

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, August 5, 2019, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Raddatz called for Roll Call: Elina Kuusisto, Karen Andrie, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Jeff Gutzmer, Wayne Moberg and Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz were present. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass/Police Chief, Matt Koch/Public Works, Rob Thompson/Public Works, Leann French/Library Director, Gwen Anderson, Joe & Hannah Peterson, and Gene & Sharon Hendricks. 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, July 1, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Andrie/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, July 17, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Andrie to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, July 31, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, July 31, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments a third time. No comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Gwen Anderson, People Loving People – Discussion was held regarding request to close Central Avenue from Main Street to First Street from Fri., Sept. 27th in the evening until Sat., Sept 28th in the evening and to use a portion of the park behind the Fish Pond for a Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Anderson stated I am asking for approval for the 4th Annual Apple Pumpkin Festival to close Central Avenue Friday evening through Saturday evening. We will be having food, live music, bake sale, silent action, fire truck, bounce house etc... The board commented it is already the 4th annual. Time flies. It seems to be getting bigger every year. Thank you for doing it. Anderson continued we have a lot of traffic on Main Street on that day during the event from 11AM to 3PM. Is there any way of slowing down the vehicles with all of the kids running around? Haass stated the speed limit is 25 mph. Maybe some type of event ahead signs may help to slow people down. Gilbert asked if they were bringing in additional bathrooms and Anderson stated yes. Gilbert also asked would there be access to the Alley overnight for Emergency type vehicles? Anderson stated people should be able to get through. If access is denied in a certain area Polk County needs to be notified. Motion Bjorklund/Andrie to close Central Avenue from Main Street to First Street from Fri., Sept. 27th in the evening until Sat., Sept 28th in the evening and to use a portion of the park behind the Fish Pond for a Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding recommendation from Statewide Services, Inc. to disallow Claim #WM000481160008 Barb Hanson 355 East Ave S dated 5/15/19. Raddatz stated this is the bill that we sent back to the insurance company. They have put forth a recommendation. Gilbert stated you as a Board could override the insurance company’s decision. You have to make a formal

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motion so the person can be notified. This starts the clock if they want to sue the Village. They have a certain amount of time in order to do so which is set by state statute. Once the motion is made a Certified Letter has to be sent. This will be their 2nd notice. They were originally mailed a letter from the insurance company. Motion Gutzmer/Moberg to accept the recommendation from Statewide Services, Inc. to disallow Claim #WM000481160008 Barb Hanson 355 East Ave S dated 5/15/19. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Durand to approve the estimate from SealTech for Spray Patching on Polk and Warren Streets in the amount of \$4,000.00. Thompson stated we already have several small pot holes and we should do something before it gets any worse. This is our best option. It was stated there is room in the budget for it. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the purchase of a Chain Saw and a Hedge Trimmer from Boyd's Outdoor Power in an amount not to exceed \$600.00. Raddatz stated we went through all of this at the public works meeting. Did you talk to Boyd and have you demoed them since the public works meeting? I played with them a little and Boyd is backing them. Thompson stated we used one but it was not the demo – we would still like to do that – that would be great. Bjorklund asked which one were we getting. Koch stated the top two lines on that page – the Ego. Andrie stated but he wants to demo it first so how can we approve one. He just said he hasn't demoed it yet. Thompson stated the one we used was on the Sewer Main. We had talked to Boyd and he said we could try it. That was just not the exact one. Raddatz stated they are not going to buy it until they have demoed it. We are approving a dollar amount not the brand. An amount not to exceed and they can make the decision. Motion Kuusisto/Bjorklund to approve the purchase of a Chain Saw and a Hedge Trimmer from Boyd's Outdoor Power in an amount not to exceed \$600.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Moberg to update the Snow Removal Policy changing the maximum reimbursement on a mailbox to \$100.00. Currently it is at \$30.00. Bjorklund stated the committee had no other changes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to accept the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to replace the broken Rockn' Toy Police Car with the 2 Seat See-Saw #7 for \$1,482.00 from Lee Recreation. This includes shipping. Bjorklund stated there is money for playground upgrades set aside. This equipment is not cheap. This See-Saw should sit on the same spring as the car, so that won't have to be changed. Durand asked do you guys install. Koch stated yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Durand to accept the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the estimate with J&S Contracting in the amount of \$6,100.00 to fix the Curb/7 Catch Basins on State Highway 35. Raddatz stated we have been going through this process since last May. The guys have been looking at them. Determining which ones the State will do, which ones are bad, etc... Thompson stated the State is going to fix the 8 worse ones. With these the concrete work is all above the black top. It is within the window of what we budgeted. We have used \$580.00. At this point we have not found any other ones that need to be fixed. Andrie stated I haven't noticed any issues. Andrie continued the previous quote we received was for much more per catch basin. It could have something to do with doing them all at the same time. It is based on the work. Raddatz stated I agree we were thinking this

