

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, August 5, 2013, 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, Darron Nelson, Kristi Scheet, Wayne Moberg, Neil Gustafson, and Richard Durand were all present. Jim Rochford Jr. was absent. Also present was Jodi Gilbert-Clerk, Dan Nord, and Attorney Tim Laux. The board toured the Dresser Lift Station and then toured the Dresser Cold Storage building. While at the Cold Storage Building the board reviewed the Village equipment that is stored in that building. The board adjourned and proceeded back to the Municipal Building at 6:55 PM.

Bryan Beseler - Village President called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll Call: Bryan Beseler, Kristi Scheet, Wayne Moberg, Neil Gustafson, and Richard Durand. Jim Rochford Jr. and Darron Nelson were absent. Also present: Clerk Jodi A. Gilbert, Attorney Tim Laux, Tiffany Meyer – Library Director, Eric Kube – Wild River Habitat for Humanity, Steve Healy & Bruce Noll from Polk County Economic Development Corporation, BreNel Ward, and Carmen Brian. The Standard Press, the Osceola Sun and The Inter County Leader Newspapers were all present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Scheet/Gustafson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, July 1, 2013. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Scheet to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, July 29, 2013. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Gustafson to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting, July 29, 2013. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Carmen Brian addressed the board on the Dresser Neighborhood Garage Sales. I have been the one heading up the spring and now Fall garage sales. I am inquiring whether there is an interest in providing funding for a yellow paper ad for the Fall Community Wide Garage Sales to be held on September 12, 13, and 14th. The ad is \$25.00. I am just putting it out there for your consideration. Beseler stated we will take it under advisement.

PREREGISTERED: Agenda items: Polk County Economic Development Corporation and the Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity items were flipped for the actual board meeting.

Steve Healy and Bruce Noll from the Polk County Economic Development Corporation were present to give an update on the PCEDC. Noll stated I am Vice President of Eagle Valley Bank in St Croix Falls. I was just telling Attorney Laux before the meeting that I worked in this building when it was a bank around 1978 and 1979. Durand stated I was wondering why you looked so familiar. Noll continued in 2004 we started the PCEDC and I was one of the original board members. Our purpose is as follows – Noll read the purpose statement for the PCEDC. About 3 years ago we had Steve Healy come on board. He works out of the Polk Burnett Electric Office and he has done an excellent job communicating with businesses on what we can offer them. Noll turned the presentation over to Healy. Healy stated first from Polk County it is pretty limited on what we can offer. The Regional Business Fund is a combined group serving Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Polk, and St Croix Counties. Healy passed out a handout. First sheet in the packet is information on the make up of the board. You will probably recognize the people listed. We have coverage from Polk County and have much expertise such as an engineering firms, bankers and utilities all represented. The second page of the handout covers 6 objectives and core services. 1. Key partner for local business expansion opportunities – a lot of work is done in industrial parks. We work to provide relationships. One major initiative is to facilitate business retention. Help businesses grow. I spend most of my time working with current businesses. 2. Facilitator of new business recruitment. We work with WEDC, Greater St Croix Valley

Partnership, Momentum West, and West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. 3. Promotion of Polk County. We work with communities. Right now we are working on several things in Dresser. We are working with People Loving People and I have somebody looking at the UFE Building here in Dresser. There are folks coming through your community. We also have a web page and do a newsletter. 4. Coordinate economic development trainings and workforce development programs. 5. Be accountable and communicate EDC efforts to all Polk County stakeholders. Local businesses, Municipalities, County Board of Supervisors, State Legislators, and Civic Organizations. 6. Participate in regional economic development organizations and planning activities. Most of my time though is spent in the industrial parks. I have also enclosed a copy of our newsletter. There is a lot of good information. Our web site information, tax incentives, and job center of WI information. You can get on the list to receive the newsletter by email. We do monthly features. Recently Trollhaugen was presented an award as small business of the year. Any other questions. Beseler thanked Healy and Noll for coming to the meeting.

Eric Kube, Executive Director of Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity was present to speak about the mission of Habitat and the Wild Rivers Affiliate. Kube handed out a flyer. I believe I was here a couple of years ago and tonight I would like to just give you an update. Kube read several short stories on people who are working and using habitat homes. Families who need help. Habitat is built on three things: 1. Need – the family usually qualifies based on where they are currently living and it is not working - usually they are renters 2. Ability to pay – We work with families and get them into a home that they can afford with no interest 3. Willingness to Partner - They have to put in their own time. We need volunteers, donations, land, professionals to help etc. This year we are helping 6 families. Last year we only helped 4. Also this year that ended on June 30th – we helped 85 families with the brush with kindness program. This program helps with repairs, painting, windows, ramps etc. We are also doing more rehabs on foreclosed properties. We bring the home up to code and then sell it to a family. We recently did one in Milltown, one in Grantsburg, and one in Danbury. We had one in Luck, but we ended up taking it down and starting over. Hoping you have heard of the Restore. Last year we brought in \$750,000 in revenue and generated \$175,000 in profits. That is what is allowing us to do more. We have two families in this area for next year. If the Village knows of any property that we can convert into a home and put it on the tax roll let me know. Some of the land that is donated is public and some is private. The kind of house that we build is in the inside of the brochure. It is very simple and affordable. These are normal houses with normal families and they are part of the community. We just finished merging with 2 counties hoping to consolidate efforts and be able to do more good. We are also looking to open a 2nd Restore in Spooner. Any other questions. Moberg stated I have had a very positive experience with this organization. Beseler thanked Kube for attending the meeting.

