

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, December 1, 2014, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Jim Rochford Jr., Darron Nelson, Elina Kuusisto, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Grace Bjorklund, and Bryan Beseler were all present. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk, Ryan Haass–Police, Steve Jacobs–Public Works Supervisor, Jim & Jeanne Rochford, Cindy Thorman, and three other people from the public. The Standard Press and the Osceola Sun newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Rochford/Nelson 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, November 17, 2014. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Beseler called for any citizen comments. Please state your name and address and please limit your comments to three minutes. The following statement was made: “My name is Jeanne Rochford and I live at 2232 100th Avenue Dresser WI. I moved to Dresser from St Louis MO in 1974 and bought the house at 131 State Street (County Road F) with my daughter. I chose not to live in the twin cities because I wanted a small town friendly neighborhood near my parents and family. I purchased Grandma Ann Peterson’s house from Pete Peterson on a land contract. Without his help this would not have been possible. Finding a job was very hard as there were not many to be found locally. We lived there experiencing no problems in our home although the quarry was approx. ½ mile from my home. My children went to school at the Dresser Elementary School and I never feared drinking water contamination or pollution on the playground. I never remember the kids telling me they were scared by windows shaking or loud noises coming from the quarry. I do remember some rattling of the old windows in my house when the TRAIN went by. I lived with the traffic of big trucks delivering milk to F&A and it never bothered me because it was a good thing for the farmers and the village business. I enjoyed sitting outside my home on the county F side on summer days and never felt infringed upon by the quarry. I sold my house (for a profit) and moved to where I live now. I have watched homes being build behind the school, a factory, business, a daycare opening near the existing quarry and we have all lived together peacefully. I welcome any opportunity to any person who would like to respectfully talk to me about their concerns regarding a new quarry (which has more of a buffer zone than the existing quarry). I love this community and have raised my children here, now my grandchildren are also part of this place I love. I have no intentions of changing the life style we have in this community. With the help of this Board, I would hope we can come to a solution that will be good for everyone in regards to opening a new quarrying operation that plans to share royalties with the Village of Dresser. You have previously stated that we have not been added to the agenda because we have not entered a formal annexation request. I fear putting a formal request to the Board for annexation for the purpose of a quarry will result in an immediate vote without a discussion about the desires of the landowners and the desires of the village. All we want is to enter into a discussion, much like you have allowed other pre-registered agenda items from the public in the past that have not required a motion or action from the board.” A second stated was given as follows: “Good evening. My name is Cindy Thorman. I reside at 827 Co Road MM Osceola WI. I won’t take up a lot of time, as I know you have a full agenda. I want to comment regarding the person from last month who stated our family business would, quote, “ruin your village and the surrounding communities” I have lived in this area since 1980 and my family has been in Polk County since 1913. The Dresser Trap Rock Company has been here for over 100 years. It has not ruined your village or our community. In fact, my mom grew up on a farm across the road from Trap Rock and the quarry was known as a great place to work because of good pay and job security. As to facts, the resident speaking last month from Osceola Township resides over 1 ½ mile from our proposed quarry. It is known that Dresser Trap Rock is within ¾ mile from a Dresser residential area where they crush and load rock

and within ½ mile from Dresser residences where they move & stock-pile rock. The DNR has registered our property as a valuable natural resource for the State of Wisconsin. They do not consider this quarry as ruinous but rather, beneficial to both the area and to the state with jobs and economic growth. We are excited as landowner families to potentially share our natural resource and profits with the community of Dresser. My husband's family has lived here near quarries since 1910 and we know what a quarry is, what it doesn't do and how much it can contribute in jobs and local prosperity. The Blue Rock Quarry families encourage the board to listen to our history and our project with proven facts, not rumors. Dresser Trap Rock is an example and not an exception to the same facts we convey. Thank you." Beseler called for any further citizen comments. Nothing was stated. Citizen comments were closed.

PREREGISTERED: Nobody preregistered.

