

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, April 6, 2026 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Darren Peterson, Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Luke Loescher, Lee Williamson, and Dalton Spry. Joe Peterson was Absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer, Colleen Steffen – Office Assistant, Jesse Vlasnik - Public Works, Jack Gaffney - Public Works, Ryan Haass – Police, Brock Geyen, Ben Campbell, Gene and Sharon Hendricks. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Spry/Froehlich to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – March 2, 2026. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Darren Peterson called for Citizen Comments. Darren Peterson called for Citizen Comments. No citizen comments were made. Darren Peterson Closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: The 2025 Audit results were presented by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP – Brock Geyen. Geyen stated that Sarah Kobs helps me out and does a nice job. I’m here to take the credit and answer any questions. The Financial Statements will be coming and this summary is very consistent with the statements. Item #1 It is very common for municipalities to participate in WRS. It is explained in a paragraph. It is brought in as a liability – book entry at the year end. The PSC report doesn’t want this information. Management letter: we report on internal controls. There are 3 material weaknesses. We draft the booklet, we propose adjustments to the books, and there is a lack of segregation of duties. All very common for a smaller community. As a board you need to keep reviewing the disbursements and keep participating in budget process. You work within the limitations you have. The Financial Report Form C is filed with the Department of Revenue and the Public Service Commission Annual report is filed. Item #2 General Fund. Cash and Investments at the end of the year was \$1,170,747.00. Unassigned was \$877,000.00. The expenditures spent for the year were (\$661,546.00). You had a positive change in fund balance of \$48,527.00. At the end of the year the percentage of Unassigned Fund Balances to General Fund Expenditures was 132.6%. This is money back to the General Fund. Your unassigned went up. Your CDBG Project is done and you have a healthy fund balance. If you get too low you can’t make payroll. You have problems if that number gets down to around the 33% level. Item #3 Special Revenue Funds. You have the CDBG Housing Rehab Fund – there was \$22,000.00 in repayments and that has gone back out in the form of new loans. The Library Fund you are breaking even. Last year you overspent. Item #4 Debt Service Fund – at the end of the year you are at zero – which is good. Item #5 Capital Project Fund – everything is zero – the First and Second street project is done. Fund 25 is used for raising funds for capital projects like the new public works truck. Everything there is OK. Item #6 Water Utility. There is a lot of good things happening here. Cash is improving – end of the year \$42,093 positive where in 2021 there was a deficit. The rates are doing the right thing. Sewer Utility – end of year Change in Net Position is a positive \$17,898. This fund was also running a deficit in 2021. Rates are doing the right thing. Item #7 Long Term Obligations. There was \$64,000.00 in new debt. You also paid down your debt. The General Obligation Debt as a Percentage of Debt Limitation is 48.2%. You will see the Employee Vacation and Sick line – this is a new standard on how it is to be reported. The board had no questions. Geyen left the meeting. Darren Peterson thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Discussion was had regarding the request from West Wisconsin Inspection Agency/Ben Campbell-Building Inspector to update the Building Inspector Fee Schedule. Campbell stated I started in 2018. We have had the same fee schedule since then. I am proposing to raise the rates. Most increases are \$25.00 or \$50.00 dollars, which is not a large increase. When doing a new home, I go off of square footage not the price of the house when figuring out the permit fee. My rates are low compared to other municipalities. The schedule has been reduced down. Residential square footage has stayed the same. Rates have been established for manufactured homes. Erosion Control fees are part of the building base fee. Accessory buildings/Detached Garages – Base is \$125.00 - \$50.00 additional if needed. A shed under 144 square feet is \$75.00 - Other Inspections not listed. Decks increased to \$160.00 – two inspections are usually required. Signs and fences up to \$75.00. Added a fee for Solar – this has become more popular. Fireplaces/Outdoor heating is \$125.00. Starting a project without a permit then the permit fee is doubled. Other inspections \$75.00 (sheds is an example) - Site Plan on where it is located is a lot of what we are looking at. Administrative Fee is 20% of inspection cost / maximum \$50.00. You could change this if you wanted since this is your fee. Darren Peterson stated you haven't increased your rates since 2018. Gilbert stated the fee schedule has been in the format of a Resolution in the past so if the Board doesn't want to make any changes that document can be brought back to the May Board Meeting. Other communities in the area are charging the same rates. Darren Peterson stated it has been 8 years since an increase has been done and the costs have doubled. Motion Darren Peterson/Froehlich to approve the rates as presented and to bring a Resolution to the May board meeting. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: The 2025 Consumer Confidence Report for Dresser Waterworks was not completed in time for the meeting. This will come back at the May board meeting.

