

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, December 4, 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, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Mark Kuhl, Joe Peterson, and Darren Peterson were present. Jeff Gutzmer attended meeting by phone. Elina Kuusisto was Absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Hannah Peterson, and Eric Barclay – MSA Professional Services. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Raddatz announced that all minutes listed on the agenda have not been completed and be tabled until the January 2024 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Eric Barclay from MSA stated that on behalf of MSA thank you for working with us this past year and we are excited for the new project this coming spring. Raddatz stated we appreciate working with you also. Raddatz called a second time for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called a third time for any Citizen Comments. No other comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

Agenda item order was modified for tonight’s meeting.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #42592-#42681 - Payroll \$25,273.19 plus Vouchers \$63,920.92 for a Total of \$89,194.11. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present in person and by phone voted yes. Motion Carried.

Raddatz stated if you look at your list of Election Officials, please remove Luke Loescher and add Amanda Loescher to the list. This was a typo. Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to approve the appointment of Election Officials as presented for a two-year term January 1 2024 to December 31 2025 with an hourly rate set at \$12.00 per hour for regular election officials and \$15.00 per hour for certified chief election officials. Roll Call Vote was taken. Raddatz -yes, Joe Peterson – yes, Darren Peterson – yes, Gutzmer – yes. Bjorklund – abstained and Kuhl – abstained. Kuusisto was absent. Motion Carried.

PREREGISTERED: No persons were preregistered.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding 1 ½ inch – 4-inch Water Meters. Loescher stated on the bigger meters the life expectancy of the battery is 10 years and a couple of months. We have hit the 10 year mark and with the last meter reading we had 7 meters that we had to manually read. The meter does not have to be replaced only the head. Estimated cost on a new head is \$390.00 a piece. Seven must be replaced right now. There are a total of 15. 2 of the larger meters were installed more recent, so you are looking at 13 that are hitting that 10 year mark and the heads need to be replaced. We have been told it could take 6 months to get these new heads. Raddatz stated I think we should just replace them all. If you start replacing at different times you are always dealing with this. Do it once and be done. This is a Water Utility expense. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to purchase and replace the heads on the 1 ½ to 4-inch meters that have hit the 10 year mark – estimated 13 heads @ \$390.00 a piece with this expense being paid for out of the water utility. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the Christmas Tree & Greens Recycling Program – Pick Up Jan 2024. Same as last year. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – November 2023. Bjorklund stated you are bringing compost out to Deere Lake Gardens. Yes, was stated. Kuhl asked where are you monitoring water temperatures? Koch stated we know the areas that have frozen in the past and that is where we start. We have a list to monitor. No other questions were asked.

FINANCE: Discussion was held regarding Operator’s License’s – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Laura Istel, Rene Lechman, Nathaniel Niles, Kristan Steinmann, and Bryce Swiggum. Raddatz stated Nathaniel Niles stated on his application that he had no convictions but the background check showed differently. He has lied on his application. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to deny an Operator’s License for Nathaniel Niles due to the fact that the application was not filled out truthfully. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Clerk Gilbert will send a letter. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve Operator’s License’s – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Laura Istel, Rene Lechman, Kristan Steinmann, and Bryce Swiggum. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding interim financing with First National Community Bank for the 1st and 2nd Street Project. Loan #1 will be for \$90,000.00. This pays off the original loan taken out for \$52,800.00 plus interest and gives us \$33,988.00 dollars to draw on this coming year for future engineering expenses/contingency monies if needed. Loan #2 is for \$38,564.25 which covers the engineering expenses we have paid out in 2023. The interest rate will be 7.49%. These are tax exempt borrowings. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the interim financing at First National Community Bank for the 1st and 2nd Street Project and to authorize Village President Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz and Clerk/Treasurer Jodi A Gilbert to sign for the loans as outlined on Memo Dated November 30, 2023 from Aaron Mork, First National Community Bank. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to approve appreciation Bonuses in the amount of \$175.00 for Dresser Employees. This money was put in the 2023 budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to approve a 2024 6% Wage Increase for Dresser Employees as presented effective the 1st Pay Period of 2024. The 6% was built into the 2024 budget. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve the December 31 2023 General Fund Assigned Fund Balances to Carry Forward to January 1 2024 as presented on the Monthly Financial Report. These are the monies at the Local Government Investment Pool. We do this annually for the audit. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to designate General Fund Balances as of December 31 2023 as 2024 Working Capital. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of a new employee for the Village Office. Raddatz stated we had a meeting earlier this evening. We had 6 applicants. We are going to interview 2 next Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

