

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, February 5, 2018, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Cathy Frandsen, Elina Kuusisto and Bryan Beseler were all present. Also present Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Attorney Tim Laux, Arik Mahler, Robert Thompson, David Rasmussen, Erik Everson, Karen Andrie, Jeff Gutzmer, and Gene & Sharon Hendricks. The Standard Press/Ledger, the InterCounty Leader, and the Osceola Sun newspapers were all present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, January 3, 2018. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Moberg to approve minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting, January 9, 2018. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Durand to approve minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, January 17, 2018. Raddatz asked to have page 2 – 4th paragraph the word ADD changed to ADA Compliant. Gilbert will correct the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Beseler opened up the floor to public comments. Nothing was stated. Beseler closed public comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to award the bid for the Peterson Drive and Horsmann Avenue Project to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$1,027,881.00, contingent upon the contractor supplying proper bonding and insurance and receipt of the fully executed CDBG agreement from the Department of Administration. Everson stated we had really good bids. Companies right now must be looking for work. We had estimated this project to come in around \$1.3 million and it actually came in just over a million. We got really good bids and we recommend going forward. A-1 did the State Street Project in the Village. No further discussion took place. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve the Agreement between the Village of Dresser and MSA Professional Services for Professional Services during the Construction Phase of the Peterson Drive and Horsmann Avenue Street Project contingent upon attorney review. Bjorklund asked were these services in the grant. Everson stated yes. Our original contract was for services thru bidding and this is for services during construction and watching/working with the contractor. It is a standard contract. Bjorklund asked are you OK with the contract. Laux stated I usually read them thru and at this point I am not OK with it. Bjorklund stated it does not hurt to go over it. Beseler stated can we get the review back to us in 7 days it is just a standard contract. Bjorklund stated approval done contingent upon Laux’s approval. I feel better if he looks it over. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion took place regarding the purchasing of Tires for the 2014 Dodge Ram Truck. Mahler stated we were having some problems with the truck shaking when we were going down the road. Complete took a look at it and determined that we have at least one bad tire. If you replace one you probably should replace all four. I got two estimates – one from Complete Auto and one from Terry across the street. The Hankook Tire from Complete Auto is a better tire. Raddatz stated we don't need high mileage tires. That tire is what we use on all of our vehicles. It has a good grip. There is \$400.00 left from the purchase of the 1-Ton Tires and the rest could come from the Machinery and Equipment maintenance and repair account. If they don't have them in stock it only takes a couple of days to get. Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to approve the purchase of the Hankook Tires from Complete Auto in the amount of \$611.64 for the 2014 Dodge Ram Truck. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to allow public works/Rob and Arik to take care of the parks and do the mowing. To hire out spring and fall clean up and also to purchase a small push mower locally not to exceed \$400.00. Raddatz stated the guys came to me and asked if they could try doing it. We have the equipment, but we don't know the time constraint. So that being said when we had our meeting we discussed that Gunderson does it all now and spring/fall clean up. These is \$6,400.00 budgeted for 2018. It was suggested that we talk to Gunderson. What would happen if it doesn't work for the guys? Raddatz continued I talked to Gunderson and he will do whatever we want. If he needs to pick up one park he would. He is OK with what ever and is in favor of trying it out. We would not need to spend much money. It really is not costing us anything to try it. We already budgeted for a new weed whip and we are looking at \$400.00 for a push mower. There would be a savings. Bjorklund read a rebuttal of all of the other things in the 2018 budget that the Public Works guys will be responsible for: 1. Horsmann/Peterson Construction 2. Highway 35 Sidewalk and other Sidewalk Projects 3. Repair of Catch Basins 4. Repair of water tower driveway and village shop driveway 5. Planting of Trees on boulevard 6. Repair to Office bathroom floor 7. Schedule repairs to Village streets/spray patch/seal coat/crack seal etc. 8. Water schooling for certifications and other annual training 9. Remove old building at sewer plant. 10. Compliance with many corrective directives from DNR for water and sewer systems. 11. Garage floor drain. 12. General daily duties. 13. Planned vacation time. They have not worked through a summer. Not only do you have the 2018 Budget items you also have the DNR Inspection Items. I think they should have a year under their belts before they take this on. Raddatz stated I think this is a great time to try it. They mow for a month and if it isn't working Gunderson will jump in and do the job again. Bjorklund asked who makes that decision. Raddatz stated this is a perfect time to try this since Gunderson is willing to work with us. Bjorklund stated I have no question that they can cut grass. Raddatz stated we have the big lawn mower and it is just sitting here. Bjorklund stated I am not on board with this. Gunderson has been here and has done excellent work. The areas that are cut are the water tower property, Soo line park, the shop, Thye trail, the park, 3rd Avenue picnic shelter area, the sewer plant, and the 2 signs. Raddatz stated based on a cost of \$250.00/week if they mow for 2 weeks the push mower is paid for. Thompson stated you have a piece of equipment in the cold storage that is not being used. Mahler stated a lot of the items in the 2018 budget are things we will oversee but are contracted out. Two of us don't need to stand over them and watch them. We usually don't even ride around together in the truck Mahler continued. Beseler stated when I saw this I wrestled with it and now hearing some things regarding Gunderson willing to come back. What if the water tower doesn't get mowed does it immediately matter. Bjorklund stated we have residents across from the water tower. Beseler stated I