The Impeller has been replaced at the State Street Lift Station. Discussion was held regarding refurbishing the impeller that was pulled out of the State Street Lift Station and wear ring. Vlasnik stated that the impeller was replaced and is running good. The guys mentioned that they can rebuild the impeller that was pulled out of the pump. There is no warranty. I talked to Dan – wanted to bring it up since we have another pump. \$1,358.00 to get the old one rebuilt. This would be a backup. Kuhl stated it sounds like a good idea if one goes down. What is the lead time to get a new one. The last one took 16 weeks to get. We want it in house once it repaired. Spry stated you want to have it completely ready to go. Do the wear ring at the same time. Darren Peterson stated you put it in and run it until it is junk. Spry stated we should do the same thing the next time around – send it in and get it rebuilt. Extend the life before purchasing a new one. Motion Spry/Kuhl to approve the quote not to exceed \$2,500.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding entering into a Preferred Maintenance Program Contract for the irrigation system located in the Dresser Park. Gilbert stated the irrigation system was donated to the Village. With the contract if something happens, they would cover it. Vlasnik stated if I do it and have a problem then what. I am more than comfortable to do it though. We have 1 to 6 zones. Darren Peterson stated if Vlasnik is comfortable doing it then let him run with it.

Discussion was held regarding two estimates received for the South Street Storm Water Repairs to the Storm Water Easement located next to 206 South Street W. We got a quote from J&S and Paragon to fix the water issue on the corner on South. Mitch Egge was here at a past meeting and he was OK with what we were proposing. He built a retaining wall that may be in the easement. Money has been put into the budget for this. Kuhl asked how much can we be doing to solve this problem. Darren Peterson stated we cannot fix the problem of the house being too low. It will keep the water in the easement. Kuhl asked will it improve the situation. During a 100-year rain who knows. Maintenance should be

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done every so many years to this easement. Motion Spry/Loescher to accept the J&S quote in the amount of \$6,320.00 for South Street Easement Improvements. No other discussion took place. Darren Peterson abstained from the voting. All other board members voted in Favor. Motion Carried. Jesse will contact Steve at J&S. We may need to talk to the Stephansen's. This easement does take maintenance. It should be put on a schedule to do so.

Update was given regarding the 2026 Municipal Office Maintenance – Signage/Letters – Stucco work with Rock Solid Construction is estimated to start on May 4, 2026. Vlasnik stated that all of the letters are taken off. All are sanded down and now we just need to get some paint on them. They should work just fine.

Update – Dresser Well #3 – Water Tower – possible electrical issue that is being addressed. Vlasnik stated that Xcel about 3 weeks ago pulled the voltage monitor stating it is not their issue. Up until tonight we didn't have an issue. I have talked to Dan at Rural Water. Since it is not on Xcel – it is something in the well house. Darren Peterson, do we contact Municipal Well – they installed the pump in 2020. Vlasnik stated that Nate recommended a couple others to take a look.

Public Works Monthly Report: March 2026. Gaffney read the report that was presented to the Board.