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was going to be higher before. Thompson stated it would be nice to get them done before the project next summer. We are getting 7 of them done for this price and we are staying within budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the purchase of 2-25 gallon “Fat Albert” blue spruce at \$244.00/each – one to be planted by each of the Welcome to Dresser Signs and the purchase of 1 Fiesta Maple at \$110.00 – to be planted in Soo Line Park for a total expense of \$598.00. The budget has \$600.00 in it. Public Works will help Lisa with the planting. Bjorklund stated we were going to get somewhere else that Lisa deals with in order to save some money, but it didn’t work out - so we are buying the trees locally. Lisa will tell us when it is a good time to plant. These don’t get really tall. They get bigger around. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Andrie to approve the estimate from Meyer Tree Service LLC to drop only the white oak by the road and to trim the dead and hanging branches over the road on red oak in Soo Line Park in the amount of \$600.00. Thompson stated we did talk to another guy who was doing some trimming on East Avenue and he said it would be \$800.00. So technically we did get a 2nd price. This is a very fair price. We have \$1,000.00 in the budget so we are good there. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: July 2019. Thompson read through the report that was submitted to the Board. The training in Plover is for one day. Raddatz asked if there were any other questions. Nothing was stated.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the submittal of the Simplified Rate Case Application for the Dresser Water Utility – a 3% water rate increase effective October 21, 2019. Gilbert explained the process. Andrie stated did anyone read the monthly magazine from the League? There is an article in there and it explains this process. I don’t want to raise rates. When reading that article, it explains that if we don’t do something we will be in greater danger down the road. It was a very good article. The water utility could be in trouble if we don’t do something gradually with the rates. Durand stated I read the article and it hit the nail on the head. Andrie continued this is even more important for smaller communities to be on top of things. Laux stated it has happened in the past where you seen big increases because nothing was done. Raddatz stated right now we are sitting on a water tower paint job that we got 30 years out of instead of 25 year. Bjorklund stated we can annually apply for this rate increase. Andrie stated I don’t know if there is a way to get this League Article to the public on the rate increase. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution #02-2019 A Resolution Establishing the Schedule of Wastewater Service Charges for All Users of the Dresser Sewer Utility. Motion Durand/Moberg to move Resolution #02-2019 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Moberg/Kuusisto to pass and approve Resolution #02-2019. Discussion took place. Bjorklund stated we talked about this at the last meeting and now the dates are in here. The increases are over a 3-year period. It is the same increase every year. 3% on the fixed and \$1.00 on the usage per year. That was the way we did the increase last time. By having the 3 steps Gilbert will implement the increases when they come due. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding the WI State Budget, Act 9, mandating a reduction in municipal cable franchise fee percentages and the requirement of the State to compensate municipalities for the lost revenue. Raddatz stated they may be looking at another rate change next year. The State will make up the change – Laux stated this is good if you are a cable provider. Laux continued the data has to be submitted by August 15th. There is no paper work yet. The forms may be available early this week and we haven't seen them yet. This is informational for the board.

