

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Grace Bjorklund at 5:30 PM. Meeting was held at the Municipal Office. Roll Call was taken: Grace Bjorklund, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, and Darren Peterson. Also, present was Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch-Public Works, Luke Loescher-Public Works and Ryan Haass Police Chief. No other public or press was in attendance.

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Dresser Finance/Personnel Committee may move to convene into Closed Session: Pursuant to WSS 19.85(1)(c) Considering compensation and/or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Bjorklund called for a Roll Call Vote to convene into Closed Session. All members of the committee present voted yes. Motion Carried. Closed Session Took Place. Motion Darren Peterson/Raddatz to Convene back into Open Session. All in Favor. Motion Carried. The Finance/Personnel Committee took no action on the matters of the Closed Session.

Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to recommend to the Village Board to approve the purchase of Police Officer Body Armor at an estimated cost of \$1,300.00. Gilbert explained memo that was presented. All in Favor. Motion Carried. If approved will be ordered in 2023.

Discussion was held regarding 2024 Street Maintenance Monies. Gilbert presented a spreadsheet to the committee to review. In order to keep the 2024 in check and still do all of the proposed regular neighborhood street maintenance plus State Street the board could reallocate the Local Road Improvement Program Monies. At this time there is no LRIP project planned. The committee agreed that it sounded like a good idea. So, for the 2024 proposed budget put \$74,200.00 into Street Maintenance. At this point we don't know if we will have to take out a loan for street maintenance. After the 1st of the year, we can get firm numbers on the work (may have to bid out) and then reallocate the needed funds from the LRIP monies.

Discussion was held regarding Well#2 Pump Inspection/Repairs and how to finance the cost. A memo was presented to the committee. If we look at a loan for these repairs it makes the water utility responsible. We can check with the local bank on rates along with the State Trust Fund. Bjorklund stated I have talked to the State and this type of project would be OK. It is an easy application. Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to recommend to the board that they consider borrowing the money for Well#2 inspection/repairs. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Gilbert stated I will discuss with Brock since we are applying for a Full Water Rate Increase.

Discussion was held regarding doing a 2023 Holiday Newsletter. Raddatz stated I think it is a nice idea. We do have the First and Second Street project coming up. The Village Holiday Gathering is December 16th. Darren Peterson stated I like it – it gives the residents an idea on what is going on. Newsletter will be put together and sent out.

