

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, April 1, 2019, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Jodi Gilbert, Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Gilbert called for nominations to appoint a chairman for tonight's meeting since Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz was not physically in attendance. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to nominate Jeff Gutzmer to chair the meeting tonight. Gilbert called for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Gilbert called for a vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried. Gutzmer to chair the meeting. Gutzmer stated that Raddatz is attending the meeting via telephone. Gutzmer called for Roll Call: Elina Kuusisto, Karen Andrie, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Wayne Moberg, and Jeff Gutzmer were present. Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz is attending the meeting by telephone. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass/Police, Robert Thompson and Matt Koch/Public Works, Gene & Sharon Hendricks, and Bonnie McDonnell. The InterCounty Leader, The Osceola Sun and The Standard Press newspapers were all present. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Kuusisto/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, March 4, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Gutzmer called for citizen comments. Bonnie McDonnell – 123 Main Street read the following statement: Comments to the City Council – Dresser. My request for a follow-up discussion regarding the lack of ordinance enforcement was denied by "Fat Boy". He said that the matters are "under advisement". (See attached letter). After the March 4, council meeting, there was a huge snowstorm. My car was parked off the street, but residences: 115-121-133-139(all on Main St) had several parked cars on the street impeding snow removal. Mid-morning I began shoveling: the snow plow drove by; so did Officer Ryan several times. Ryan saw me struggling; and ignored it. Finally I saw a small snow plow, flagged it, and was plowed out.(Again Thank you) After I received my letter from "Fat Boy" denying me the chance to discuss the continuance of the problem of residents parking on Main Street during snow removal, I talked to Ryan and Jodi. Ryan was angry; so was Jodi. Ryan stated that his only requirement was that cars are not to be parked between 2AM and 6AM. I stated "that doesn't make sense". He replied; that "sense" doesn't matter. "That's the law". (He doesn't enforce that law anyway) But, Ryan conveniently left out that the law also states, "Please refrain from parking on the street after a snowfall." He also said, that the car (next door to me) had moved. Not so; ask the snow plow guy. He plowed me out and went around the neighbor's car. Ryan continually ignores issues regarding parking and "Nuisance Laws" in general. The residents at 121 Main St had an inoperable car parked on Main St for 8 months. It had a flat tire; I complained, the neighbor fixed the flat with a "doughnut" and it continued to sit there. Ryan stated it was "operable"; it was not. I spoke to the snow plow guys; the told me they would take care of it. It was towed to the backyard. Ryan claims he took care of it. That is one of 3 inoperable cars that have sat in their back yard. There is one left. They use my yard to park in, "if" they move their car. (during snow storms). Several years ago, a fellow officer urged me to take my issues to the administration. I declined; but now that I have spoken I regret it. I believe that I'm being targeted by Ryan. I also believe that because I'm complaining, my neighbors are going to be angry with me. It isn't my job to enforce the ordinances; it clearly states that it is the job of the Police. I believe that Officer Ryan and Fat Boy are unsuited for their positions; there is lack of law enforcement; dishonesty, vengeance, inefficiency and laziness. I am frankly scared of

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retaliation. Gutzmer told McDonnell that her 3 minutes were up. Gutzmer called for any other citizen comments. Nothing was stated. Public Comments were closed.

