

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, April 7, 2014, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Bryan Beseler, Wayne Moberg, Neil Gustafson, Kristi Scheet, Jim Rochford Jr., and Richard Durand were all present. Darron Nelson was absent. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi Gilbert-Clerk, Tiffany Meyer – Library Director, Ryan Haass – Police, Kevin Oium – Cedar Corporation, Wayne Swenson, Carmen Brian & people from the public for comment at the Summit Road Hearing. The InterCounty Leader, The Ledger/Standard Press, and The Osceola Sun Newspapers were also present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Rochford/Scheet to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion Carried. Motion Rochford/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, March 3, 2014. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Rochford to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting, March 17, 2014. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CLOSING OF SUMMIT ROAD:

Beseler called to order the Public Hearing. Beseler called for Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Neil Gustafson, Kristi Scheet, Jim Rochford Jr., Richard Durand, and Bryan Beseler were all present. Darron Nelson was absent. Also present Attorney Tim Laux. A quorum is present.

Announcement of Publication – Standard Press: March 6, 13, & 27th Posted: March 3, 2014 Mailed to: Ivan Bowen, Ronald Anderson, Ryan Richardson, David Lindahl, Edwin Eaton, Gary Koecher, Barbara Schneewind, Howard Vezina, James Tucker, Leland Cross, Harold Johnson, Town of St Croix Falls, and Town of Osceola.

President’s Announcement: Beseler stated the purpose of the hearing is for the Village of Dresser to consider Resolution #02-2014 to move forward with the closure of Summit Road.

Public Participation was held. Written Opinions Received: 1. Beseler read into record Letter 3/26/2014 Ronald and Alice Anderson 2. Beseler read into record Email 4/3/2014 Ivan Bowen and 3. Gilbert read into record Email 4/7/2014 Amy Middleton. No other documents were present in writing. Beseler now called for Individuals to speak on this topic.

Doug Schmidt stated I am a life long resident and have lived in Dresser for 24 years and I even sat on the board. I wanted to let the board know as a citizen I am opposed to the closing of Summit Road. We put a ticker tape out on that road and 140 cars a day use that road. I also know that people use that road to look at the deer. It is a nice pleasant ride. At anytime it is a nice cut between St Croix Falls and the Nye Area. It is a nice road to drive and you don’t have to deal with HWY 8. If that road closes people will have to pull out onto HWY 8 by the golf course, which is almost impossible. I travel that road as a citizen a lot. I have sat on Ambulance/Fire boards and I am concerned what it will do for response times. There are 4 active houses on that road. I can’t believe that wouldn’t slow down any response. The Town of Osceola received a letter from DOG Fire that stated that they didn’t approve of the closure. I believe Dresser only has 463 feet and I am well aware that Tim has advised you of the liability of it. Tim’s job is to advise you of potential hazards. If Tim drove all the roads in Dresser there would be other hazards to deal with such as a tree or fence post. As a board you have to make a decision. I have a deep respect for Mr. Bowen. Polk County has no reported accidents on this road. Actually the top of the hill has had a dozen accidents with a fatality - that’s an area that needs to be looked at. Beseler asked does the ticker tape break down dates and times. Schmidt stated yes. Beseler stated for the record that information was not shared with the Village of Dresser along with the letter from DOG Fire on their opinion

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concerning this. Also make it known that Dresser has approached the Town of Osceola to pick up maintenance on this section of road and they have not been responsive.

Shirley Cross stated we have lived here 45 years. You received for the record the letter from the Andersons. When old HWY 35 was closed we were told that Summit Road and Trap Rock Drive would be left open. We use Summit Road so we don't have to get onto HWY 8. Also to get on HWY 8 from Golf Course Road is bad. Many people around Poplar and Sand Lake use the road all the time during the day. Many people didn't sign the petition because they were not notified and not back in the area yet. We have 90 names of people opposed to the closure. This will affect emergency vehicles and slow down response times. The Police have gone through that way depending on when they get the call and where they are located in order to respond to us. St Croix Falls School has a bus route through that area. I believe they are supposed to be here to speak. As for liability none of the township roads have shoulders, there are deep ditches, lakes, ponds, and trees to deal with. This road was much more dangerous when the trains went through there. There is a liability to every Municipality every time we drive on a road. So do you shut down all the roads? We pay taxes and license fees and County Road S is a much more dangerous road. There you have to drive through rock formations. They remedied this by putting up signage stating warning of obstacles and posting it as a low maintenance road. The 3 Municipalities can work out something to keep the road open. Please keep Summit Road open.

