

VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, August 7, 2023 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto, Darren Peterson, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Mark Kuhl, Jeff Gutzmer and Joe Peterson were present. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass – Police Chief, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Leann French – Library Director, Mark Burandt, Josh Yunker, Kianna Lindh, and Rick Raffesberger with The Osceola Sun Newspaper was present and the Inter County Leader Newspaper was absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kuusisto/Bjorklund to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Discussion was held regarding the July 3, 2023 Board Minutes. Village Trustee Joe Peterson made the following comments: “I cannot approve the minutes because in the public welfare section on July 3 the record does not show the back in forth that I had with our police officer. I said and I quote “I am just about positive the State law was never changed to 21, and we as Dresser would be putting the cart before the horse.” Ryan stated that wasn’t true and Dresser was behind in changing the law. I said when did they change that? Ryan says a couple of years ago. I stated a second time, we were putting the cart before the horse, and Ryan a second time also we were behind on the law. The record states we were all in agreement, and we most certainly were not, at least not me. I will approve these minutes if the record states what was said or at the very least that I was in disagreement.” Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, July 3, 2023 with Joe Peterson’s comments to be added to the Public Welfare section of the July 3 minutes. Clerk Gilbert was given a copy of Joe Peterson’s comments. Joe Peterson’s comments should be included in the legal minutes from July 3 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Joe Peterson made the following statement: “Hi everyone, for those of you here who don’t know me my name is Joe Peterson. I know this isn’t the right section or spot to do this however I felt I couldn’t do my job here today without getting this off my chest first. As a board member/citizen after last month’s meeting I have never been more upset to be sitting in this chair. The interaction last month has not sat well with me at all. I’ve lost sleep over it. To me last month with the possible ordinance changes the false testimony of our police officer saying we were behind on the law could have and did put us in a bad position. After the meeting I went to the town to state we as a board got it wrong and the law at the state level never changed just as I thought. I was told I would be kept in the loop and I would be the first to know what the lawyer said, which never happened. Had I known I would have had this in your packets instead of reading it out loud. I knew the law at the meeting and tried to explain however changed the way I was going to vote based on our officers’ words. I thought maybe there was a slim chance I was wrong. I didn’t push back any further at that point. Had the lawyer not caught this we as a board would have opened ourselves up to lawsuits. I said we were putting the cart before the horse here. If you read your packet we know now that was the truth. Now some of you are not going to be happy with what I am saying today and all I can say to that is I didn’t get voted on to make friends. I’m here to do right by the tax payers Not vote in ordinances which are wrong and fly in the face of state law. What I would have you all consider for a second that is exactly what we all tried to do last month voting to change our ordinance from 18-21 for tobacco when state law says 18. In closing I want to apologize to the tax payers of dresser, and to all the board members. I was 99% sure the state never changed that law. 99% sure. Which most will not see because the record doesn’t show my

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comments. It leaves them out completely. The board was all in agreement the record says....No we were not. I am sorry I didn't push back more on this subject. I should have. I am angry with myself and embarrassed I didn't do a better job convincing you all that State law never changed.