**PREREGISTERED:** Nothing on the agenda.

**FINANCE:** Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve renewing the Dresser Employee Dental Insurance with Guardian Dental – No change in premium – Bjorklund stated this is a benefit to the employees and the premium has been worked into the budget for 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding an Operator’s License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Justin Tretsven. Background check was completed. Motion Andrie/Durand to approve an Operator’s License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Justin Tretsven. There are items listed on the application of concern. Haass stated he has not been convicted of items listed most are misdemeanors. Andrie stated doesn’t it have to be a felony and related to the job to be a disqualification. Laux asked what was the most recent charge. Haass stated in 2018 bail jumping. Laux stated that was a misdemeanor. Laux continued I don’t have anything else. Gutzmer stated there is a motion on the floor. Vote was called for. 4 members voted yes. 2 members voted no. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Moberg to approve monthly Vouchers/Payroll Checks #38187-#38259 Payroll \$16,941.35 plus Vouchers \$50,034.32 for a Total of \$66,975.67. No other discussion took place. Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Motion Kuusisto/Andrie to offer Free Brush Chipping to residents during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month from April to October and free use of the Dresser Public Works Compost Transfer Site for leaves and grass clippings. Gilbert stated she modified the form this year to include the dates of the weeks the guys would be chipping. Raddatz stated we chip during the week of that particular month. The word “Schedule” might mean to people that we only chip on that date. Gilbert stated she would modify that wording to make it clearer to the residents. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve Spring Solid Waste Clean Up with Waste Management to be held April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>. The maximum amount a resident can dump is 1,000 lbs. Authorization form required through the Clerk’s Office. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Turf Management, Brent Liggett, to apply two sprayings to Village parks/green areas with a cost not to exceed \$950.00. Bjorklund stated that Liggett contacted me by email. He is doing his spring schedule and he has done this work in the past. He did give us an estimate that is worked into the 2019 Budget. Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to hire Turf Management, Brent Liggett, to apply two sprayings to Village parks/green areas with a cost not to exceed \$950.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the estimate from Scott Construction for Asphaltic Chip Seal Surfacing for Village Streets in the amount of \$13,278.00. Bjorklund stated we budgeted \$15,000. Durand stated we do some chip sealing every year. The streets where this work will be done are Clark Street/W 1<sup>st</sup> Street/N West Avenue. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Bjorklund/Durand to approve the estimate from Monarch Paving Company for the Alley Wedging \$8,386.38. Durand asked was this budgeted for? Bjorklund stated we budgeted \$10,000.00 so it came in less. Raddatz questioned which Alley we were doing maintenance to. Thompson will clarify the location with Monarch. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding entering into an agreement with SEH Engineering Firm for the updating of the Village of Dresser Water and Sewer Utility System Maps. Laux stated I looked at this agreement and my legal opinion is to go ahead. I have a list of questions for the public works department to be asking during the performance of this contract. There is a long list of potential items to be charged for that would well exceed #1 #2 and b. That total is \$3,840.00. If that is what the Village would be selecting and that is fine. Things like this are a lot of times done in an hourly basis. There are a lot of potential charges that could be charged out hourly, which at this time you are not necessarily up-front paying attention to. Laux continued I don't want to be charged for a wrath of other charges. This is not itemized – most of the general conditions on the last two pages are OK. There are comments I will make back to you before the work begins. The advice is to don't let them do anything extra without preapproval from the board. Sign the agreement and get the work done. There is no fine print "hold harmless" language in the contract which is good. This is not as offensive as some that I have seen but there are some hidden costs. Durand asked is it wise to sign it? Laux stated this is a simple job – give them the numbers and make sure they are on a map. It is not any more complicated then that. If those other things come up – directive of the board to public works would be to stop and not authorize just do the basic job within those numbers. Bjorklund stated when we approve, we can approve a dollar amount up to that amount. It is a simple job and they are not doing any original work. Thompson stated we are including numbers for fire hydrants, gate valves, etc... We have the improvements from Horsmann/Peterson and any other updates since 2006. Does this include the force main to Osceola? Laux stated I am assuming that those options will meet the requirements of the DNR. Thompson stated yes; we have been in touch with the DNR. Bjorklund stated we shall just approve the amounts that are just on here as a max. Laux yes \$3,840.00. Motion Bjorklund/Andrie to approve entering into an agreement to perform the 3 options on page 2 for a total of \$3,840.00. Bjorklund continued Option 1 will be charged to the Water Utility, Option 2 will be charged to the Sewer Utility, and Option b will be divided based on the work for water/sewer. No General Fund monies will be used. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the bill received from Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$3,120.00. Raddatz stated Rob needs to fill us in on this - the day they were here and the next day. Thompson stated basically I called Visu-Sewer and they charge by the hour. The original phone call was by feet for comparison purposes and they thought it could be done in an 8-hour day. They came out late on the day they had scheduled and when they got here, they had a hole in the hose they were using. So, they didn't get started until about noon. They did Warren Street and then did First Street another day. Originally, they billed us for 15 hours and I called them on that bill. They changed the travel time and reduced the hours from 15 down to 12. The reason for the additional hours were that there were a lot more roots in the line then they thought there was going to be. The 12 hours is working time for when they were here. Thompson stated there were a lot of roots on Warren Street. Raddatz stated I have some concerns – extra roots – this not being done in one day – and stuff not working. That is not our fault and they were going to charge us more. 8 hours was bid. This is almost a 50% increase. We need to watch out for the Village. At this point I don't disagree with the 8 hours, but we need some details on the extra charges –

