

## **Observer Report**

Observer(s):	Lisa Reed	
Government Body:		
Members Present	Members Absent	
Mayor Bob Barnett	None	
Commissioner Greg Hose		
Commissioner Marge Earl		
Commissioner Nicole Walus		
Commissioner Leslie Sadowski-Fugitt		
Commissioner Rick Kulovany		

## Remember:

- Always be polite and respectful
- Record the meeting if possible
- Your attendance is about observation not participation. You are there to learn not judge
- Strive for clarity while avoiding bias and partisanship

General Observations	Yes	No	Comments		
Did meeting start on time?	Χ				
Were the facilities large enough?	Χ				
Could the audience readily hear the					
proceedings? Handicapped Access?					
Was there media coverage?			Not Known		
Illinois Open Meeting Act requirements					
Was the agenda posted 48 hours	Χ				
before the meeting? If so, where?					
Did the agenda items clearly describe	Χ				
what was to be discussed					
Was background information	Х		Streamed live on YouTube		
available to the public?					
Were issues adequately discussed?	Χ				
Was public comment encouraged?	Χ				
Was the public treated respectfully?	Х				

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Public participation: (estimate of attendance excluding staff and elected officials)
16

## **Public Participation Remarks:**

- A DG resident who reported he has previously spoken at council meeting. He did not
  feel his issues (not clear of the specifics of his concerns) were adequately addressed by
  council & is requesting an independent review. He referenced a violent situation of
  some kind. Mayor Barnett said the unknown situation he was referencing was
  currently in the court system & explained that the courts would need to resolve that
  concern before the Council could address.
- 2. A DG resident thanked the Village for work completed on Brookbank Street but requested a traffic study due to increased traffic as a result of drivers now using Brookbank & bypassing Main street. Village representative commented that a traffic study is already underway. Resident further reported downed limbs from recent storms which require Village assistance in clearing.

Presentations and discussion by elected officials, staff and/or administrators:

Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 1/1/18 through 12/31/18 presented. Highlights available on website.

Informational Items presented by elected officials, staff and/or administrators:
Village Manager reported that the state of Illinois has passed the operational & capital budgets.
Roadway improvements for DG are included in this budget. More information will be shared in future meetings.

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs? Meeting was adjourned for Executive Session to discuss filling the two vacant Council positions.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? If "yes" what action do you recommend?

No



## Additional Comments/Concerns -

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