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LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the November 13, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. The minutes were in your packet. No discussion took place.

PUBLIC SAFETY: For the Building Inspector Report for November 2023 there were zero permits. Nothing new to report.

Discussion was held regarding the monies needed for the purchase of Police Officer Body Armor. Gilbert stated at the last meeting you approved the purchase of the Body Armor. The Body Armor has been ordered but will not arrive until the end of January 2024. The actual cost will be \$977.95. I am asking the board to carry forward \$500.00 from the 2023 budget to the Local Government Investment Pool. When the Body Armor arrives, we would pull the money back from the State and then apply for the \$500.00 Safety Grant. For the Grant you must have proof that you have paid for the item. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to authorize Clerk Gilbert to move \$500.00 from the 2023 Police Budget for Police Officer Body Armor and include it in the Assigned Funds at the LGIP. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Police Department November 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. Raddatz stated the report is in the packet and if you have any questions, please give Ryan a call.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Discussion was held regarding a Draft Ordinance regarding the Replacement of Lead and Galvanized Water Service Laterals. We would still like to have Eric Barclay at MSA review the Ordinance. The DNR will make you replace any lead and/or galvanized lines. The issue comes in on who is responsible to pay for this. If you don't have an Ordinance the homeowner can say that the Village should pay for it. Technically the homeowner is responsible from the curb stand to the house. Bjorklund stated I looked thru what the Attorney has presented. There were just some minor changes that were done. I feel that the Ordinance is complete. If everyone is OK with it then it can go back to Attorney to put into final Ordinance Form and bring it back to the January Board meeting. Barclay stated it would be nice to have this done before the 1st and 2nd Street Project starts. Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to accept the draft ordinance and send it back to the Attorney for final wording. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Draft Ordinance creating a Part of Chapter 12 Licenses and Permits – To Establish Regulations and Licensing of Short-Term Rentals. Raddatz stated this is the same process we just discussed. Bjorklund stated I reviewed – the Attorney put in the wording on Polk County being the final entity to approve the license. The Attorney discussed this with Polk County. Otherwise just a few minor changes. It is ready to go. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the Draft Ordinance regarding Short Term Rentals and to send it back to the Attorney for final form. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Information presented to the Village Board regarding the Polk County Municipal Housing Partnership Program. No questions or comments were made.

Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to change the date of the regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting – Monday, January 1 2024(New Year's Day) to Monday, January 8, 2024. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Spring Election to be held on April 2 2024. Nomination papers for Village Trustee positions can be circulated starting on December 1 2023. Papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Jeff Gutzmer, Elina Kuusisto, and Darren Peterson are up for reelection. Notification of Noncandidacy Forms are due December 22 2023. Raddatz stated that Elina Kuusisto has already filed a Notification of Noncandidacy Form. She will not be running for Trustee.

Santa is coming to Town! Saturday, December 9, 2023 8:00 am – 11:00 am at the Dresser Community Hall – Sponsored by the Dresser Lion’s Club.

Reminder the Annual Holiday Gathering to be held at the Dresser Community Hall on Saturday, December 16 2023 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Bjorklund stated we will be setting up on Friday.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz stated we have had nice weather. Please get the word out we really need to find new candidates for the Village Board.

JANUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, January 18 2024 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 6:58 PM. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.