

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2017, 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: Cathy Frandsen, Wayne Moberg, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Elina Kuusisto and Bryan Beseler were all present. Attorney Tim Laux and Darron Nelson Absent. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk, Steve Jacobs-Public Works Supervisor, Ryan Haass – Police, David Danielson, and Jeff Gutzmer. The Standard Press/Ledger and The InterCounty Leader Newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Frandsen to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, January 2, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: David Danielson – I have been the St Croix Falls Municipal Court Judge for 17 years and I was mayor several years ago. I am running for Polk County Circuit Judge. I really wanted to talk to you tonight about your contribution to the judicial system in Polk County. Municipal Courts handle about half of the forfeiture cases in the state. If there were no Municipal Courts in Polk County they would be way overloaded. Thank you for having a municipal court and a police department. From past experience I know that cities and villages pay for double protection. We pay for county police plus our own departments. I have been in the phone book for 32 years. Thank you. Don't forget to vote on February 21st.

Jeff Gutzmer – I am running for the two positions on the Dresser Village Board. I have put forth my name for the open seat of Darron Nelson. I was hoping to get some experience on the board before the election. I also just wanted you to put a name to a face.

Beseler called for any more citizen comments. Nothing else was stated. Beseler closed the citizen comment section of the agenda.

PREREGISTERED: Nobody on the agenda.

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Monthly Report for January 2017 was presented to the board. Jacobs stated under completed jobs I listed cross connections. We are almost done. There are 3 left and all 3 are in the works. Dresser Trap rock within a week - F&A Dairy should meet the deadline – and Wood Properties is working on it but they have to get into all of the trailers. With the forecasted snow possibilities both sanders are ready. One with rock salt if it stays warm and the other with a trap rock/sand mix. Trying to hit it before it freezes. Last time we were behind on getting ahead of it. Hoping we can get salt and rock down before the freezing ice comes.

Discussion was held regarding Horsmann/Peterson Street Projects – Update from MSA Professional Services – Community Development Block Grant Income Survey. Beseler stated Dave Rasmussen would be present but he had a prior commitment. We have the results of the ITA's and PERFs that were submitted this past Fall by MSA. Based on Rasmussen's review we didn't rate very high. Bjorklund stated but we are not on the bottom either and if a municipality higher than us doesn't do a project that changes our ranking. Beseler stated I am glad that we are not one of the government bodies who are operating with such urgent type projects. We want to avoid getting into that type of situation. Gilbert explained that the next step in this process would be to conduct a CDBG Survey so that the Village can determine if they are eligible for grant money. Bjorklund stated Gilbert is in a very busy time of the year and she is looking for our support to help with the survey. We had

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talked about going door to door to complete this. The board members commented that they would be willing to go door to door to get this completed. Beseler stated if can get the area divided up and copies to the board members over the next seven days or so we can get this completed. Bjorklund clarified so the consensus is to move forward on the survey. Yes was stated.

FINANCE: Discussion was held regarding increasing the Dresser Election Worker pay \$1.00 per hour as follows: Regular Election Inspector currently \$7.50/hour increase to \$8.50/hour – Chief Election Inspector currently \$8.50/hour increase to \$9.50/hour. Beseler stated this was built into the budget. These positions are a two year appointment. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve increasing the Election Workers compensation by \$1.00 per hour. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Frandsen/Kuusisto to approve the monthly vouchers #35029-#36111 totaling \$271,304.75. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding Operator's License's – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Michael Buswell, Vicki Collins, and Eric Germain. Beseler stated one of the applicants had some issues, but the case status is closed. There is nothing in the background checks that denies them the license. If there are issues that would give you a reason to deny, but nothing is pending. Beseler continued I believe we denied one due to recent charges and selling to a minor. This individual here has charges and hopefully has learned from past history. I am prepared to support. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Michael Bushwell, Vicki Collins, and Eric Germain. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Information was presented to the Board regarding the Village of Dresser's Worker's Compensation Modification Factor for 7/27/17-7/24/18. It did go up for this year, since we did have a claim.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated we moved forward with the purchase of a printer/copier/fax machine. We are not getting color at this time. Amber talked to Jodi and the Library could pay the Village if needed for colored copies. Linda Bowitz had Book Club and the Little Story Time is going well. Bjorklund stated you had 7,062 people visit the Library. This is very good. Frandsen stated we are also looking forward to some training on google documents.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for January 2017 was presented to the Board.

The Police Department January 2017 Report was presented to the Board. Haass stated there has been an increase for services not for crimes.

An update from the Joint Municipal Court Meeting that was held on January 11, 2017 was presented to the board in writing.

Kuusisto stated the Osceola Ambulance is still looking at purchasing a new Ambulance and fundraising is still moving forward. Otherwise there was not much else new at the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on January 4, 2017.

The DOG Fire had a meeting on January 19 2017. Durand stated the plans are moving forward with the new fire hall. The floor plans are done. We are now working on financing.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda

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OTHER BUSINESS: Update from the Cooperative Boundary Committee Meeting that was held on January 23 2017. Moberg stated we are working on comparing the Boundary Plan to the individual Comprehensive Plans. So we are not just done quite yet. More work to do.

February Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 Polls Open 7AM to 8PM

WI DNR – F&A Dairy WPDES Permit – Informational Hearing February 28, 2017 from 6PM to 8PM. Question & Answer Period from 3PM to 5PM. If you are interested in attending we should let Jodi know. Can we all be there without a notice Bjorklund asked? Beseler stated when you read what the DNR is proposing a lot of the concerns have already been incorporated.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler. I was asked to ask whether the board wanted to visit C-Aire or Rick’s Cabinets. When Steve Healy from the Polk County Economic Development Corporation was here we talked about this. Do you want to do this? We could maybe do before a meeting or on a separate night. We could work with Healy if you are interested. Moberg, Durand, Bjorklund, Beseler all commented that yes they were interested. Bjorklund stated I will give him a call.

Discussion was held regarding Darron Nelson’s Resignation from the Village Board effective February 13, 2017. We have received a formal resignation letter from Darron. I think all of you know that he had an opportunity to buy a new home and is in the process of relocating to Chisago County by the end of the school year. Motion Beseler/Kuusisto to accept Darron Nelson’s resignation from the Village Board effective February 13, 2017 with our regret. Bjorklund stated we have appreciated his input over the years. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding Beseler’s appointment of Bryan (Fatboy) Raddatz to the Village Board effective February 13, 2017. Beseler stated Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz approached me when he heard there may be an open position. He served on the board in the past and his insight in the past was beneficial. He does have previous knowledge. As you also heard earlier Gutzmer also reached out to me. What I shared with Gutzmer is that I did consider it, but due to the fact that his name is on the ballot for two positions and if he won he would hold 3 places on the board I didn’t think that was in the best interest of the Village. Considering that and Fatboy’s previous experience I would look for a motion to appoint Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Motion Durand/Moberg to appoint Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz to the Village Board to serve out the remainder of Darron Nelson’s term with a start date of February 13, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Beseler stated at this time I plan to leave the committees as is. Whoever wins the Village President will then restructure the committees at that point. We will have to look at the Ambulance bylaws since he right now is the community member of that board.

MARCH AGENDA BUSINESS: Update on CDBG Survey if that gets competed.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Cooperative Boundary Committee Meeting, Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Village Board Meeting, Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM
DOG Fire Association Meeting, April 20, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Kuusisto/Bjorklund to adjourn at 7:10 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk *These minutes have not been approved.*