Shirley Nelson and I live on Ravine Drive. First I would like to know who is going to fix GPS so Blye Avenue which has been closed doesn't show up. Nobody can find my house. According to GPS there is no Ravine Drive off of HWY 35. This problem should be remedied first. I believe when Blye Ave was closed – Trap Rock was to create an access to HWY 35. There is a private road to HWY 35. Someday when Trap Rock is sold that road may be closed off. Then what. You should be annexing that road into the Village before you start talking about closing Summit that is used by many people. I propose that the road stay open and fix Blye on GPS.

Edwin Eaton stated I grew up next to Ivan. I have a petition with 89 signatures. People don't want to see their teenagers going out onto HWY 8. The older people also like the back road. When the park is full of campers we take the back roads. I have been on that road for 70 years. Ivan has been a good neighbor. In the past there was a problem with blasting. They use to have a flag man out on the road for the blasts. They always blast at 11:30 and at times you would have rock on HWY 35 and right next to Ivan's house. He has wrecked Anderson's well and my well is not pumping as much as it use to.

Nathan Hollmann stated I represent the St Croix Falls School district. We actively use Summit as a bus route for currently 2 kids. With the closing of Summit we would not be able to go down the road and there would be no where to turn a bus around due to how narrow the road is. I guess we could have the kids go out to Golf Course Road. The bus would then have to try to get on HWY 8 by Golf Course Road or go to the stop light. We want to see it stay open. In the future we could have kids move in on the west side. Beseler stated Ivan has offered the Town of St Croix Falls and the Town of Osceola land to put in a turn around. Nate stated that would help.

Steve Rousselow stated I live on Poplar Lake with a Dresser address. Those that live by are greatly affected by this proposal. We use that road every week. It is our way to stay off HWY 8 to get down town. People should look at the accidents on HWY 8 and compare it to that area you are looking to close. For our own safety please don't close the road. You have an issue over a small part of it. The Municipalities could work that out and not close down access to road. I say do not close it.

Mike Wallace stated I am on the Town of Osceola Board. The Town Board has not been approached with a formal proposition – before you do that perhaps you revisit and get down to the details with the Town of Osceola. Beseler stated I had talked to Doug several times and he does not want it.

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The Village Board accepted the petition names into the record.

Pat Peterson stated my daughter was killed on HWY 8. We don't like to use it and we live by Sand Lake. We often use that road especially in the summer time. HWY 8 traffic is unbelievable and I know how easy an accident can happen.

Bob Marko stated I am on 240th Street. I have lived here for 30 years. If you are really serious about fixing the liability, the rock cropping on the hill that is not so complicated. One day with a tractor with a hammer on it. Hire me for two days and I will have it fixed for \$5,000 to \$6,000 dollars. Chip it down and spread black dirt. The rock won't be there. I use the road 4 times a day and I feel sorry for businesses in downtown St Croix Falls. If people go to the stop light then Wal-Mart wins again. They need all the business they can get downtown. I will donate my time.

Gordy Peterson stated I am out by Sand Lake. Due to respect – there are accidents on every road. As a former deputy sheriff most of the accidents are due to speed and alcohol and that is not a reason to close that road.

Dave Lindahl stated I farm land over there. With the number of people who use that road there will be a liability when something happens and HWY 8 is blocked off and now Summit is closed. How are they going to get through?

Vicky Rousselow stated I am on Poplar Lake. There is liability on 120th. The old Gamache property and there is a huge curve there and people are always going in the ditch. Keep the road open please.

Greg Koshiol stated I understand the safety issues. I would propose that the 3 Townships get together and discuss how to keep it open. It sounds like you haven't talked with Osceola and St Croix Falls. Beseler stated we have a contract with the Town of St Croix Falls through the end of the year. They have submitted documents pulling out of the contract. The conversation I have had with them is that they would not stop the Village if we pursued closure.

