

VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, April 7, 2025 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, Dalton Spry, Grace Bjorklund, Lee Williamson, and Joe Peterson. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch–Public Works, Wyatt Kuenkel – Public Works, Ryan Haass–Police, Kianna Lindh, Barb Williamson, Luke Loescher, and Gene & Sharon Hendricks. No other persons from the public were present. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – March 3, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: Update was given on the 1st and 2nd Street Project – Final Costs and Funding Summary by Kianna Lindh, MSA Professional Services. Lindh stated the handout you received in your packet shows the final numbers now that everything for the project is done. So now what is left to do. The project was completed before the end of 2024, so we were able to close out the CDBG. You received a completion letter on January 27, 2025. The Safe Drinking Water closeout letter was issued on January 29, 2025 and the Clean Water Fund closeout letter was issued on January 22, 2025. Lindh discussed the final project costs. Total Cost of Construction was \$1,633,763.50. Design and Construction Engineering was \$289,254.17. The Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Loans are 20-year revenue bonds. Cost for Grant and Loan Administration was \$101,400.00. The final cost for Loan Closing was \$12,500.00. You had received a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and the rest was covered by the two loans and the village. Any questions on the numbers? Nothing was asked. At this point loan payments will be due in May and November every year. The CDBG Single Audit is due by September 2025. The Auditor will submit this audit and MSA will send to the State. We will have to do a single audit again next fiscal year which is due in January of 2026. Bjorklund stated thank you for your help. Lindh stated I was happy to work with the Village. Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to accept the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report for Dresser Waterworks. Koch stated this annual report is required by the DNR and explains what we have done to stay in compliance with the DNR. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to approve the purchase of a distance counter for hose for the Sewer Cleaner in the amount of \$653.12 from Sewer Equipment. Darren Peterson stated the counter went out and it is needed to measure how far out the hose is. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held in regards to the Emergency Repairs to the Trollhaugen Lift Station Pump. Darren Peterson stated Koch called me and explained that the pump was down. We couldn't wait to get this fixed so I gave him the OK to have Reliance look at the motor. Reliance resealed it and redid the bearings. Andrie Electric also had to redo the 2 motor starters. Koch stated the work has been completed and the sewer pump is back up and running. Kuhl asked have we ever had to have the motor rebuilt? Koch stated no – I believe the motor was put in 2009. Froehlich asked how long will the pump

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last? Koch stated the original pumps were in for 20-25 years before they were replaced. The cost to fix is the total of the Reliance bill plus the Andrie Electric bill. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the emergency repairs to the Trollhaugen Lift Station Pump – Reliance bill of \$2187.73 plus Andrie Electric bill to not exceed estimated costs of \$1,500.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding repairs to the coating on the interior of the Main Sewer Lift Station on State Street. The estimated cost for sandblasting and painting is \$25,875.50. Darren Peterson stated I have been talking with Koch and Gilbert on this. The big question is how do we pay for this. Gilbert has sent some questions to the Auditors - Brock and Sarah and they haven't responded. We don't know if the Sewer Utility is cash flowing. We are waiting on the 2024 audit results. Kuhl stated looking at the pictures it looks terrible. Why are we painting this and not just letting it go? Koch stated if we don't paint it then the concrete will fall apart. The acid from the sewer will just eat away the concrete. We really are not painting the concrete we are sealing it. Kuhl stated the quote says that it is only good for 3 years. Koch stated the original coating was done in the 1980's. Darren Peterson asked how hard would it be to get another quote. Kuhl stated that would be a good idea. Everlast is a local contractor. Koch stated I will see if I can get another bid. Darren Peterson stated that would be good and let's bring this back to the next meeting. Sewer Rates will be going up again next November. Gilbert hopefully will hear from the Auditors and she could talk to Sean Lentz at Ehlers. The board agreed to table this item to the May Board Meeting.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the estimates from Turf Management for fertilizing/treating Village Green Areas totaling \$1,160.00. Darren Peterson stated we have been doing this for years and he is a local guy and has been fair. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update – the 2014 Ram Pick Up Truck sold on auction for \$10,825.00. Where should this money go Kuhl asked? Gilbert stated once all the accessories for the new pickup are purchased a final cost of the new pickup will be brought back to the Board and then a discussion on this money can take place.

Public Works Monthly Report: March 2025. Koch read thru the report that was presented to the Board. Kuhl asked did the generator have any other problems. Koch stated no problems it is working well. Darren Peterson asked how low did the water temps get down to? Koch stated we didn't have to have anyone run their water. The temperatures are coming back up.

FINANCE: Discussion was held regarding credit card payments for Tax Collections and Dog Licensing – Polk County software upgrade and the Village of Dresser bank accounts. Gilbert explained the changes happening at Polk County. Bjorklund suggested talking to Brock and Sarah the Auditors and see what other municipalities are doing. People do want to use credit cards. Gilbert will do some more investigating on the best way to protect the Village monies and talk with First National Community Bank. Motion Bjorklund/Spry to allow Jodi Gilbert, Clerk and Darren Peterson, Village President to open a separate account at the bank for credit card payments if needed and to report back at the next meeting on any decisions made. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to renew the Chicken License for Sarah & Darren Filides at 103 E Dresser Street. Gilbert stated this is the 2nd time they have renewed and there have been no issues from the public. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to approve an Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Jessica Hoggarth. Haass conducted a background check and all offenses she listed on her application were on the background check. She listed all offenses from her past on the