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didn't say not to mow it. The park is a priority. Beseler continued I was not at the committee meeting and if that is a viable compromise. Do we mow it all or contract part of it out? Mahler stated this should be an all or nothing. Kuusisto stated if we can count on Gunderson and projects are moving forward this would be good. Raddatz stated Gunderson is trying to slow down so it is a good time – he is still doing this. A new company would not be that flexible. Bjorklund stated did he give you a price he would charge us? If he is going to charge us – his price is not going to change. He is trying to down size and he won't be filling our spot. Gunderson is on board with this, but it needs to be an all or nothing. Mahler stated his prices didn't change from 2016 to 2017. Durand stated I believe it has been the same for several years. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to allow public works/Rob & Arik to take care of the parks and do the mowing. To hire out spring and fall clean up and also to purchase a small push mower locally not to exceed \$400.00. Bjorklund voted no. All other board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to discuss the State Highway 35 Cross Walk and Future Road Project. Beseler stated I have finally reached out to DOT. You can see that they have a project planned in 2020. Their project won't affect our project. We can do this yet this year. It will go in the exact spot where it is now. The project needs to be ADA compliant. Bjorklund stated we need to get the permit. Raddatz stated they are putting in turn lanes. Overall is the recommendation to move forward. We have the money to bring things into compliance. We need to apply for the permit for the cross walk and do the improvements. The lights will be coming down because the visibility they don't need the signs and the lights. The application for the permit needs to be read through and filled out correctly. Beseler stated yes I can fill it out and follow up with her. Motion Beseler/Durand to approve submitting the permit for the pedestrian cross walk and to have the work completed during the 2018 construction season. Beseler stated I will follow up with Jennifer Berg. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the snow plowing, maintenance, and construction on State Highway 35 by WI DOT. Beseler stated we have already talked about construction. Raddatz stated it was brought to my attention by public works that HWY 35 in the Village limits was not being plowed curb to curb. Our company usually has to go back to plow where the county pushes the snow in. They quit doing it after Xmas. I have had a conversation with Kelch at Polk County. They cover 12 feet on each side of the yellow line. There has been no documentation and now when they went down HWY 35 this last snow fall they did it. Kelch said that they would not be doing it. Beseler asked where is 12 feet. Curb to curb is 48 feet - 24 feet on each side. Center is 12 feet. They will be plowing it curb to curb when the new center lane comes in. After doing the project they will be taking care of it. Raddatz stated in my personal opinion they are doing it. If you see a bad spot help them out. We don't need any accidents. Beseler when we are plowing the Dresser streets come first. That is clean up.

Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to accept the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve J&S to repair the Floor Drain at the Municipal Garage – 514 East Ave N with an estimated cost of \$1,440.00 and to allocate the cost from the Municipal Garage Outlay and the Municipal Garage Maintenance and Repair accounts. The current floor drain is crumbling and falling apart and it does have a trap in it. Raddatz stated the quote is a good price/a winter inside project price. Bjorklund stated we have \$1,000.00 in garage outlay and \$500.00 in maintenance and repairs to cover the price. Miscellaneous operating would be an option, but it is too early in the year to take the money from that

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and I don't want to take away from the driveway budget. Do it that way was stated. Raddatz stated I like that – perfect. No further discussion. Vote was called for. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve hiring Andrie Electric to fix the Well House Transfer Switch & to pay for this expense from the Water Utility. Thompson this is for the generator. Everything is on the outside right now and Andrie would like to move it to the inside. Some components are sticking and when we try to hook up the generator there are some issues. \$5,000.00 is a big expense for the water utility. The PSC determines our rates based on the water expenses. Raddatz stated that Andrie has been good to the Village. I think Greg has it covered. Bjorklund asked when would they do it. Raddatz stated it will be done before the storm season. Thompson stated Andrie did a lot of shopping around. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to approve hiring Andrie Electric to fix the Well House Transfer Switch and to pay for this expense from the Water Utility. Roll Call Vote was called for. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried. The generator has not been run for 3 years. Bjorklund stated aren't we suppose to start the generator once a month and run for about an hour and document it. Yes was stated.

Discussion was held regarding the Inspection Report from Lane Tank on the 200,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank. Raddatz stated I am impressed with the pictures and detail he gave us. He gave us some budget numbers and a cost if you wait to do any work down the road. This is a simple report you can understand. Bjorklund stated we know it is bad. Raddatz stated there are some concerns. It talks about a safety railing on top of the water tower. We have talked about the ladder and needing to have a cage around it. Are these items the same thing? Mahler stated I am not sure. The hatch needs to be inspected every so often. Beseler stated is always a safety concern for someone to climb the tower. Raddatz stated if we let this go we will spend a lot more money down the road – estimated cost right now are \$120,000.00 plus \$15,000.00. If you don't do anything it is going to get ugly. These are not emergencies. MSA are you water tower experts. Everson stated we do have people in the company that work on water towers. If the outside needs to be sand blasted and needs to be contained and that is a big cost. Bjorklund stated this would be a total water expense. We are at 29 years and we don't have much of a choice. Beseler stated do we have the cash flow – no, but there are really low interest loans right now. Could look at a State Trust Fund Loan. Bjorklund stated what about including this in the bond issue? This probably would have to be submitted for a 2019 project? We could talk to Sean and the Auditors. Gilbert stated with the proposed current bond issue you originally looked at numbers for \$1.3 million and now the project has come in less then what was planned. You could include this cost and still be looking at the same type of payments. Do we have a motion to move forward and look at financing options with Ehlers – adding this into the Bond Issue? Do we put together specs and bid this out or hire Lane Tank and not bid it out. Who would be the certified inspector for the final product? Putting together specs would increase our costs. Bjorklund stated I will be calling a Finance meeting to discuss things plus to meet with Sean from Ehlers. Round this project to \$150,000.00 to have a number to work with. Beseler before we go to Ehlers we need to know what the board wants to do. Need to have motion. Motion Beseler/Raddatz to recommend moving forward with the recommendation from Lane Tank Company to make the required repairs and updates to the water tower and to have a discussion with Ehlers regarding financing for this project. Everson stated if you give us a copy of the report we can get you a price to put together specs. MSA can write up a proposal. Bjorklund stated do we just have MSA draft the specs. Make an amendment to the motion. Bjorklund stated I amend the motion on the floor to authorize MSA to draft bid specs. Frandsen 2nd the amendment. Any further

