

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, February 1, 2021. In order to comply with social distancing rules, the meeting was moved from the Municipal Office, 102 W Main Street to the Dresser Community Hall, 115 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Wayne Moberg, Elina Kuusisto, Darren Peterson, and Jeff Gutzmer were present. Bakke Norman, Paul Mahler Village Attorney was present. Also, present Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch-Public Works, Rob Thompson-Public Works, Ryan Haass-Police Chief, Kelsey Warndahl, Ben Wasmund-Lakes Region EMS, Jacki Owens, and Joe & Hannah Peterson. The InterCounty Leader - Greg Marsten and The Osceola Sun – Matt Anderson newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting, January 4, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Peterson to approve minutes of the Closed Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, January 5, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to approve minutes of the Open Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, January 5, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: Discussion was held regarding request from Kelsey Warndahl to use the Dresser Community Hall for Zumba Classes and to determine the rental fee. Warndahl stated I am proposing to come in here in a couple of weeks for an hour or so a couple of times a week to hold Zumba classes. It is a cardio exercise class. I am a certified instructor and looking for a place to hold classes and need it big enough for social distancing and was wondering if this building would be a possibility. I would like to do Monday and Wednesdays but I can be flexible. Gilbert stated the Village has board meetings on Monday’s and we are also using the Hall for elections. Bjorklund read the section in the Hall contract that addresses private enterprise. You would have to submit a Certificate of Insurance naming the Village as an additional insured. Warndahl stated I was not aware of this. I plan to carry liability insurance. How much do you carry? Warndahl did not answer. The insurance company would be giving the Certificate of Insurance. Bjorklund continued you would have to check with your insurance agent on this. We have required this in the past. Durand stated you would have a lot of room here to hold classes. Bjorklund stated it would be a good thing to see that the hall is being used more often. Bjorklund continued I don’t know how to handle the rental fee. Raddatz stated I don’t know either and how to handle clean up. Based on your prices I don’t know how you can afford to pay to use the hall. Maybe we need to do something to help get her started and see what kind of attendance she would be having. Warndahl stated I have had a lot of interest and I realize my rates are low but I want people to come and join me. This is fun and there is motivation in groups. Peterson suggested let’s charge a \$100.00 deposit and revisit it after 3 months. Bring it back at the July meeting and see how it is going. Gutzmer agreed it would be great to see the hall being used. Bjorklund stated get the insurance in order and I think the \$100.00 deposit and a 3-month review sounds good. Scheduling would have to be with Gilbert in the Office. Attorney Mahler stated you don’t need the workers comp insurance. Motion Peterson/Gutzmer to allow Kelsey Warndahl to use the Dresser Community Hall for Zumba Classes with a \$100.00 deposit, a 3-month review in July, and to file the required Insurance Certificate. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding request from Ben Wasmund, Director of Operations for Lakes Region EMS to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the SCVEMS contract or invoices. Wasmund stated I appreciate having some time to discuss this with you. You had posed a lot of questions from your prior meeting. So, I am here to answer those questions. Raddatz asked why now? We haven't seen you for years. Wasmund stated I took over in 2011 from Life Link and 2 representatives came to a meeting in 2011 and nothing happened until 2016. We take the responsibility since there was another finance department doing the invoicing and there were miscommunications in house. From 2016 to 2020 there were invoices sent and never paid. Gilbert stated the invoices that the Village Office received were always received after that year's budget was set and there was no money in the budget to pay the invoice. Wasmund stated our goal in 2020 was that we wanted to reduced our rates. The goal was to keep it at \$5 and we were looking for 5-year contracts with everyone. It would benefit everyone in the long term – investment in the community. Establish a good reputation and communities benefit with a 5-year contract. We decided to hold off until the rates were set and then approach the communities. Raddatz stated we are in 2021 and the budget process usually starts in August which is when this should be talked about. If you are interested in discussing a contract with Dresser you need to come to us before the budget process which would mean the July/August board meetings. We have nothing budgeted for this in 2021. Wasmund stated we sent our first invoice during the budget process. Contract should be agreed upon and then an invoice mailed. So, we could target the July meeting with a contract – the \$5 per capita would not increase for 5 years. We are reducing our per capita and keeping it reduced. There is a fee when you use the service. We have full time employees/paramedics. We have 82 employees – a combination of administrative, clinical, casual and full time. Bjorklund stated if you come back in July with a contract that can be considered and then the Finance Committee would have a number for the next year's budget. Gutzmer asked will any of this change your service to Dresser. Wasmund stated if you don't pay, we will continue to serve the area. We have been doing so since 2011. Gutzmer asked what again is your provider coverage. The dividing line is County Road F/State Street. 50% of the per capita goes to Osceola Ambulance and the other 50% would go to SCVEMS. This number is based on population. The data on number of runs in Dresser was reviewed. Attorney Mahler stated I have been involved in the Hudson area and those ambulance contracts don't include the per capita. I believe they just did a new contract with Lake View. Wasmund was aware of this type of contract. They are close to the same type of service as we provide. Mahler stated there is a benefit to having full time staff. Raddatz stated their user fees pay for their service. Raddatz asked if there were any other questions. Nothing was stated. See you in July.

Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to accept the recommendation from the Finance Personnel Committee and to hire Jacki Owens for the Clerk/Deputy Treasurer position with a start date of February 8, 2021 and a rate of pay of \$18.00 per hour. Raddatz introduced Jacki Owens. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding the proposals for Capital Road Projects as outlined on the agenda. The total for all of this work is \$53,443.05. This money is all in the 2021 Budget. There would be funds remaining of \$4,056.95. Bjorklund thanked public works for getting everything ready so early. Things can get approved and we can get on schedule so the work gets done early in the season. Raddatz asked if there were any questions or concerns. Peterson stated I talked to Fahrner regarding #5 the micro-surfacing on South Street from East Ave S to Blaisdell Ave. We should consider rebidding that out. They have a new product that would be of a higher quality than micro-surfacing. Thompson stated it is a new product and we

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did look at it last summer in Amery. They have done a lot of work in St Croix Falls. Thompson stated if the board wants us to relook at things we can. Peterson stated it was not bid out apples to apples. He now would be more competitive. Raddatz stated the Friction is more. Thompson stated is a newer thing with Fahrner. Koch stated the micro does fade out over time where the friction stays black, but we don't know the longevity of it. Raddatz stated it would be something to try next year maybe. Koch stated Struck & Irwin were used in St Croix Falls and they were happy with them. Koch stated the biggest thing is a big steep hill. When looking at a hill and if you apply gravel it all washes away. Peterson stated Fahrner is pretty excited about this new product. Raddatz stated I am not opposed to it. Let's see after another year what it looks like. This would be the first time to use micro here in the Village. If there is some room in the Village budget, we could try it over here this year and see what happens. See if public works can find a chunk and have Fahrner try it. Maybe we would do more in 2022. Bjorklund asked do we do a singular motion on each one or can we do one over all motion. Attorney Mahler stated do a specific motion on each one. Make sure there are details on each one in the minutes. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to approve the following contacts for public works road maintenance for 2021: 1. Fahrner to do Main Street Line Painting in the amount of \$2,701.00 – 2. Seal Tech Inc. to do crack filling on State Street – HWY 35 to Co Road MM in the amount of \$9,890.00 – 3. Fahrner to apply GSB-88 on State Street – HWY 35 to Co Road MM in the amount of \$29,228.55 – 4. Seal Tech Inc to do crack filling on South Street – East Ave So. to Blaisdell Ave in the amount of \$1,845.00 – 5. Struck & Irvin Paving Inc to apply micro-surfacing on South Street – East Ave So to Blaisdell Ave in the amount of \$9,778.50. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All member of the board present voted yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve moving the Total Loss Settlement on the 1998 International Plow Truck in the amount of \$131,026.26 to the Local Government Investment Pool Machinery Replacement Account. That is what we got for the truck. That is impressive insurance – they are not doing full replacement in the future. We had to spec out the International Truck and determine its value at the time of the accident. What we could purchase that truck for today less the \$500.00 deductible. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a possible purchase of a new Pay Loader and financing options. Raddatz stated the guys have put things together. At the Public Works Committee Meeting we were looking at a CAT. After talking with the guys and having them drive different loaders and looking at what attachments we would need what do you guys like about each one and don't lie about what you think. Thompson stated I like the John Deere because it has a single joy stick. Both are nice and quiet. They handle very well. Personally, I like the John Deere it is more comfortable and has one joy stick for controls. Koch stated I duplicate that – both are brand new and nice. Keeping the functions on one joy stick is a good thing – right now it is separate to run the wing and you almost have to stop to switch. Raddatz stated after crunching numbers and putting things together there is not too much difference. I guess I don't care which way we go. Both have 84 month/2000 hours warranty. Both are good machines. Kuusisto stated I think we should go with the guys recommendation. Raddatz stated the accident gave us opportunity to put this on the table. The guys have spent hours and hours on this. Bjorklund stated you have \$114,000 in the Machinery Replacement Account plus \$131,000 from the accident for a total of \$245,000. Take out the \$5,000 for the lawn mower and you would still have money in the Machinery Replacement account and you don't have to borrow any money. If we start trading in the Loader and Mack Truck after so many years then we won't have such a financial hit. Trade them sooner and put in the replacement fund enough to replace to keep them reliable. Bjorklund stated the money is there can't we just make the decision to buy the John Deere. The board discussed all of the different attachments and decided the guys need to bring back a final outline