BreNel Ward was present to discuss electricity at the Soo Line Park. Ward stated I live on South Street. A few years ago I planted 3 spruce trees in soo line park. I have been looking at how to get electricity put into the park so we could put Christmas lights on the trees. Greg Andrie has agreed to do this, but there is a pole there also. I am still checking into it - would we need another pole? The Dresser Lions club has agreed to pay for it. There is also the monthly charge. I am trying to follow up with excel to see if we can get electricity there without the monthly charge. Beseler stated I am assuming you want to do this for Christmas this year. The public welfare committee should review and bring back a recommendation to the board. I have joined the Dresser Lions Club and they are looking for projects in the community. They are having an open house on the 13th of August. Beseler asked any other questions for BreNel. Beseler stated this is referred to the public welfare committee to meet on in the next couple of weeks and to put a recommendation to the board.

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Motion Scheet/Gustafson to approve payment of the 2013 Budget amount of \$895.00 to the Polk County Economic Development Corporation. Any discussion. It is currently a line item in this year's budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Moberg to accept the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve financing for the Water Meter/Radio Read Project by taking out a State Trust Fund Loan in the amount of \$152,000.00. Terms: 10 year loan at 3.25% General Obligation Debt with the Water and Sewer Utility paying back the General Fund. Attorney Laux asked are both utilities paying for the water meters. Beseler stated the Sewer Utility yearly reimburses the Water Utility for use of the meters and the amount is established by the PSC. We talked with our auditor, Brock and the PSC would review that formula for recalculation when they review our current rates. Beseler continued when the finance committee reviewed options this was the best 10 year sold rate. There was a 5 year with an arm, but it wasn't as good. This passed the Finance Committee unanimously. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Scheet/Durand to approve the monthly Vouchers #32519-32585 totaling \$43,977.10. Scheet asked if we had purchased from Mid-America in the past. Gilbert stated yes we have. The items purchased were bulk cleaning supplies for the buildings, car wash, and cleaners for the sewer lift station. Scheet also asked for clarification on Wex Bank charges. Gilbert explained that is the current fuel card that the Village uses for all fuel purchases. Each vehicle has a card so we can track gallons/dollars spent on each vehicle/piece of equipment. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #240-2013 An Ordinance Amending Fees for Certain Licenses and Permits Under Chapter 12 of the Municipal Code. Motion Durand/Gustafson to amend the rules waiving two readings 2.10(b). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Moberg to amend the rules to allow an immediate vote 2.10(2). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Gustafson to pass and approve Ordinance #240-2013. Any discussion. Beseler stated I just wanted to let the board know that I have talked to the manager of Dresser Food & Liquor and made him aware of the possible changes and he didn't have any problems with what was being proposed. The changes bring us inline with other communities in the area. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The building inspector report for June and July 2013 were presented to the board.

The Police Department July 2013 Report was presented to the board for review.

Update from the DOG Fire Meeting that was held on July 18 2013 was given by Scheet. We did bring on board the Town of Alden. There has been a lot of back and forth on the hows and plans of attack that should be on this topic. We decided to just dig in and do one step at a time. First thing is to see how many volunteer fire fighters they can get for that area. They have had some inquires. The board approved the purchase of a new rescue boat. They had \$10,000 from the Spaghetti feed and the rest will be taken from the new truck fund. Gustafson asked so if Alden comes on board will they be totally served by DOG Fire. Right now I believe there are several communities covering that area. Scheet stated there is a 5 year plan – eventually DOG will be covering all of it. DOG is very open to possibly putting up a satellite station in this area. Durand stated we talked about this 15-20 years ago. Scheet stated it makes sense when you look at the maps. Any other questions. Beseler stated thanks for the update.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the July 8, 2013 meeting were presented to the board.

Meyer stated we are now up to 90 participants in the summer reading program, which is way over our numbers from last year. The Discovery Zoo had 60 kids attend today. It was a great time. Meyer handed out a flyer explaining the events planned for the remaining summer reading program. We are in the process of getting ready the 67 books we received through the grant. We are hoping to have them debut at the open house planned for the Library on September 7th. The Dresser Library is turning 78 years old.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion Scheet/Moberg to accept the recommendation from the Plan Commission Meeting to approve the storage shed for Trollhaugen as presented and to allow a building permit to be issued. Beseler stated when Trollhaugen was rezoned the new zoning was written that all new construction had to go through plan commission. That allows them to have different set backs and allows us to work with them. The Plan Commission approve unanimously. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

SEPTEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS:

Motion Scheet/Durand to approve changing of the date of the regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting – Monday, September 2, 2013 (Holiday-Labor Day) to Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:30 PM. We will have one more tour and then those will be completed. Board members stated that they have enjoyed the tours. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:30 PM
Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM
DOG Fire Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Beseler asked the Public Welfare Committee to come up with a date to discuss the electricity at Soo Line Park.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Gustafson/Scheet to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.