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application. The violations listed are all over 6 years old. Kuhl asked down the road could this license be revoked if there are other issues. Haass stated yes. She will be applying again shortly. This license goes thru June 30 2025. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #43938-#44011 Payroll \$18,486.24 plus Vouchers \$43,738.15 for a Total of \$62,224.39. No discussion took place. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting were presented to the Board. Froehlich stated we are getting weekly story time up and going again. Linda and Mark, the 2 Library employees will be switching off every other week to conduct story time. We are hoping to get more kids coming. French's laptop was fixed.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the quote for new windows for the Municipal Office from Lindus Construction in the amount of \$27,952.13. \$27,545.00 to be paid from account 10-57000-910 and the remaining \$407.13 to be paid out of the Village Office capital improvement account 10-51620-820. Gilbert explained the scope of the project. This project was in the 2025 budget. No other discussion took place. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

The Building Inspector Report for March 2025 was presented to the Board. One permit was pulled for the repairs from the fire at the Valley Motel.

The 2020 Dodge Durango Police Vehicle is listed for sale on the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction Site. The auction closes on April 18, 2025.

All dog owners who have not licensed their dog will be receiving a notice from the Dresser Police Department giving them 10 days to license their dog. The board members received a list of unlicensed dogs.

The Police Department March 2025 Report was presented to the Village Board. Haass informed the board that the next time the Village orders a new squad car a new light bar and other new equipment will need to be purchased. Haass continued that the current radio in the vehicle is also reaching the end of its life. At this time, it is obsolete. This is the 3rd time we have adjusted mounting brackets to make the cage fit. Gilbert asked how much additional money might be needed for equipment. Haass stated it could be another \$10,000.00 to do the radio, equipment, and light bar. We have gotten our years out of the current equipment.

Update was given from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on March 26, 2025. Froehlich stated we have purchased the Stryker Power Lift Chair. There will be some training on it. We have also decided that we don't have to meet with the billing company. The issues we were having have been fixed.

The 2% Fire Dues Program Audit was completed by the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services for Allied Emergency Services Inc. on March 18 2025. Gilbert gave some history on the 2% dues program. The Audit Findings were that the Fire Department was in substantial compliance.

Allied Emergency Services Inc 2024 Annual Run/Chiefs Report was presented to the Village Board. Total runs for 2024 were 464. There were only 361 in 2023. They are busy.

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Allied Emergency Services Spaghetti Dinner – Dresser Station #1 to be held Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Letter was received from Municipal Property Insurance Company and they will be applying Inflation Factors from 1% to 2% for our insurance renewals in 2025-2026.

Darren Peterson stated that he and Jodi Gilbert met with John Fraley on March 20 2025 regarding the property on Main Street. He entered into contract with the Village back in 2008. At the meeting he brought in his original site plans and construction plans. Right now, with the cost of building he doesn't think he can build a house that he would be able to sell in this area. He is looking into grants for building low-income housing. We are waiting to hear back from him. Bjorklund stated when you read the information from the Attorney neither party can move forward until the deed is resolved. Darren Peterson stated let's see where he is going to go with it. This would have to go to Plan Commission to see if we agree with his plans. He has an amount invested in the property.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve rolling forward to 2026 the St Croix Community Foundation/Dresser Area Community Fund grant monies that are available in the amount of \$1,988.00. Darren Peterson stated we need to either use the money, roll it forward, or just leave it to roll back into the principal. I would like to see this roll over to 2026. The Overlook Deck out on the pond/walking trail is going to need to be worked on. Joe Peterson stated this is not enough to fix the deck. No but if we get grant money again next year and we budget for the remaining a project could be done. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Arbor Day to be held on Friday, April 25, 2025 – Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School.

The Dresser Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Dresser Community Hall.

The Dresser Community Wide Garage Sales will be held May 8, 9, & 10 2025.

Property Assessment - Open Book to be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 10:00 AM – Noon at the Municipal Office 102 W Main Street. This is the time for the public to talk to the Assessor.

Property Assessment - Board of Review to be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 from 5:30PM – 7:30PM. All Board Members are required to attend. Pizza for supper will be provided.

Resolution #01-2025 A Resolution Approving An All Hazard Mitigation Plan For the Village of Dresser. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to move Resolution #01-2025 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to pass and approve Resolution #01-2025. Darren Peterson called for any discussion. Gilbert explained the process for Hazard Mitigation Planning and by having this in place the Village of Dresser would be eligible for FEMA funds if there was ever a disaster in the area. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Spring Election was held on April 1, 2025: Darren Peterson was elected Village President. Village Trustees elected are Joe Peterson, Mark Kuhl, and Luke Loescher.

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Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. Darren Peterson stated I just wanted to update the board that we have had some attendance issues with Cait Haas. We had a meeting and had to lay down some ground rules. She is working 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday – Friday. She is not to attend board meeting for the time being. We also set up 3 steps if issues continue. First step is a verbal warning, 2nd step is written, and the 3rd step is termination. Just wanted to let you know why she is not here tonight.

Resolution #02-2025 Resolution of Thanks Grace Bjorklund. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to move Resolution #02-2025 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Froehlich/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Resolution #02-2025. Darren Peterson read the Resolution to the public. Bjorklund stated I am looking forward to a little more free time. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

MAY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to adjourn at 7:25 pm. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.