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Rochford/Bjorklund to approve Christmas Tree and Greens Recycling Program – Pick Up January 2015. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Rochford to approve the monthly Vouchers #34022 - #34100 Totaling \$91,195.04. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Durand to approve Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Renee Otto. Any further discussion? Nothing was stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Moberg to approve placement of all delinquent utility accounts and special charges in the amount of \$24,043.30 on the 2014 Tax Roll. Beseler called for any discussion. Bjorklund stated this is an ongoing amount. This is taking away from the operating revenue of the Village. Once we go to monthly billing it may make it easier for citizens to pay. Our Finance Committee may want to look at the amounts that are being placed on the tax roll. The Water operating is struggling right now and I don't know how everyone else feels, but we need to lower that amount. Beseler stated we are still moving forward with the request to the PSC to go to monthly billing. The Committee is aware of the impact. Some of us have approved enough of these over the years. There are just some residents that choose to go this route through the year and regardless of the payment structure we probably won't see their money. Bjorklund stated we have businesses that should also not be on there. Beseler stated we try to discourage with penalties. Any other discussion. Nothing else was stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Durand to set the 2014 Dresser Mill Rate at \$7.489502 for the 2014 tax roll that will be payable in 2015. Beseler stated you will see in the packet this number matches the budget that was approved last month. Overall the village residents should see a decrease of approximate \$48.88 per \$100,000.00 of value. Any further discussion? Nothing was stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Rochford to approve a 2014 Budget Amendment to cover the costs of the LRIP West Avenue Project and the Police Vehicle Purchase. The increase/decreases are as follows: DECREASE: 10-57000-510 Capital Outlay/Crack Seal \$4,900.00, 10-57000-520 Capital Outlay/Main Street Patch \$5,000.00, 10-57000-530 Capital Outlay/Sidewalks \$2,000.00, 10-52100-340 Police Vehicle Maintenance \$450.00, 10-52100-350 Police Operating Fuel \$350.00 INCREASE: 10-57000-620 Capital Outlay/LRIP West Ave Project \$11,900.00, 10-52100-380 Police Squad Car Replacement \$800.00. Beseler stated you may remember that we were hoping to have a surplus to cover the LRIP Project and the previous squad was sold at a shortfall from what we were anticipating so the money for the new vehicle is short. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Rochford/Nelson to approve December 31, 2014 General Fund Assigned Fund Balances to Carry Forward to January 1, 2015 as presented. Any further discussion? Nothing was stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Moberg to designate General Fund Balances as of December 31, 2014 as 2015 Working Capital. Any further discussion? Nothing stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a Holiday Bonus for all full/part time village employees. Bjorklund stated we have a schedule in the packet on what was given in the past. I looked over the budget and all of the departments that would be affected can handle this so I suggest we raise it \$25.00 and make it \$125.00. Rochford stated what do other municipalities do? Beseler stated he did not know. Bjorklund stated it doesn't matter. It has been a tough year for projects and things happening and the time employees have spent away from families I think they deserve it. It is just a suggestion and our general fund budget can handle it. I don't know about the library. Beseler stated last month I voted against the employee raise, but I could go along with this. Motion Bjorklund/Rochford to give a Holiday Bonus in the amount of \$125.00 to all full and part time village employees. Any further discussion? Nothing stated. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting were presented to the board. Rochford stated you can see there was a lot of normal house keeping stuff. We just went over applicants for the new library director position. Interviews are being conducted tomorrow night. Bjorklund asked do you hope to have someone on board before the end of the year. Rochford stated hopefully.

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

The Police Department November 2014 report was presented to the board for review.

PUBLIC WELFARE:

PLAN COMMISSION: Beseler stated I don't have any names for tonight's meeting for the Plan Commission appointments. They will be coming. No appointments to the Plan Commission were made.

OTHER BUSINESS: Monthly update was given by Village President – Bryan Beseler. You should have gotten in your mail a friendly letter from me regarding the sewer rate increases. So far the feed back that I have received from residents is that they understand what is happening and that they understand the structure. I have drafted another letter - a holiday letter to the residents. It is a year in review highlighting some staffing changes and projects in each area. Let me know what you think. I was able to attend a Plan Commission Seminar and they discussed how the Comprehensive Plan is a living document. I will be bringing it back to the Plan Commission next year to go over segments, review the goals and discuss what things need to be done. We need to make the plan part of our decision making process.

Nomination papers for Village President/Trustee positions can be circulated December 1, 2014 until 5:00 PM on January 6, 2015. Papers obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Bryan Beseler, Grace Bjorklund, Wayne Moberg, and Richard Durand are up for reelection. Notification of NonCandidacy Form due December 26, 2014. This form lets citizens know that there is an open seat if someone is not running.

Open House for Dan Nord's Retirement to be held on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 1 – 4 PM at the Municipal Office – Please come wish him well and light refreshments will be served.

JANUARY AGENDA BUSINESS: Nothing stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Special Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM

CDBG Housing Committee Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, January 22, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to adjourn at 6:55 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk *These minutes have not been approved.*