Steve Palmer from the Town of St Croix Falls. Steve read a letter that was written to Beseler on May 16, 2013 and the Town of St Croix Falls Resolution #13-18 regarding Summit Road. There are many things that go into this type of decision – there are residents that want it closed and members of the board – the town has looked at it and you have some liability, but we were in a worse predicament because of the agreement. There are many things to look at on that road. 19 years ago the Town of Osceola didn't want to get into an agreement. They had Ordinances that didn't allow them to take it over. It is a tough decision. We will work with you either way. Studies show most area roads are built for development. There has been a consolidation of lands in that area – we should look at the next 10 years. The Fire department is not on Main Street any more it is on the hill. Ambulance for St Croix Falls is served with 2 ambulances. One in St Croix Falls and one in Milltown. Sometimes they are going to be stationed in Centuria. They would then be coming from that area and not from down town St Croix Falls. It is going to be a tough decision to make.

Edwin Eaton stated I don't understand why you want to close a road and the tax payers want to keep it open. You are going to have more trouble. Beseler asked are you addressing us or St Croix Falls. Edwin stated Steve. Beseler stated that is not for discussion here.

Doug Schmidt stated as Town of Osceola Chair we are looking into not wanting to maintain the road – we may be interested for plowing concerns – it doesn't make sense for Dresser to come around. The town is not interested in repairing 463 feet of road. That is a very minimal cost to Dresser. We all have our tough roads. I will swap you the fish hatchery road for that footage and still come out ahead.

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Paul Lunzer stated I live on Ravine Drive. There is a liability 90 degree corner by me that people go off all of the time. People get into accidents on every road. Everyone is for keeping it open. There is no opposition here. Beseler stated one of the things we have to remember in making our decision is who we report to. We report to the Village of Dresser and the greater community.

Greg Koshiol asked isn't it feasible for the 3 municipalities to get together. Beseler stated it depends on this body.

It was stated not all people were notified. Beseler stated the minutes from our meeting are on the web page. We only had to notify Ivan Bowen legally. You are part of the community and legal doesn't always fit and not right. Beseler stated we mailed to more people than was required. You notified deceased people. Gilbert stated the names were taken from the tax roll information.

Beseler asked for any more comments. Nothing stated. I call the public comment section of this hearing closed. I now open this up to the board for discussion.

An updated Resolution from Tim was handed out for the Board to review. Gustafson stated they have a valid point that we should take the time to officially present to the townships instead of just verbal discussion. Rochford stated I understood that neither township wanted the 400 feet of road. If someone is willing to do something with the road I am willing to hear it. That section is approximately 2 miles from Dresser with private property in between and no other roads. Beseler stated if I put the Resolution on the floor I would propose an amendment adding a new number 1. under Be It Resolved, that: The Village of Dresser intends to close Summit Road by October 1, 2014 pending no agreement with the Town of Osceola or the Town of St Croix Falls can't be achieved. Currently there are no dates listed and I don't want to get back into this in October and have to start over. Scheet stated simply none of our constituents live along this area and they have not voiced to keep it open. It is up to the townships and citizens to lean on them to reengage them in this. Scheet stated it is a hardship for us to get there. Laux stated since December when we passed the original Resolution we haven't heard from the towns. It would be bad to have gone through all of this and heard from all of these people and not pass this Resolution that would keep the pressure up. Any further discussion?

Resolution #02-2014 A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue a Public Road. Motion Rochford/Scheet to move Resolution #02-2014 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Rochford to pass and approve Resolution #02-2014. Motion Beseler continued I will propose an amendment to #02-2014 moving the section under BE IT RESOLVED down one and adding a new number 1. The Village of Dresser intends to close Summit Road by October 1, 2014 pending no agreement with the Town of Osceola or the Town of St Croix Falls can't be achieved. Rochford 2nd the amendment to Resolution #02-2014. Roll Call Vote on the amendment was taken. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried. The amended Resolution is now on the floor. Roll Call Vote on the amended Resolution #02-2014 on the floor. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Beseler adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:22 PM. Beseler called for a 5 minute recess. Meeting continued at 7:28 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Shirley Nelson from Ravine Drive – Here are the directions to my house from Osceola. This is what comes up on every bodies GPS. Byle Avenue was closed. Laux asked how many years ago was that. Bjorklund stated Laux and herself were here when that happened. Beseler stated Jodi will look into it.

Leslie Waggoner from the Standard Press thank you for choosing us this past year as your legal paper and we encourage you to keep us your official paper. Thank you.

PREREGISTERED: Nobody was preregistered.