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4 hours. I want to know where – it should be a little clearer. Gilbert stated when you look at the proposal that was signed and returned it has only an hourly fee listed. Raddatz stated we are not paying for their equipment to be down and they were 3 hours late. Andrie asked who fixed the equipment? Thompson stated they did but they used our vise and did work in the shop. Did you have to sit around and wait? Bjorklund stated they charged for only 1 trip after Rob called them on it. Raddatz stated it was out of line – the powers to be – do they know that they were broke down/not done in one day/here it is. Laux stated it does say that they were charging for travel time. The board agreed to \$2,080.00 for one day work. We may be liable, but the board needs more clarification on 4 hours. Thompson stated that their reasoning was that they were cutting roots. Andrie asked was this the total hours they worked. Raddatz stated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day you didn't even know they were in the Village and they left when we were dealing with the Water Main Break which was early afternoon. They left early the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. The first day they started late and broke down. They didn't follow up with us and we don't know. They didn't check in the second day. Who said they were here the 2<sup>nd</sup> day? This is a Reg Flag. Bjorklund stated it is wise to be cautious. Andrie stated they can send us an itemized bill. Raddatz stated we can pay them the \$2,080.00 and they can give us documentation on the other 4 hours. That can come back to the board to approve. Laux stated TV and Clean is not enough for additional charges. Was 4 hours travel time? Thompson stated I believe 4 hours was for big roots. Laux agreed they did not itemize. Travel time is from what point to what point. They didn't get the job done in one day. Equipment was broke down. Laux stated I would send the \$2,080.00 with a letter disputing the other charges. They need to justify the additional money. Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to pay Visu-Sewer the \$2,080.00 and send a letter with disputing the other charges and requesting an itemization of the additional hours. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Public Works Monthly Report for March 2019 was presented to the board. Koch read the report. Durand asked did you learn anything this month? Koch stated yes. Raddatz asked do we know when we will be street sweeping and getting the gravel off the roads. Thompson stated I have talked to Osceola and we are one their schedule to sweep the streets. Thank you.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** There was no Building Inspector Report for March 2019. There were no inspections done.

The Police Department March 2019 Report was presented to the board. Haass stated the report is on the table. Durand asked if there was anything exciting. Haass stated for the most part it was a standard month. I re-certified in firearms. I will be getting a demo on – First Net. The cost to operate looks like half of what we are paying with Verizon. With First Net I would be getting a department cell phone. We supposedly can do voice over radio, which would be a back up to the portable radios. With the Demo Unit I can see how reception is in the area. Polk County is rolling it out this year. This would be for next year's budget. Bjorklund stated you will no longer be doing license plates. Haass stated the State has phased out paper and is requiring everything to be done online. People will need to do registrations etc... online or at a local DMV office.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Nothing on the agenda.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board Minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the board.

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Kuusisto stated that checkouts of material is up 19% which is great. We are having some trouble getting people to come to little's story time. We are looking into what other libraries are doing to boost attendance. We are looking at a yearly event that we can host to promote the Library. The roof repairs will be happening this month weather permitting and the Library will be open during the repairs.

Durand asked do you think weather recently has played a role in kids not coming to story time.

Kuusisto stated you have the same kids going through and they have aged out and now the challenge is to get new younger kids. John welcome's any ideas. Maybe a cook out would be unique to the Dresser Library.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding sending a Letter of Support for the Polk County Housing Studies CDBG Grant Application. Bjorklund stated this is with the Polk County Economic Development Corporation – Vince and I had spoken about this. Dave Rasmussen with the Village of Luck will be the applicant for the grant for the communities that have agreed to be in this. This letter – we have \$3,500.00 in the budget and with the grant our cost would be \$2,400.00. Bjorklund stated there is a sample letter to customize sign and send in order to participate. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to send a Letter of Support for the Polk County Housing Studies CDBG Grant Application. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Dresser was named a 2018 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Bjorklund read the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph in the letter “Now is the time to plant trees...” Bjorklund stated to get this recognition there is an application/paperwork that both the public works and the clerk have to complete and submit. There is a regiment of requirements to meet. Thank you to them. Keep planting trees. Arbor Day at the school is a big part of this.

Spring General Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 Polls Open 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Allied Emergency Services 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday April 13 2019 3PM – 7PM  
Durand stated in regards to Fire I checked on the new fire hall. It is coming really good. They got the roof on. It is looking nice.

Dresser Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019 – Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Dresser Community Wide Garage Sales will be held Thursday, May 9 to Saturday, May 11.  
Gilbert stated the flyer will be posted and it will be on the web page.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. It was a bit stressful with the Main and West Avenue water main break. Mike, Matt, Rob other people from the public and the J&S guys all did a great job. There was water running down the street and I just wanted to show my appreciation to everyone who helped. It was in the middle of a snow storm and trying to get catch basins open so the water had a place to run was a bit stressful. We had some flooding on 240<sup>th</sup>. Hats off to public works and we appreciate it!