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of what we are looking to buy. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to have public works finalize the numbers on the John Deere and bring that back to the next board meeting. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding improvements to the Dresser Community Hall as outlined on the agenda. Raddatz stated after the last board meeting, we found a wire burnt on the furnace here at the Hall. It is an alternating dual system and right now we are working on one furnace. Comfort Systems met with us and gave us our options. I was thinking this was going to cost a lot more. These furnaces were put in we believe in 1995. Since this was an emergency situation, we did order them and will be getting them replaced. This is brought to board for final approval. Bjorklund stated I talked to the auditor today. We didn't have the money budgeted for the furnaces but we had money budgeted for the ceiling/painting. The total cost for the two projects is \$12,105.00. I was looking to take \$8,575 from the change order money remaining from the water tower project. The auditor had another twist on that. That money would be available through Village Journal Entries – water utility paying back the general fund. The guys are looking at some locating equipment which would come out of that money also. Only have the furnace come out of loan proceeds from water tower. Need to use the furnace money in the budget for the Office Furnace and Air Conditioner. Do the improvements and the money will come back into the general fund by the water utility paying what it owes the general fund. We can easily afford the furnaces. Motion Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the emergency repairs to the two community hall furnaces by Comfort Systems in the amount of \$8,575.00 plus some possible electrical and the initial labor. Pull \$9,000.00 out of water tower replacement extra monies to offset the cost of the 2 furnaces. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the painting of the ceiling, kitchen, bathrooms, & hallway by John Amrhien in the amount of \$3,530.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding removal and installation of a new furnace and air conditioning system at the Dresser Municipal Office by Comfort Systems – estimate \$8,414.00 plus possible electrical. Raddatz stated there was an option to go with a smaller A/C and I called Frank and had him explain it to me. One has variable speed and other multi speed. The quote for \$8,414 is of higher quality. Computer with a variable speed fan. We should go with this option. Multi speed fan is mid-range set by the technician when it is set up. It is \$970 dollars less. It is highly recommended to go with the higher one. We would be adding in another heat run in the office. We are short \$2,000.00 in the 2021 Budget. We could take this also from the water tower change order funds again. Raddatz continued I really wanted to see that money put into the machinery replacement account. It is early in the year. We could put any monies at the end of the year into the machinery replacement account. Thoughts of the board. Motion Bjorklund/Peterson to approve the bid from Comfort Systems in the amount of \$8,414.00 to replace the furnace and air conditioning at the Village Office. \$7,000 is in the 2021 budget and \$2,000 is from the proceeds of the water tower loan. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: January 2021. Thompson read the report. No questions were asked. Roads are looking good.

FINANCE: Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to approve the request from the Osceola Area Ambulance Service for the 2021 per Capita Assessment in the amount of \$6,328.00. We are part owners in this service and the per capita amount is \$14.00. There is less cost to the consumer. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the request from the Polk County Economic Development Corporation for the 2021 Contribution in the amount of \$895.00. Raddatz stated I use to be against this and realized I was 200% wrong. This is a great organization that provides a great service to the area. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #39911-#39977 Payroll \$15,157.38 plus Vouchers \$383,402.94 for a Total of \$398,560.32. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for January 2021 was present to the board. Raddatz stated it was on the table.

Discussion was held regarding a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the Village of Dresser and the City of St Croix Falls. Attorney Mahler stated I got some good input from Officer Haass and made some changes. This is limiting things to the school district property and clarifying that St Croix Falls pays the officer, which was the original intent of the document. There is a provision in here if this doesn't work either can terminated it within the 30 days. St Croix Falls is OK with it so I think it is good to go. Need to make a decision on the dates to start and end. This runs when school is in session. Bjorklund stated do we run January to December. How long is the grant program – 3 years and was started in 2020. Do a 2-3 year agreement. The 4th year they have to cover the cost. So, do we start with this board meeting and go until 2024. Mahler stated I will make the changes and get a copy to everyone for signature. Motion Kuusisto/Durand to agree to enter into a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of St Croix Falls and their police department with the dates to be 2/1/21 to 12/31/2024. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Police Department January 2021 Report. Haass stated the numbers are on the table. The Old Squad is at \$5,700 on the auction. Raddatz stated I did like the current unmarked police car but the new graphics do look good.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Meeting that was held on January 21, 2021. Durand stated it was a good meeting. Went over some financial stuff. The doors at the Dresser Station are rotting off – the cost to fix the service doors is \$7,000 to \$8,000 to fix them. A lot of this is caused by salt.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting. Kuusisto stated we did increase service hours from 18 to 26. They are still doing the door/curb side pick-up. The other change is trying to get Jim and Linda into positions they are interested in. Jim is working on the web site and Linda is working on youth programming. This will give Leann time to do her other work. Everyone is excited about the changes.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

St Croix Valley Foundation – Dresser Area Community Fund Statement 10/1/20-12/31/20. Raddatz asked Bjorklund where the Village is going to spend this money. Bjorklund stated she is working on it. I have some projects brewing. There is more money than last year. Does anyone have any suggestions for this year's money? If so let Bjorklund know.

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Spring Primary Election is to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Polls open 7 AM to 8 PM.

Motion Kuusisto/Peterson to cancel the Monday, April 5, 2021 Village Board Meeting due to Spring Election and to schedule a Special Village Board meeting on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of conducting regular business. Raddatz asked Attorney Mahler is this is the correct way to do this. Mahler stated yes this is correct. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz welcomed Jacki to the Village.

MARCH AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Spring Election – April 6 2021

Allied Emergency Service Board Mtg, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Alden Station

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Durand to adjourn at 8:08 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.