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLAN COMMISSION: Resolution #01-2014 A Resolution Adopting a Plan Commission Recommendation and Approving a Minor Subdivision on Part of Lots 16, 17, and 18 of Block 5, Original Plat of the Village of Dresser. Motion Rochford/Scheet to move Resolution #01-2014 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Scheet/Rochford to pass and approve Resolution #01-2014. Any discussion – Beseler stated this may look familiar. You sent this back to Plan Commission earlier. They want to do a subdivision with no lateral access. Through the Plan Commission and discussions with Attorney Laux the wording came out that any future developer will bare those costs. Wayne Swenson asked – can I record the map and then you would do the Resolution? Laux stated we need the number of the recorded map for us to finish the Resolution. The map will have signatures of Village Officials. Any further discussion. Nothing stated. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion took place with Cedar Corporation regarding an update on West Avenue – 2014 LRIP Project. Kevin Oium is present. Kevin stated two months ago the Village Board approved to have the line televised. That took place last Tuesday. I just gave the official report to Jodi. Scott McCurdy has put together a map showing the results. They started on the South manhole and worked down stream. There was a point where the camera became submerged – roots in the pipe. After that they started on the alley and worked south and got to a point they couldn't go any further because of roots. There is 70 feet not televised. When you go north there is one section of pipe that is cracked. It is where the gas service is located. The manholes are in pretty good shape. There are a couple of cracks in the pipe. Beseler asked is the project eligible for lining or replacement. Kevin stated we did put together some cost estimates for that type of work. The cost to slip line – going from manhole to manhole is \$21,760.00. We won't be able to do the drop sections with lining and there are 2 services that would need to be cut out. Open cut trench would start on Main Street and we would run 8 inch PVC pipe and reuse the manholes. That cost would be around \$14,410.00. If you look at the lining cost – there is additional footage that increases the overall cost. So in this project it is cheaper to just replace it because you have less distance to go and you are already tearing up the black top. We would recommend that since you are tearing it up you do the sewer line. That is if they want to proceed with the project. The State contract has not been received. Beseler asked what is the hold up on the contract. It is at the state. You also have two water mains in this area. If you look at redoing the sewer you will want to locate that other water line. You don't want to expose it. That is where we are at. If you did want to go back in and cut and retelevise it would cost around \$750 to redo it. In my professional opinion I would replace the pipe. At this time there is no money in the budget for this additional work. The contract is not in place yet and it will eventually take 3 to 4 weeks for construction. This could still be done this construction season. Beseler stated you all know I don't like pondering things. Do you want to chat about if want to do the project. Could send to finance and see how to finance it. Do we continue this project or let it go. Beseler stated I am favor of moving the project forward. If we think that replacing that sewer line is not a priority then OK. Rochford said lets send it to finance. Motion Rochford/Gustafson to send it to the finance committee. Any further discussion. Nothing stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Beseler stated give our regards to Scott.

Information on part time plow driver expenses was given to the board.

Discussion was held regarding approval of Barb Williamson to work 4 hours a week for 6 months for Part Time help in the Parks. Rochford stated I make that motion. Durand stated I second. We do this every year. She is fantastic with the flowers. Beseler stated just so you know I am voting against it since I am seeing some back log in the clerk's office and I would rather see the money used in the office. How many hours is she working in the office now? 20 hours a week. Rochford stated well if that is necessary I guess I don't have a problem with her working those hours in the office if needed. Durand stated there may be volunteers in the Village that could

do that work. I guess we could allocate more hours if she is interested in working more hours. Beseler stated I didn't mean to catch you off guard. Moberg asked how many hours are needed in the office. The hours could be put to good use – obviously it was a busy winter and being short Dan didn't help. As many of you know Dan is the paper guy – Mike has picked up most of the work, but some has been shifted to Jodi also. I tossed around whether I should bring up the subject. Durand stated I have had comments from two people on whether a volunteer could do the flowers. Save us a lot of money. Her hours could be better used some where else. May be better to use in the office. If we are having a Finance/Personnel Committee meeting we could look at monies in the budget and reallocate from parks to clerk/treasurer office if needed. Original Motion Rochford still stands, which was to approve Barb Williamson to work 4 hours a week for 6 months for part time help in the parks. We can discuss the office hours at the up coming meeting. Durand stated OK lets do that 2nd it. All in Favor. Beseler voted no. Motion Carried.

Motion Scheet/Moberg to award sale of the Public Works 1997 Chevy Pick Up to Bid #2 in the amount of \$1,352.00. Beseler stated I opened the bids last week and we didn't include names since I didn't think that mattered. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Memo dated January 2014 presented to the Board regarding New Sewage Collection System Rules & Requirements.

