

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
OPEN FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Grace Bjorklund at 6:00 PM. Meeting was held at the Municipal Office. Roll Call was taken: Grace Bjorklund, Darren Peterson, and Joe Peterson(Alternate). Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz attended the meeting via telephone to gather information. Also present was Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer. No other public or press was in attendance.

Purpose of the meeting is as follows: To have the committee review applications for the Public Works Position. Bjorklund stated we have received seven applications.

Notice was given that the Village of Dresser Finance/Personnel Committee may move to convene into Closed Session: Pursuant to WSS 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to convene into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the committee present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Closed Session took place.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to convene back into Open Session at 6:30 PM. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the committee present votes yes. Motion Carried.

The Committee came out of Closed Session agreeing to conduct interviews for the Public Works Position on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 – meeting will start at 4:45 PM.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having the Village Attorney draft a waiver for people who volunteer their time in the Village of Dresser. Bjorklund stated we have had volunteers working in the Village doing maintenance type work last summer and we do not have a waiver for them to sign in the event they are injured. I think legally it is a good idea. I would like to check with Attorney Mahler and get his opinion. Some people say a waiver is not worth the piece of paper it is written on. Bjorklund stated I have talked to the Attorney in the past and I believe he told me at that time it would be a good idea. I was also hoping he would have a draft document we could review. If the board agrees and approves it then we at least have it on file. Darren Peterson stated I don't have a problem with you asking the Attorney to find out if it is even worth it to pursue and bring it to the April Board meeting. Bjorklund stated I believe we use to have one, but I am sure the laws/wording has changed over the years. Raddatz stated this is a great idea. Bjorklund stated I will talk to the Attorney and get his opinion and bring information and/or a document back to the April Board Meeting. Raddatz stated any emails please include the Village Office.

Discussion was held regarding a financial plan on for how to pay for the MSA Engineering Expenses for the First/Second Street Project. Bjorklund stated the Board has approved the engineers to complete the survey at a cost of \$10,000.00 and go put together all of the engineering plans at an estimated cost of \$188,000.00. These things are going to be done whether we get the grant or not. If MSA sends us a bill – where do we get the money to pay for

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it? Do we need to look at a line of credit at the bank? Raddatz stated we are doing this one backwards from the Horsmann/Peterson Project. We will have to front the \$10,000.00. Bjorklund stated I agree and the \$10,000.00 can come out of our working capital. Raddatz stated we will have to see what happens – we may to look at some type of short-term financing. Darren Peterson stated if the project moves along and we get the grant then everything gets rolled into that type of financing. If we don't get the grant do we still move forward with the project? Do we move the project out to 2024 if it doesn't work right now? Things are changing and you can't apply for a grant if you don't have plans. Darren Peterson stated MSA has done this before so we just have to wait and see. We need to cross our fingers that we get a grant. We should hear on the grant in July. Bjorklund stated at some point we may want to get Ehlers involved and look at a Bond Issue. Joe Peterson stated I agree we will need to cross these bridges when they happen. Nothing to do right now.

No other business was stated.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 6:52 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
Jodi A Gilbert, Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.