

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, December 1, 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, Luke Loescher, Lee Williamson, and Joe Peterson. Dalton Spry was absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Jesse Vlasnik-Public Works, Ryan Haass–Police, Colleen Steffen-Office Assistant and Jack Gaffney. 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/Froehlich to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Loescher/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – November 3, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – November 20, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – November 20, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to approve minutes of the Special Board Meeting – November 20, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – November 25, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – November 25, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

**PREREGISTERED:** Nothing on the agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the Christmas Tree & Greens Recycling Program – Pick Up Jan 2026 by the Public Works Department. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: November 2025. Vlasnik read the report that was submitted to the board. Does anyone have any questions? When is Everlast coming on the Lift Station? This week or next week. We will need to call to confirm a date. Darren Peterson asked how the plowing went this first time? Vlasnik stated the first time was hard. The 2<sup>nd</sup> time it was better. Learning a route will help in the long run. I probably didn't get close enough to the curbs initially, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> time I was right on the curb. Darren Peterson stated everyone does plowing a little different. Nothing else was stated.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to hire Jack Gaffney for the full-time Public Works Position at \$19.00 per hour contingent upon passing a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Jack Gaffney is subject to a 2-month review and a 6-month review/probationary period. As a full-time employee Jack Gaffney is eligible for Dresser Benefits as outlined in the Dresser Employee Handbook – insurance, retirement, PTO hours, and holiday pay are the major benefits. Jack Gaffney also will be required to obtain his Class B CDL with air brake endorsement within 1 year of hire and his Water Operator Certification within 2 years of hire. Starting date Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Darren Peterson asked Jack to introduce himself. I'm Jack Gaffney and I enjoy mechanical stuff like working on cars/motorcycles. I am excited to be here. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Welcome to the Village of Dresser.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to give a \$1.00 per hour wage increase effective December 12, 2025 to Jesse Vlasnik after a positive 6-month employee review. Darren Peterson stated he has done a great job. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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**FINANCE:** Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve a 2025 appreciation Bonus in the amount of \$225.00 for Dresser Employees. This amount was put into the 2025 budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve giving a 6% wage increase to the Dresser Employees effective with the 1<sup>st</sup> Pay Period in 2026. Darren Peterson stated we have budgeted 6% for 2026. We need to show a lot of appreciation for the employees we do have. Those that have stuck it out have done a lot to show Jesse, Jack, and Colleen how to do things. Thank you to everyone. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the December 31, 2025 General Fund Assigned Fund Balances to Carry Forward to January 1, 2026 as presented on the Monthly Financial Report. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Loescher/Froehlich to designate the General Fund Balances as of December 31, 2025 as 2026 working capital. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #44571-#44612 Payroll \$16,736.61 plus Vouchers \$25,894.01 for a Total of \$42,630.62. 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 November 10, 2025 meeting were presented to the Board. Froehlich stated we have had no mice this last month. David Brian is on mouse patrol. Story time numbers have been good since school started. The 4k kids visited the library. No contractors have responded on the doorway issue.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** There was no Building Inspector Report for November 2025.

The Police Department November 2025 Report was presented to the Village Board. Darren Peterson commented that there were Chickens at large. Haass stated yes if you see a chicken on East Avenue South let me know.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Nothing on the agenda.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion Darren Peterson/Froehlich to approve the appointment of Election Inspectors as presented for a two-year term January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2027 with an hourly rate set at \$12.00 per hour for regular election inspectors and \$15.00 per hour for certified chief election inspectors. Remove Yvette Varner from the list per her request. The Democratic Party and the Republican Party have submitted their requests for inspectors. Look at wages in next year's budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Spring Election to be held on April 7, 2026. Nomination papers for Village Trustee positions can be circulated starting on December 1, 2025. Papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Nikki Froehlich, Dalton Spry, and Lee Williamson are up for reelection. Notification of Noncandidacy Forms are due December 26, 2025. Dalton Spry has filed his Notification of NonCandidacy. Lee Williamson stated that he would not be running again. We are looking for two new people to serve on the board.

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Reminder that the Annual Holiday Gathering will be held at the Dresser Community Hall on Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Santa Day – Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the Dresser Community Hall. Event is sponsored by the Dresser Lion’s Club.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. With the first 2 snow falls Jesse did a great job snow plowing!

**JANUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:** Nothing was stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM-Dresser Sta#1

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to adjourn at 7:00 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

*Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer*

*These minutes have not been approved.*