Village of Dieterich
Village Board Minutes
September 2, 2025

The Dieterich Village Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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: Pam Hartke; Berdeena Leturno; Stacy Welter; Matt Flowers; Fred Bray and Carrie Galbraith. 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 Engineer Lee Beckman, and Marie Adamick with the Effingham Daily News.

A motion was made by Trustee F. Bray; seconded by Trustee M. Flowers to approve the omnibus agenda: approve minutes of the August 18, 2025 regular meeting, approve the Treasurer's Report and approve Expenditures. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

Engineer Lee Beckman reported the CDS grant for sewer relining is still in the waiting process. We have made the intended use plan but are the fifth project below the available funding line. He is optimistic we will be eligible for bypass funding and should know soon and be able to go out for bids in January or February 2026. Lee asked for the Village to help identify illegal sump pumps and gutter drains that could be connected to the sanitary sewer. We need to try and identify all of these illegal connections prior to going out for bid so we can make plans to disconnect them and have a plan for how to re-route them to a storm sewer or ditch.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Campbell could not attend the meeting, but during the Water/Sewer/Streets report President Hardiek asked for the flashing stop sign lights to be looked at. Several of the flashing lights are not working right now.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to approve Resolution 667-2025: Authorizing the Execution of a Wastewater Operator Contract and Addendum to Wastewater Operator Contract. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee F. Bray to approve Pay Estimate #1 for H&K Excavating for $29,300.00 for the demolition of 303 E. Maple Street for the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant project. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee P. Hartke; seconded by Trustee M. Flowers to approve Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 25th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee M. Flowers; seconded by Trustee S. Welter to approve a temporary liquor license for the Boos and Brews event on October 25, 2025 at Liberty Park. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

A motion was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee P. Hartke to approve hiring Corrie Appraisal for the appraisal of the Village Maintenance Building at 203 W. Church Street for $1,200.00. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

The State of Illinois will be repealing the current 1% grocery tax effective 1/1/2026. Each municipality can choose whether or not to keep this tax in place for the businesses in their jurisdiction. There's not a great estimate available to determine what revenue Dieterich would lose by allowing this tax to go away. It's been estimated from $15,000 up to $50,000. The pros and cons of continuing the tax and letting the tax go were discussed. Trustees asked Clerk Gipson to research what other local municipalities were going to do. If Dieterich is going to keep the 1% grocery tax in place, the ordinance approving to continue the tax must be received by the IDOR by October 1, 2025 for there to be no lapse in receiving those funds. If we decide to let the tax go away for now, it can always be reinstated later by the Board passing an ordinance to do so. The Board agreed to do more research and revisit the topic at the next meeting.

During the comments portion of the meeting, Clerk Gipson mentioned repairs being needed to a mausoleum in the Dieterich Cemetery and that Jason Meyer of Meyer Funeral Homes was being asked to help by some relatives of people that were in the mausoleum. The mausoleum is privately owned by two unrelated families. Options for repairs were discussed, and it was suggested to get pricing for those repairs before proceeding with any further conversations.

At 7:39 p.m. a motion to go in to Closed Executive Session to discuss a land purchase pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2(c) (5) was made by Trustee C. Galbraith; seconded by Trustee B. Leturno.

At 8:01 p.m. the Board returned from Closed Executive session and the following Trustees were present: Pam Hartke; Berdeena Leturno; Stacy Welter; Matt Flowers; Fred Bray and Carrie Galbraith. With six Trustees and President Brad Hardiek present, a quorum was declared to be present. Also at the meeting was Village Clerk Brittny Gipson.

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee F. Bray; seconded by Trustee C. Galbraith to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was 6 yes and 0 no.

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Brad Hardiek, President

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(Seal) Brittny Gipson, Clerk