I can promise you all this, I will never let that happen again. I will do better or this seat should go to someone else who will. Thank you. Joe Peterson” A copy of Joe Peterson's comments are on record with the legal minutes from the meeting. Raddatz called for any additional Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for any additional Citizen Comments. No other comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Mark Burandt – Superintendent for the St Croix Falls School District was present. Discussion was held regarding the possible conveyance of the piece of property south of the existing day care lot to the St Croix Falls School District. Raddatz stated there is information in your packet from the Village Attorney. Burandt stated the sliver of land in question is on the Polk County GIS and we believe it is not owned by the school. We are asking if the Village would gift that piece of property. Nobody seems to know why it is there – was it access for the wet lands and/or a public walk way. Not sure. Can we get started on the rezoning/conditional use for the new building. Raddatz stated you will need to get a Conditional Use. The gifting of that property is an attorney question. We do not even know if it exists – want to keep the process moving so we can get the architect started. Time is not of an essence. We are not going to hurry thru this process. Bjorklund stated I understand nobody knows if the land is included in the 2000 CSM. Raddatz wondered if Josh Yunker had looked at it. Burandt stated the Polk County map does not have it listed as school property. Gutzmer asked if it does exist can we gift it. We want to keep this moving forward. Burandt stated if the school must buy the property, then we must have a meeting. The people must approve the school purchasing the property. Assuming it is not school property at this moment. Joe Peterson stated what about doing the \$1.00 thing. Gutzmer stated it is unfortunate we do not have legal counsel here tonight. Raddatz stated I did not see any reason for him to be here. Joe Peterson stated what do we need to do to keep the ball rolling. Raddatz stated I did not request the Village Attorney to be here tonight. If any of the board members want the Attorney present at a meeting you need to let me know. Gutzmer stated there was a different comfort level in the past. Motion Gutzmer/Joe Peterson to have the Village of Dresser gift or to sell for a nominal fee the strip of land to the St Croix Falls School District pending our Village Attorney's recommendation. Raddatz called for any other discussion. Kuhl stated the daycare/school uses that property and they do not make a profit from it. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the next step in regards to a new childcare center proposed to be built by the St Croix Falls School District. The school needs to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for the new building. The surveyor Josh Yunker may not be able to look at the 2000 CSM until November. Once he looks at it there may be the need for the gift/sale of land. Then the property will need to be rezoned and a conditional use permit obtained.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Certified Survey Map of part of Lot 5 and Lot 6 of Block 7 Original Plat Village of Dresser – owner Cory Abraham. PID#116-00116-0000 & #116-00117-0000. Josh Yunker – Yunker Land Surveying LLC was present to discuss. Yunker stated this is a final CSM – the owner – Cory Abraham has sold to Bryce Doctor. Yunker stated the original owner had all 4 lots. The guy who bought it and fixed up the house then sold the house with two lots and then sold off the other 2 lots to a different party. Nobody knew where the lot lines were. There are 3 - 50-foot lots and 1 – 30-foot lot and the line actually goes at an angle. Recently the owner called me and the owner of the house may buy the lots since he was trying to sell. The county forces a CSM to dissolve lot lines. Bjorklund stated by approving this we are

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dissolving a lot line. Yes, that is correct. The new lot would be estimated at 80 X 134. The Ordinance stated for a R3 zone you need a minimum lot frontage at setback of 75 feet and lot area is a minimum of 8,400 square feet. The new lot meets both requirements. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to accept the Certified Survey Map of part of Lot 5 and Lot 6 of Block 7 Original Plat Village of Dresser. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Yunker will drop off an original CSM to have signed by the Village President and Village Clerk.

2023 Community Development Block Grant for Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Project – First Street and Second Street (West Ave to East Ave) – Kianna Lindh, MSA Professional Services was present. Discussion was held regarding the CDBG-PF Award in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Lindh stated congratulations on the good news being awarded the \$1,000,000.00 grant. You have a copy of the Scoring Summary. I would like to go over what has changed from last year and how you were awarded. Project Need you scored 62 points. We had more photos of storm water, the nonexistent storm water, and ditches. You increased over 25 points from the previous year. Nobody gets the 100 points. We were able to show your need for the project. Community Distress Score which you have no control over was 21 points. You scored 23 for Financial Need – Score based on G.O. debt and water/sewer rates. This shows the State that we need the money to do the project. We scored 40 out of 40 for Project Readiness. 30 of those points were for the plans. The Environmental Review is already done. So, the total points were 156 out of 250 points possible. This was a sufficient score to award and to get the \$1,000,000.00. Kuhl asked how many grants were issued. Lindh stated a total of 21 were given out over the State. We know that there was a cutoff point but the State does not tell us what that was. The point scoring changes every year. Bjorklund asked where are we at with the Safe Drinking and Clean Water Applications? Lindh stated the Safe Drinking Water was done this past June and the Clean Water goes in during September. We will hear in January/February about potential principal forgiveness. Bjorklund stated thank you to MSA and to Jodi Gilbert for all the work to make this happen.

Discussion was held regarding the Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Dresser and MSA Professional Services for the CDBG Administration in the amount of \$25,000.00. This agreement will walk Dresser thru all the documents required by the State and the required reporting needs. We will also be doing all the labor standards requirements. These are federal funds so Davis Bacon does apply. A CDBG has a lot of other requirements. There is semiannual reporting. We can make sure the dates and deadlines are met, fair housing requirements, a 2nd Citizen Participation hearing will need to be done. There is a long list of grant requirements that this agreement covers. Bjorklund asked are these fees figured into the grant. Lindh stated no – the grant is for construction. This is your amount to pay for. The reason for labor standards is on the DNR contract. You can roll into the DNR loan. Raddatz asked when do you submit for payment. Lindh stated this will get billed out over the next two years. July 1, 2024 is when we anticipate construction to start. This should be over one construction period. Grant Administration will be closed out by March 2025. We have until December 31 2025 to finish. We will bill out in phases. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the Village of Dresser and MSA Professional Services for the CDBG Administration in the amount of \$25,000.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the next step for this project. Lindh stated I understand one of the questions is when can we get this bid out. Raddatz stated the sooner we can get it bid the better. Lindh stated we are waiting to hear what the requirements will be for BABA – build America buy America. The America Iron and Steel portion is a requirement on the DNR loans. If