Motion Rochford/Durand to approve Spring Solid Waste Clean Up with Waste Management to be held April 28th – May 15th. The maximum amount a resident can dump is 1,000 lbs. Authorization form required through the Clerk's Office. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Rochford/Moberg to offer Free Brush Chipping to residents during the 3rd week of each month from April through October and free use of the Dresser Public Works Compost Transfer Site for leaves and grass clippings. No Discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: Motion Scheet /Gustafson to approve the monthly Vouchers #33111-33186 Totaling \$69,905.32. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Rochford/Durand to approve a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for the Dresser Lion's Club for the sale of fermented malt beverages at the DOG Fire Annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on April 12, 2014. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Rochford/Scheet to approve Operator Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for LaTischa Franzmeier and Elina Kuusisto. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Thank you was received from the Williamson's for use of the Dresser Community Hall. Beseler stated we approved that their group could use the hall and they gave us a donation in the amount of \$150.00.

Motion Scheet/Rochford to approve the request from Dave & Carmen Brian (Usborne Books – Sponsor) for use of the Dresser Community Hall, to close Main Street in front of the Community Hall, and for a donation in the amount of \$275.00 for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Carmen is here if you have any questions. Carmen stated we have served about 200 kids from Dresser and the surrounding area. It is a great time for the kids. We enjoy doing it. Beseler stated lets hope for nicer weather. Ryan are you OK with closing down Main Street. Ryan stated yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Beseler/Gustafson to approve the request for the Village to pay for an Ad in the Tri-County North Advertiser in the amount of \$31.40 for the Annual Village Wide Garage Sales to be held May 15-17. Rochford

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asked have we done it in the past? Yes we have. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the March 10, 2014 meeting were presented to the board. Meyer stated last month I wrote 3 grants. Hope to hear about them sometime between May and September. I would like to give a Congrats to Linda Bowitz who came up with the idea for author alphabet soup – people come and talk about what they have been reading. We had 10 people last month. She has done a great job. We had a great turnout for our composting evening with the Dresser Garden Club. Act 150 is still on track and we are putting together documents to present to Polk County. The Strategic Plan will go to the Library Board Members as a first draft and hopefully we can give some feedback back to John Thompson next week.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for March 2014 was presented to the board.

The Police Department March 2014 report was presented to the board for review. Haass stated now that the weather is warming up people are now out and about.

Update from the Osceola Area Ambulance Meeting that was held on March 6, 2014. Moberg stated the minutes are in the packet.

PUBLIC WELFARE:

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion Rochford/Moberg to stay with the Standard Press/Ledger as the Official Newspaper for the Village of Dresser. Beseler stated last month you put out a survey and asked them to give us some information. Nothing is comparable, but if you do the math it ends up close to the same. I guess you can look at the subscribers in the area. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Arbor Day to be held Friday, April 25, 2014 – Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School at 10:30 AM

Dresser Employees will be attending Safety Training on April 22, 2014 at the SCF Fire Station

April Spring Election Results: Jim Rochford Jr. – 63 votes, Darron Nelson – 57 votes, Elina Kuusisto – 54 votes, 80 people voted in the Village. Rochford thanked Jodi for posting the election results on the Village Web Page. I checked other municipalities and they did not have that information listed. Thank you.

Monthly updates from Village President, Bryan Beseler. Beseler asked if things were beginning to thaw out. Gilbert stated no. We did remove one hose back in February when we thawed out the homeowner with the equipment from WI Rural Water. Beseler stated you will see an increase in billing and the 2014 adjustments for people running water. Please turn in your 2014 Committee Selection Surveys to me as soon as possible. I spoke with Dan on Friday and he is ready to come back to work on April 14th. He may have a few restrictions. We are excited to have him back. Moberg asked if he was back full time. Beseler stated yes. Everything went well.

Elina will take office the 3rd Tuesday of the month. I would like to Thank Kristi for her years of service. I have enjoyed working with you. Thanks for the time that you have put in. I give you our sincere thanks. We have cake and everyone is welcome to join us.

MAY AGENDA BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2014

Village Board Meeting, Monday, May 5, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Open Book – Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 4 PM – 6 PM

Board of Review – Wednesday, May 14, 2014 6 PM – 8 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Scheet/Rochford to adjourn at 8:15 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.