

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Jeff Gutzmer, Elina Kuusisto, Yvette Varner and Joe Peterson were present. Darren Peterson Absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch – Public Works, Ryan Haass – Police, Jessica Buberl, Terry Hauer, and Eric Barclay from MSA Professional Services. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspapers were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Peterson/Varner to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, November 1, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Varner/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting, November 29, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. No other comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Joint Municipal Court Judge Jessica Buberl was present. Buberl was the board exchanged introductions. Welcome to our meeting. Buberl stated thanks for including me on the agenda. I have lived in Osceola for 13 to 14 years. I am an attorney and graduated from St Thomas Law School. I clerked for a Judge in Chisago County before opening my own practice in Osceola. I currently rent office space from Priscilla Dorn Cutler. I have been appointed as the Joint Municipal Court Judge and I plan to run for Judge in the April election. The board expressed that it is nice that we have someone with experience stepping into the position. Raddatz stated her husband is the current Village President in Osceola. Buberl stated I also have two kids. Thanks for coming – great to meet you.

Update from the Joint Municipal Court Meeting that was held on November 15, 2022 was given. This was the first court meeting since Jessica has gotten involved stated Bjorklund. The 2023 budget was reviewed. Buberl stated Clerk of Court Jen and myself are hoping to meet with the new administrator and go over the budget. Another meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM. The purpose of that meeting will be to present a bill to Dresser for the past year. I am hoping to have 1/4ly or semi-yearly meetings.

Terry Hauer, Executive Director – Polk County Economic Development Corporation was present and gave an update. Hauer stated once a year I like to go around and let you know what is happening in Polk County and what the plans are for next year. We may be looking at an increase in fees for next year just to let you know. I am an independent contractor and work closely with Polk County. We promote economic development in Polk County. Our board is spread out all over the county. There are 12 different committees I am involved in. Workforce and Housing are the two biggest issues. I have worked some with Sweet Additions and once they get their formula down right, they will be the only place in the world that will do what they are doing. They hope to be engaged in the community in the future. Raddatz stated they are a great addition to Dresser. St Croix Health has purchased 100 acres behind Menards in St Croix Falls. They are the biggest employer in Polk County. They hope to be breaking ground in the spring of 2023. In regards to housing there is a big project going on right now in Osceola. There

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are grants available for new business in Polk County. Over a million dollars has been given out to new employers in Polk County. In Focus every other month newsletter is going out. If anyone needs a copy let me know. There is a web page Prosper in Polk – we hope to drive work force into Polk County. Local employers can host job boards in the Prosper in Polk County web page. The EDC continues to grow. Our primary objectives are housing and workforce.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve paying KLM Invoice #9046 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the 2022 Warranty Evaluation on the Water Tower. Raddatz stated this was to inspect the tower and the warranty work was done. The funds are there to pay them. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve Christmas Tree & Greens Recycling Program – Pick Up January 2023. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution #05-2022 A Resolution Calling For The Update of The Official Traffic Map of the Village of Dresser. Motion Kuusisto/Varner to move Resolution #05-2022 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to pass and approve Resolution #05-2022. Raddatz called for any discussion. Purpose of this is the removal of the railroad crossings on Summit. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – November 2022 was read by Koch.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve giving an appreciation Bonus for Dresser Employees in the amount of \$175.00. Raddatz stated this amount was budgeted for in 2022. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding Employee Wages for 2023. Raddatz stated 5% was figured into the budget for 2023. We can't do any more than that, but we could do less. Bjorklund stated the committee was recommending the 5%. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuusisto to give a 5% raise increase to the employees as listed. Raddatz stated that employee retention is very important. Joe Peterson stated we have some awesome workers. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Erica Paulson. Raddatz stated the background check was done and there are no issues. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #41618-#41705 Payroll \$18,798.65 plus Vouchers \$83,508.08 for a Total of \$102,306.73. No further discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the December 31 2022 General Fund Assigned Fund Balances to Carry Forward to January 1 2023 as presented on the Monthly Financial Report. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to designate General Fund Balances as of December 31, 2022 as 2023 Working Capital. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for November 2022 was presented to the board. We have 8 permits for 2022.

The Police Department November 2022 report was presented to the Village Board. Raddatz stated it was on the table. Are there any questions or concerns for Ryan. Nothing was stated. Haass stated that this month's chief meeting will be at the Community Hall. I will be participating in shop with a cop that is coming up. It is held at Walmart and they area a big contributor for this event.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting was done by Kuusisto. We still continue to have some issues with book clubs. The knitting club is great. The little story time is starting to pick up. Total circulation is back to normal. Public Works did look at some lighting issues at the library. Leann and Colleen will be at holiday event this coming weekend. Recently Leann attended the library conference.

MSA – Eric Barclay thanked the board for working with us this past year. Happy Holidays. We appreciate working with you. Raddatz continued stating it is a great working relationship. It is nice to work with the same people and get to know them.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Reminder the Annual Holiday Open House is to be held at the Dresser Community Hall on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 11AM to 2PM.

Spring Election to be held April 4, 2023. Yvette Varner has filed her Notification of Noncandidacy Form for the Spring Election. If you would like to serve your community – put your name on the Spring Ballot and run for Village Trustee – papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Let people know there is an opening on the board – spread the word. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

JANUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, January 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Joint Municipal Court Meeting, Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Kuusisto/Varner to adjourn at 7:18 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.