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it is 100% BABA then everything would need to be from America. HUD has not sent out guidance. We are asking these questions – we have plans and specs. They required you to have plan and specs. We are now waiting on guidance from HUD. I just recently sent another email. Hopefully they release more info at the September meeting. There is a State meeting at the end of August. Essentially, we want to hold off until we get clear guidance from HUD. The last thing we do not want to do is to bid it out and find out our specs/plans are not correct. Hopefully we will have answers by the end of August. We may still be able to bid it out this Fall. Darren Peterson stated I would like to sit down one more time and go thru the plans. Does the whole board want to look at the whole plans or does just the public works committee want to meet. Darren Peterson stated let's have the Public Works Committee go thru the plans/specs for the project. A public works committee meeting will need to be set up.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding the proposal from Municipal Well & Pump outlining the materials and repairs needed for Municipal Well No. 2 totaling \$19,829.00. Raddatz stated the email/proposal was in the packet. Koch stated some things have changed with the DNR and Section 3 was put together after the it was pulled. Bjorklund stated so much of it is bringing things up to DNR specs. Pump was last pulled in 2000. Kuhl asked do the repairs come with a warranty. Koch stated I will need to check on that. I am pretty sure not a long-range warranty. Bjorklund stated so we are looking at another \$20,000.00. We already approved the pull and put back in. The work needs to be done. This would come out of the water fund. We may need to look at some type of financing. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the materials and repairs totaling \$19,829.00 for Municipal Well No. 2 from Municipal Well & Pump. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update – Luke Loescher has obtained his Municipal Waterworks Operator Certification. Certification begins on June 21, 2023 and expires on June 1, 2026.

Public Works Monthly Report – July 2023. Koch read the monthly report given to the Board. Kuhl asked when you hook up the generator at different places is it the same plug? Koch stated yes, it is the same plug and we usually run it for the day.

FINANCE: Discussion was held regarding increasing the Dresser Wastewater Service Charges. Raddatz stated the last time we raised rates was 2021. Gilbert explained the memo that was given to the board. The increase is for a 3% increase on the base charge and a .50 cent increase per 1,000 gallons of flow. Is .50 cents enough? We will be seeing new water rates in the near future. The flow rate has a big effect on big users and we do not want to chase out big businesses. If you use it you pay for it. Darren Peterson asked what is Osceola doing with their rates? Raddatz stated they tried to do a big step. The old debt to Osceola was done in 2023. Raddatz questioned I do not know if .50 cents is enough. Bjorklund stated the revenues are the rates and they need to cover the expenses. Bjorklund stated do you look at a .50 cent increase or do you look at a .75 cent increase? Raddatz stated last time we did \$1.00. Bjorklund stated I think that is a lot – how much can we raise it for our users. Joe Peterson stated we cannot run in the red – Bjorklund stated we could bring it back at the next meeting. Raddatz stated last time we did 3% and \$1.00. Joe Peterson stated I am OK if it worked the last time. Raddatz stated with future street projects will the I&I go down – I am leaving this up to you guys. We need a recommendation on what you want to see. Kuusisto stated I like the 3% and \$1.00 – Joe Peterson stated I like that also. Darren Peterson stated can we see those numbers at the next meeting. Bring back rates at the \$1.00.

