

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 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, Yvette Varner, Darren Peterson, Elina Kuusisto and Joe Peterson were present. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Jean Measner, and Dave Rasmussen 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/Darren Peterson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, January 2, 2023. 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 the request from Jean Measner, Dresser Lion’s Club – for a donation to purchase books, to use the Dresser Community Hall, and to close Main Street in front of the Hall from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM for the annual Dresser Easter Egg Event to be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Measner stated this is the event that Dave and Carmen Brian have been running. They have asked the Dresser Lion’s Club to take it over. We plan to run it the same as in the past. Bjorklund stated in the past we have given a donation of \$300.00 to Usborne Books. Measner stated we are asking for the same thing. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to give a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to Usborne Books to pay for books for the Easter Egg Hunt, to allow use of the Hall by the Dresser Lion’s Club, and to close Main Street for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 8, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

MSA Professional Services, Dave Rasmussen present to discuss a revised/updated Citizen Participation Plan. Rasmussen stated we decided to update your plan from last year. There is one section that is not in your plan that the template from the Department of Administration has. Specifically, the Accommodations Section on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page. Also, the Dept of Admin requires a committee. In the past the Village Board was the committee. They are looking for a specific list of people on this committee. They are to conduct the hearings. Raddatz asked who can this be? Bjorklund asked how many people do you need. Rasmussen stated usually 3. We appoint the committee tonight then we can have the first hearing next month and if awarded the committee would do the second required hearing.

Resolution #01-2023 Resolution to Adopt a Citizen Participation Plan. Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to move Resolution #01-2023 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to pass and approve Resolution #01-2023. Discussion – Rasmussen stated we will put together the public notice for the March Board Meeting. This will be a separate agenda. Public Hearing will start at 6:15 PM on March 6 2023. This will be a Class 2 notice in the newspaper. No other discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to appoint Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Joe Peterson, Darren Peterson, and Jeff Gutzmer(Alternate) as the Village of Dresser Citizen Participation Committee. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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**PUBLIC WORKS:** Update was given from the Village of Dresser & Village of Osceola Sewer Committee Meeting that was held on January 11, 2023. Bjorklund stated we did get a contract back from the attorney. We have not met to go thru it. Rick from Osceola has not given us the new numbers for computing the bill. I really feel an engineer should look at that contract. I don't know if it is right or not. This would be just to protect Dresser. Who do we get to review this contract? Cedar Corp has looked at it in the past. MSA may be interested in reviewing it. Rasmussen stated there is no one in the Rice Lake office. Raddatz told Rasmussen see if you have anyone interested and we can talk about it at the March meeting. We could contact Cedar Corp. At least we would have two numbers/prices to review. Bjorklund will follow up with Rick from Osceola on the numbers. It has been a month. This is a 20- or 25-year contract.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the purchase of an EGO Power Backpack Blower from Boyd's Outdoor Power in the amount of \$449.00. This was in the 2023 budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuusisto to approve the purchase of a Bagger/Dump from Seat for the Gravely Zero Turn Mower from Boyd's Outdoor Power in the amount of \$3,988.95. This was a 2023 Budgeted item. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a Poly Brush Kit and a Steel Brush Kit for the John Deere Sidewalk Sweeper from Boyd's Outdoor Power in the amount of \$1,036.00. Darren Peterson asked what are you using the Steel Brushes for? The brushes would be alternated and will last a lot longer. Darren stated if you do Steel, you can't use it on the grass. Steel may last longer but it is twice the price. When we bought steel, we didn't find that it lasted any longer and you couldn't use it on grass. I think we should only buy the Poly. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the purchase of new Brush Kits for the John Deere Sidewalk Sweeper from Boyd's Outdoor Power with the recommendation of buying only Poly Brushes. There is money in the 2023 Budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve the purchase of a 252 Miller Welder/Gun for the Municipal Shop from TMS Enterprises in the amount of \$4,849.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Varner to approve the contract with Fahrner to Fog Seal Lincoln, Garfield, Roosevelt, and Teddy Court in the amount of \$14,282.00. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the contract with Fahrner to CrackSeal Lincoln, Garfield, Roosevelt, and Teddy Court in the amount of \$19,705.00. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to approve the contract with Fahrner to ChipSeal Lincoln, Garfield, Roosevelt, and Teddy Court in the amount of \$32,445.00. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – January 2023 was read by Koch. Water temperatures are still over 40 degrees. We did have our first 39 degrees reading. We will run water at 35 degrees. We hope to see the Sewer Lining project prepped this month and next month they will be here to do the work.