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discussion on the amendment. Vote was taken on the amendment. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Any discussion on the amended motion. Vote was taken on the amended motion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the DNR Sanitary Survey Report of the Public Water Supply that was completed on January 10, 2018. There is a lot of stuff that needs to be done. Thompson stated it is an inspection and they have given us deadlines to do it. Raddatz stated you guys are the one's to work on this. Mike Qualle's license expires in August 2018. Thompson and Mahler still have to take the test. The Village will be renewing Mike's certification and Mike is aware of the classes he needs. The Water Tower is on his report that would be part of the project we just discussed. Raddatz stated this is very organized with all of the things that need to be done. Raddatz continued operation of the water utility is very good. The floor drain discharge – you are just not sure where it comes out. We will be able to see where it comes out in the spring and it needs to have a screen on in. Bjorklund stated this talks about exercising of the valves and flushing of hydrants. Mahler stated we hope to do ½ in the spring and do the other ½ in the fall. St Croix Falls has a new rig for exercising valves. The map needs to be updated. SEH has done the current map. Everson stated if you can get a CAD version from SEH we can update it. It is your information. Beseler stated just so we are on the same page my belief is that public works would take care of the response by March 15th. As long as we are showing progress we will be fine.

Discussion was held regarding the estimate received from J&S on the demolition of the old Sewer Plant. Bjorklund asked if we were going to get one from Cross Country. Mahler stated I have not had a chance to do so. This is the big white building. Raddatz stated this is not a green lighted project at this time. It was just brought up for discussion that this building is just sitting there. Mahler stated the ceiling is ready to collapse. We could still get an estimate from Cross Country and discuss this more. Beseler stated I have seen it myself – this would be a good component of the tours and the 2019 budget.

Public Works Monthly Report: January 2018. Roads have been plowed and maintained, Sewer and Water Samples taken, burned the brush pile at the shop, organized the shop, maintained equipment (oil in the garden tractor, pay loader, leaf vacuum machine), had the annual DNR water survey (inspection), took care of 3 digger tickets, helped north star pump with inspecting the four sewer pumps, and collected about 30 Christmas trees. We will be attending two classes next month. Raddatz stated I don't remember when the Village roads have been so well maintained. Things are looking good.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to approve paying Osceola Ambulance the 2018 Per Capita Assessment of \$4,950.00. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Fransen to approve paying the Polk County Economic Development Corporation the 2018 Contribution of \$895.00. Raddatz stated I have seen them in the newspaper. Vince is getting around. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to approve an Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Alicia Mattson. The background check has been completed. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Frandsen/Kuusisto to approve the monthly Vouchers #36968-#37048 totaling \$332,197.82. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated there was an update on the circulation policies from IFLS. One policy has been appealed and others go into effect in April or May. Discussion was held regarding the energy efficiency of the building – it is very cold up front. The thermostat is back by the boiler. Some options were discussed. Bjorklund asked did they get an energy audit from Xcel. Frandsen stated no. Discussion was held regarding putting plastic on the windows and maybe moving the thermostat. Amber will talk to Jodi. Has Amber talked to Gilbert? Gilbert stated no she has not. The collection at the Library has grown and we are looking at the insurance. Malm was going to talk to the transportation director at the St Croix Falls School district and see if the summer school bus drop off point could be in front of the Library. It may be a safer spot than on State Street and maybe the kids would use the Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector report for January 2018 was presented to the board.

The Police Department January 2018 Report was presented to the board. Beseler stated Haass was unable to attend tonight and he did talk to me ahead of time.

Update was given from the DOG Fire Meeting that was held on January 18, 2018. Durand stated we had a meeting the other night. I have some pictures and numbers to pass around of the new fire hall in Alden. People can take a look. Everything is progressing real well. We are ready to get bids. Date has not been set. What is the cost of the project? Three quarter of a million with everything. We are getting our money from Polk Burnett. There will be a no interest loan for the fire hall.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Spring Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. Polls open 7AM to 8 PM.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler. 1. If you read the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes there was a proposal on the Valley Motel property, since that meeting we have been informed by the purchaser that he was withdrawing his offer. It is back on the market. 2. There has been a series of emails regarding State Highway 35. 3. I received a letter from a resident thanking the Village Crew for their help when his Sewer Lateral went bad and had to dig it up. The letter was read to the public.

MARCH AGENDA BUSINESS: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Spring Election Tuesday, April 3, 2018

DOG Fire Association Meeting – April 19, 2018

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to adjourn at 8:00 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk These minutes have not been approved.