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Resolution #05-2023 A Resolution Establishing the Schedule of Wastewater Service Charges for All Users of the Dresser Sewer Utility was tabled until the September Board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Acct#10-53270-360 Lawn Equipment Replacement \$2,500.00. Bjorklund stated we bought the zero-turn lawn mower we took the additional monies of \$2,500.00 from Machinery Replacement. Do we want to move the 2023 monies to Machinery Replacement or leave in the lawn mower replacement account? Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to move the 2023 Lawn Equipment Replacement monies of \$2,500.00 Account #10-53270-360 to the LGIP Machinery Replacement Account. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to move \$600.00 from the Assigned Funds Tree Replacement Monies to the General Fund to pay for trees planted in 2023 Acct#10-56100-260. Raddatz stated this was carry over monies. Bjorklund stated earlier we accepted the plan but did not approve moving the monies. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to move \$1,080.00 from the Assigned Funds Sidewalk Monies to the General Fund to pay for sidewalk work completed in 2023 Acct#10-57000-530. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Village of Dresser received a 2022 Dividend from the League of WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$440.00.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed meeting schedule for Board meetings and Finance Committee meetings to prepare and finalize the 2024 Village Budget. Bjorklund stated let us know if there are any agenda items you may want us to add or change.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #42318-#42395 - Payroll \$18,241.73 plus Vouchers \$92,495.95 for a Total of \$110,737.68. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Kuusisto stated the Early Riser Book Club was cancelled. The Open Knitting is still meeting. The Little Story time is still meeting. We had good attendance for the summer reading program. We discussed future library building improvements. The Public Health Emergency Policy was updated.

Leann French, Library Director was present to discuss the 2024 Library Building Budget. French stated I looked up the last official day of summer reading and we served a total of 497 - target age was zero to 11. We will be sharing those numbers with the St Croix Falls Library the way the DPI allows us to. They provided the pay staff so we share on the annual report. I just found out that the Lion's Club will gift us a Trex Bench for the Library garden. Barb Williamson initiated it and we will be receiving that tomorrow. French continued I wrote a letter that was in your packet. The Board of Trustees and the staff that work in the Library all the time see some of the issues. We got together with the trustees and put together a wish list. There are two basic categories – less expensive less than \$1,000 and may be able to be done with volunteers/public works staff. The other category is bigger wishes. We cannot pursue without your permission. We need to figure out how we can start addressing some of these concerns. The library does have some carry over funds – we may be willing to help with some of these expenses. The building belongs to the Village Board and these are things you may not be aware

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of. The current door opener hangs 8 inches lower than it should and people have run into it. It is a closer. We would like an opener device. Raddatz stated this is a nice list. It gives us some targets. Some items are easier than the others. French commented on some of these things do we meet with public works? Bjorklund stated based on any estimates we may be able to put some of this into the 2024 budget. There is also the Capital Outlay account for the building – for 2023 we put \$1,000.00 in that account. Maybe some of these items could be done yet this year. Raddatz stated we do need some estimates. French stated I will talk with public works.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for July 2023 was presented to the board.

The Police Department July 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated I have completed recertification with the state. I have received the new laptop for the squad. Now must have the laptop programmed from Polk County and the State info put into it. Raddatz stated I see there were warnings given for weeds. Haass stated we created a list together and notices were sent. Haass stated 9 properties were issued junk notices. They get a period of time to bring the property into compliance and then if they do not take care of it a citation will be issued. If there are any properties you have a concern about, please bring them to my attention.

Update from Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting held July 20, 2023. Elections for the board positions took place. It is being discussed that when Station #1 is paid off in 2025 then we will be buying a truck. We may need to order now and put some money down. We would be buying at today's prices.

Allied Emergency Services Fundraiser – Saturday, September 23rd from 3-6 PM at the Alden Station #3(1846 West Church Road – Star Prairie) – Pulled Pork Dinner with sides and dessert.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Discussion was held regarding updates to the Municipal Code 9.071 Cigarettes, nicotine products and tobacco products. Per Village Attorney email no changes are needed to the current Ordinance. Haass stated we may want to still update the Ordinance putting in the State Statue number instead of the age. Board thought this might still be a good idea. Gilbert asked who is drafting the Ordinance? Haass stated I can draft and then it can be sent to the Village Attorney for their review. May have for the September meeting.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to approve renewing the Village of Dresser Web Page with Catalis with the yearly price outlined on the Order Form. With the new design cell phones will be able to access our web page much easier. It was stated by the end of year 4 the price will have doubled. Bjorklund stated we build this into the budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding possibly updating the Dresser Comprehensive Plan. Bjorklund stated Jodi and I went to a zoning meeting. It was recommended to keep our Comprehensive Plan updated. It was drafted back in 2009. Raddatz stated that was 14 years ago. Bjorklund asked do we get a quote from MSA to help us with this? Raddatz stated I believe I heard that the recommendation is to do this every 20 years. I think we wait until we are at 17 or 18 years to start looking at this. Then we can put money into the budget.

The St Croix Valley Foundation Quarterly Statement was presented to the Village Board.

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Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz stated I do not have anything at this time.

SEPTEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Osceola Ambulance Budget Meeting. Friday, August 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Budget/Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2023

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to adjourn at 8:03 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.