to be the next in our area. The cost to enroll both the Dieterich and Montrose Zip Codes (to reach all children in the Dieterich School District) is $3,000 for the first year. Various fundraising campaigns, combined with the other Effingham County participants, will be used for the future years. The ladies asked if the Village of Dieterich would like to financially support the initiative to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Dieterich. The Board thanked them for the information and agreed to formally consider a donation at the next Village Board meeting on April 21st.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee B. Leturno to approve the omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the March 17, 2025 regular meeting, approve the Treasurer's Report, approve Expenditures, and approve Per Diem Pay. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

Engineer Lee Beckman reported the storm sewer installation was completed on East Section Street and the final walk through would be completed in the next 2 weeks. The new sidewalks on East Section Street should be installed as soon as the weather cooperates.

A walk through of the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project was conducted on March 25th as a follow-up to the walk through last fall. It was discovered that more sidewalk panels have heaved, becoming ADA non-compliant. It seems the fiber board expansion material had swelled excessively, causing the sidewalks to heave. Fuetz Contractors will be removing and replacing the non-compliant panels in the near future.

The Village of Dieterich has just submitted a CDS grant request to Senator Durbin's office for additional funds to reline sanitary sewer lines. The grant request was for $1,200,000.00. Hopefully we will know in 2-3 months if this was approved.

Wright Family Center Director Traci Bruns reviewed the March financials and facility updates. Volleyball clinics and basketball leagues are now finished, and youth dance classes begin tonight. Crush Athletics hosted a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on March 29th at the WFC and it was a successful event.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Campbell reported he was meeting with Adams Memorial soon to determine the scope of work for the next set of cemetery monument runners.

Mike discussed several street updates and areas that need attention this spring with patching, asphalt, and oil and chip after the 4th of July. Portions of Virginia, Maroon, Vine and Railroad all need some asphalt work in order to put the crown back on the road, since oil and chip cannot do that. We did the same work on Maple a few years ago, and it's held up well.

Mike reported the flood buyout home demolitions were still on hold due to the wet conditions and the township not letting the contractor bring his heavy equipment into Dieterich. There are weight limits in place on township roads until April 15th. Mike will be scheduling the asbestos inspection soon for the 202 E. Section Street home.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee B. Leturno to approve Ordinance 1190-2025: Authorizing the Village of Dieterich, A Municipal Corporation, Effingham County, Illinois, To Borrow Funds from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Program. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Flowers; seconded by Trustee B. Leturno to approve Ordinance 1191-2025: Amending Chapter 7 of Title 1 of the Village Code of the Village of Dieterich, Illinois. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to approve hiring Pro-Mow Lawn Care & Landscaping to spray trees for bag worm treatment for $3,900.00. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

During the Comments portion of the meeting, President Hardiek congratulated Treasurer Sarah French on her 13-year work anniversary as Village Treasurer.

At 7:55 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 5 yes and 0 no.

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Brad Hardiek, President

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Brittny Gipson, Clerk