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Discussion was held regarding the Community Hall/Sidewalk Projects for 2023. 1. Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to approve Estimate #10268 from J&S General Contracting totaling \$6,030.00. No further discussion. Darren Peterson abstained. All other board members present voted yes. Motion Carried. 2. Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to approve Community Hall improvements to Entry/Stage Area at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:** Discussion took place regarding application for Chicken License from Darren Filides at 103 E Dresser Street. Raddatz stated I think it looks good. Bjorklund stated I have a question on the 55-gallon container for storage – the Ordinance states it should be covered enclosed structure with a roof over the entire structure. 12.31 (4). Are the barrels to sit outside. If they were put in the Garage then they are in a structure. Raddatz stated putting the drum in a building and it gets hot is not good. Darren Peterson stated what do we consider a structure. Do you put the barrels in the Coop. Bjorklund stated just wanted to point this out. We could go back to them and bring it back to the next meeting. Raddatz stated it could be a condition of approval. Raddatz stated I think a barrel is a structure with a lid. Kuusisto stated we do need to follow our Ordinance. Roof or Lid? I don't want to put material that gets hot in a building. Motion Gutzmer/Joe Peterson to approve a Chicken License for Darren Filides at 103 E Dresser Street. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Osceola Rod & Gun Club for the sale of fermented malt beverages at the Osceola Rod & Gun Club Banquet to be held on February 11, 2023 at the Dresser Community Hall. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to approve an Operator’s License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Rodney Bastain, James Michael Bohn, Logan Roush, and Brooke Sandgren/Parks. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Varner to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #41803-#41887 Payroll \$18,931.32 plus Vouchers \$422,640.89 for a Total of \$461,572.21. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion took place regarding new Furnace/Air Conditioner for Office at the Municipal Shop – Bids were received from Comfort Systems and All in 1 Property Care. Raddatz stated that All in 1 Property Care is a former employee of Comfort Systems. Koch stated I got Comfort Systems quote last fall and when I confirmed the estimate, they increased the price. So, I reached out and got a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote. Bjorklund stated this will save us some money and we could use it somewhere else. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the estimate from All in 1 Property Care for the Furnace/Air Conditioner for the Office at the Municipal Shop in the amount of \$9,267.00. Koch stated we may use the extra money in the budget for some electrical work to be done by Andrie Electric to get everything installed. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

There was no Building Inspector Report for January 2023.

The Police Department January 2023 report was presented to the Village Board.

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Update was given from the Joint Municipal Court Meeting that was held on January 13, 2023. Bjorklund stated you have the minutes. They gave us our bill that was \$173.00 and that has been paid for in 2022. We talked about a vaping ordinance. I would like to talk to Officer Haass about that. Jennifer said she would share their Ordinance with us. Raddatz stated it makes sense to match Osceola since we are the same court. Osceola is concerned about high school kids. The Federal age is 21/ WI what is the age? This Ordinance could come directly to the board.

Update was given from the Osceola Area Ambulance Board Meeting that was held January 11, 2023. Raddatz stated nothing too exciting. We are getting some EMTS. We will be watching the Memorial Park water to see what it is costing us. The 501C committee have had a meeting. Everything is accepted by the Feds. All tax returns have been filed and are great. We are in good standing now.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Meeting that was held January 19, 2023. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held in April. We didn't get the FEMA grant and they are reapplying. One of the tankers is out of service.

**LIBRARY:** Library Board Minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting were presented by Kuusisto. Not a whole lot new. Little Story Time is on Monday's at 10:30. The roof was leaking and Public Works worked on the Ice Dam – everything is OK. We have been above average circulation in children's materials. Library Legislative Day is held in February.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to approve the proposal on the planting of Trees – Proposed locations Municipal Garage and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Park Area with a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00. Bjorklund stated we hope to get a little bigger tree than in the past. If they are less than \$300 per piece we can buy more. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to designate The Osceola Sun as the Official Newspaper for the Village of Dresser for the coming year. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the request to reserve the Dresser Tennis Courts. Raddatz stated I don't know if we need to do that. I'm against it. Bjorklund stated let them come. First come/first serve. Supposedly they are not using the courts in Osceola due to some repairs. They can use the Dresser Tennis Courts but no reservations.

Motion Gutzmer/Darren Peterson to apply for the grant money in the amount of \$1,946.00 from the St Croix Valley Foundation - Dresser Area Community Fund Statement dated December 31, 2022. This money will be used for Community Hall Improvements. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update was given to the Dresser Board on the Dresser Post Office Window Hours.

The Village Audit is taking place this week February 6 - 10, 2023. Raddatz stated I have had a chat with Sarah today.

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Spring Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 for Justice of the Supreme Court - Polls Open 7 AM to 8 PM.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. I will be available while I am traveling if anyone needs anything.

**MARCH AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:** Nothing was stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Spring Election – Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2023-6:00 PM Alden

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 7:26 PM. All in Favor.  
Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.