Motion Andrie/Moberg to approve the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to give Matt Koch a \$1.00 per hour pay increase effective September 4, 2019. This is his 6-month anniversary date. His review was just done in July. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Andrie to approve changing the Village Office hours – closing the Village Office on Wednesday mornings until Noon to allow Jodi Gilbert to have uninterrupted time for administration work. Raddatz stated we had a discussion about this at the Finance/Personnel committee meeting. We thought we should just try it and see if it works. This would give her some quiet time to get caught up and then maybe go back to regular hours. We also have a lot of committee meetings in the afternoon so we didn't want to close at that time. We are looking to put a curtain on the door. Hopefully she can get some things done. Bjorklund stated we haven't set a date to start this we thought the board should decide that. Gutzmer stated it should be posted on the door. Also on the web page. This could start Wednesday, August 14th. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the approval of Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Chyleen Costello, Jennifer Demulling, Cole House, and Nicholas Kelley. Durand asked where they are working. It was stated that 3 work at Dresser Food & Liquor and 1 works for Trollhaugen. This information is not required to make a decision. You are granting an operator's license for the Village of Dresser. They can work for anyone in the Village of Dresser with that license. Andrie stated we have one that has drug convictions and one that has an OWI. Andrie continued I only recommend that the two that have a complete bill of health be approved. We need to give them a reason of why they are denied. Laux stated they have a habitual habit of law breaking. Kuusisto stated I am concerned about the length of time - these are very recent. This is a little too soon at this point. The OWI is this year. It is also alcohol related. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve Operator's Licenses To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Jennifer Demulling and Chyleen Costello. No other discussion took place on these 2 operator licenses. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to deny granting an Operator's License to Nicholas Kelley since his OWI conviction is directly related to the job, we are not preventing him from working, but the arrest is closely related to the nature of the job and he has been convicted and to also deny granting an Operator's License to Cole House since due to his convictions we can concluded that he has a record of repeatedly violating the law of the State of WI. These rejections can be put in a letter to the individual. No other discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to approve monthly Vouchers/Payroll Checks #38489-#38561 Payroll \$15,913.60 plus Vouchers \$219,524.97 for a Total of \$235,438.57. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for July 2019 was presented to the board. So far there are 7 permits for the year.

The Police Department July 2019 Report was presented to the board. Haass stated it was a busier month even though I was gone for a week. I attended a training put on by the Department of Justice regarding digital treats/social media. There are a lot of different apps out there. Durand stated you spend part of the day working on the computer. They talked about how to protect the department – the social media apps are changing daily. This training was mostly for school districts, but law enforcement was invited. There were table top exercises that we completed that followed people throughout the country. Need to watch what is open record on the internet. We are following what people are willingly putting out there already. When I came back from training, I used this information on a case involving two missing juveniles. Andrie asked Haass what happened to back fender of the Police Car. Haass stated that happened about a year ago. Someone backed into me during the winter about a year ago.

Update from Allied Emergency Services Meeting, July 18, 2019. Raddatz stated we met at the new Fire Station #3 for our first meeting there. It is pretty nice. There is still landscaping and black topping to get completely done. They are in the building and using it. It is very nice.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the July 8, 2019 meeting. Kuusisto stated most of the discussion was on looking at renaming the Dresser Library and Leann will talk about it in a little bit. The rest of the meeting was welcoming Leann and looking at things in the near future.

Leann French stated last month they had a committee meeting and next month they are having another committee meeting to discuss renaming of the Library. Last month they decided that they needed to create a strategy on how to proceed. Preparing a policy and whether or not we go ahead with the renaming. What if someone else comes along and wants the Library named after them. How will this be handled. We need to establish a policy and over the next couple of months see how we would proceed and clarify that process. Sam Malm, Library Board President asked me to share that with you. French continued the furniture when you first walk into the Library was worn out. I couldn't sit at the desk to work. I was able to replace the furniture giving us a larger surface work area and the furniture is much more professional looking. My dog likes coming with me for story time. The Library is looking good and I am getting to know the people coming in. I am starting to learn what this community wants to see in books.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Update was given on the signed Agreement between the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the Units of Government in Polk County for Completion of Polk County Housing Studies. Raddatz stated it is in your packet. I don't have any comments. Laux reviewed it before it was signed. They are looking to schedule a meeting for some time in late August or early September. Bjorklund wondered when they want to see payment. Raddatz stated it is all signed. They will proceed with the next step. If payment is next year, we would just carry forward the money.

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Update was given regarding the installation of Signage Lighting, Flag Pole Lighting, and Receptacles for Back Side of Signs at the two Welcome to Dresser Signs. Bjorklund stated we approved last month to pay Andrie for the 2nd phase. His bill came in at \$3,391.14. Looks like he may have reduced the cost of labor, so the total cost of the project is \$5,591.14. There are two donations that have been pledged. With those coming in we may be \$100.00 over. We will be putting the new trees by the signs. The plan is to decorate the trees for the holidays and display one or two of our Christmas Decorations. Next month we will give the names to the press and a picture of the lit sign. Just to clarify the Signs are now lit up. Thank you to everyone for their support and Andrie Electric was wonderful to work with.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. We did a final walk thru on the Horsmann/Peterson project and there are 2 issues left. Things are looking great.

SEPTEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing Stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Mtg-2020 Budget, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Open House Allied Emergency Service, Inc. New Fire Station Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 1 to 4 PM

Allied Emergency Service, Inc. Meeting, Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Service, Inc. Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Gutzmer/Durand to adjourn at 7:38 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.