FINANCE: Motion Darren Peterson/Spry to approve Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Jill Henning, Audrey Thompson, and Eve Thompson. Background checks were done on all three. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Loescher/Spry to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #44860-#44927 Payroll \$18,994.77 plus Vouchers \$123,650.60 for a Total of \$142,645.37. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Informational – Municipal Property Insurance Company – Inflation Factors 2026-2027. Gilbert presented the information to the board. Darren Peterson stated 3% is not bad.

Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to approve entering into a contract with MSA Professional Services to help administer the discontinued housing program. Gilbert explained why this is needed. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Spry/Kuhl to accept the resignation/2 week notice from Jack Gaffney – Public Works – last day worked will be Friday, April 17, 2026. Darren Peterson asked Gaffney to explain what you are planning to do. Gaffney stated I will be going to a tech school to be a lineman down in Eau Claire. I will be starting my journey on that route. I had filled out the application way before I was hired here. There was a wait list and didn't expect to be called so soon. Class starts in June. All in Favor. Motion Carried. We are sorry to see you leave. Good Luck.

Motion Loescher/Froehlich to move forward with the hiring process for the open full time Public Works position and run the Ad as presented in the board packets in the Osceola Sun, InterCounty Leader, and the TriCounty Newspapers. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the March 9, 2026 meeting was done by Froehlich. We are changing the day of little story time from Monday to Thursday. We will see if that works better for families. We are still talking to Paul Anderson on an architect design for the library.

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PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for March 2026 was presented to the board. Bernick's will be updating their sign.

The Police Department March 2026 Report was presented to the Village Board. Darren Peterson asked what the Bicycle Moped Violation was. Haass stated it is considered a moped but not legal to be operated by a juvenile. I have talked to the parents. Williamson stated I have seen it at the Pizzeria.

Update – all Dog Owners who have not licensed their dog for 2026 have been turned over to the Dresser Police Department – there are 20 people who have not licensed their dogs. In order to avoid a citation, they need to get the dog licensed. Haass stated I am also in the process of looking at Junk Properties according to the Ordinance - Unregistered Vehicles fall into this category.

Update was given from the Osceola Area Ambulance Emergency Meeting that was held on March 25, 2026. Board President Helen Johnson has passed away. Margaret Bader will fill this position until the election in May. There is a new member from Alden - Kurt Lietz.

Update – Allied Emergency Services Inc 2025 Annual Run/Chiefs Report presented to the board. This is information that given to the townships for their annual meetings. Good information for the Village also. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held this coming Saturday. Kuhl stated come out for a good meal.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Updated information from the Polk County Board was passed onto the Village of Dresser Board regarding Large Public Assemblies. Trollhaugen may have events that fall under this new Ordinance.

Update – Property Assessment – Open Book to be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 from 10:00 AM – Noon at the Municipal Office 102 W Main Street (Public can talk to the Assessor).

Update – Property Assessment – Board of Review to be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (Board Members are required to attend). Pizza will be provided for supper.

Discussion was held regarding the St Croix Valley Foundation – Dresser Area Community Fund – Available to Grant dollars in the amount of \$3,987.00. Possible Projects: Tennis Court Nets, Concrete that was removed by the Loader in the Park, Signage improvement for Village Office(current is plain – just block letters – maybe put it in a picture frame), Flag Pole but that is in the current budget, Froehlich brought up bringing back Dresser Dump days - it has been talked about, but it is not in the 2026 budget. Darren Peterson stated I have a hard time having residents pay for other resident's garbage. This could be brought back up in the future, Fish Pond – filter system to keep the water clean. Anything else that needs upgrading? No decisions were made.

Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Polls open at 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Arbor Day to be held on Friday, April 24, 2026 – Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School.

Dresser Community Wide Garage Sales to be held May 7, 8, & 9 – 2026. Carmen Brian is heading up the map for the sales.

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Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. I would like to thank Lee and Dalton for the time they have served on the board. It takes a lot of time and we appreciate all you have done. It takes all of us to keep things going. We are looking after the Village. Spry stated I have learned a lot.

MAY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thurs, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM–Alden Sta#3

Village Board Meeting, Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.