

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
OPEN FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Grace Bjorklund at 5:30 PM. Roll Call was taken: Grace Bjorklund, Darren Peterson, and Joe Peterson(alternate). Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz was absent. Also present was Jodi Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass Police Chief, Robert Thompson and Matt Koch Public Works. No other public or press was in attendance.

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 compensation and/or performance evaluation data 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 Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to convene back into Open Session at 6:00 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried. The Finance/Personnel Committee took no action on matters of the Closed Session. Rob Thompson and Matt Koch attended the rest of the open meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a quote in the amount of \$2,977.00 from H&L Mesabi Company for cutting edges for the John Deere 524P Pay Loader. Koch stated we have \$2,500.00 in the budget and the remaining amount could come out of the Maintenance and Repair account. This will give us a spare set on the shelf for each vehicle in case we need it. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to recommend to the Village Board to approve the purchase of cutting edges from H&L Mesabi Company in the amount of \$2,977.00. Payment would be \$2,500.00 from account 10-53240-320 and \$477.00 from account 10-53240-340. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Review of the 2021 Budget Detail. Bjorklund stated the numbers are pretty self-explanatory. Not all Revenues are in yet. Expenses start on page 3. There are some line items we will be carrying over to next year/moving to the Local Government Investment Pool. We have 3 more months of expenses. The buildings seem to be OK. The Community Hall is over budget – journal entries will be done at the end of the year. Most accounts we are under the budgeted amount for being at 9 months of operation. Streets are good. Xmas decorations – still need to buy garland and wreaths. On page 9 is Mike Qualle’s salary – we are using less and less as the guys continue to learn. We don’t want to lose his knowledge. Parks may have some money left there. Late on the agenda under other business we will talk about hiring Meyer to take down some more trees. Open House – not looking to have an event this year. Bjorklund asked Thompson if the Fire Department was doing a Halloween event. Thompson stated I don’t know. Bjorklund stated Santa Day is planned. Under the Capital Outlay accounts there is not much left. Some sidewalk money. Engineering still has some money left – we just approve MSA to conduct a survey for a Community Development Block Grant.

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Discussion was held regarding a Holiday Open House. Bjorklund stated we didn't have one last year because of Covid. The numbers are going up again. I've talked to 5 or 6 people that worked with us and they felt that this year we shouldn't have one again because of Covid. Next year maybe we do something in the Fall instead of at Holiday time. Maybe we use the park. Change up the event some. The money we have won't be used this year so I would like to see it carried forward to next year. There should be an FYI on the Board Meeting that we are not having an open house. Last year we did a newsletter. Do we do a newsletter again this year? We can talk about it.

Discussion was held regarding 2022 Preliminary Budget Items. Bjorklund stated we have received information from Public Works, Officer Haass, Parks, Community Hall, and the Library. Bjorklund stated my list has been added to the Public Works. These numbers need to be plugged into the budget. Bjorklund stated we should also look at Office Chairs. It is a disgrace when someone comes into the office. We may need to budget some money for St Croix Valley EMS. Darren Peterson asked why Dresser is split between two Ambulance Services. Bjorklund gave an explanation. Gilbert brought up looking at the windows in the Municipal Office – Break Room and Police Office. Indianhead Glass does replacement.

Other Business:

Thompson and Koch stated we have received an estimate in the amount of \$500.00 to repair the street on the corner of Main and West Avenue. Monarch said that they are really busy. It is a raised bump – they will do an infrared patch and reroll it again. Does this need to go to the Board? Where do we pay for it from? There may be some money left over in Spray Patching. Thompson stated we see this as an emergency. We will hit it with the plow the way it is right now. The committee agreed the Koch and Thompson should get it done. The committee has been informed of the emergency repair.

Thompson and Koch stated we have received an estimate from Meyer Tree Service in the amount of \$650.00 to take down and trim back the rest of the trees on State Street. This is on the North side of the road across from what we just did. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to recommend to the board to approve the estimate from Meyer Tree Service in the amount of \$650.00 and to do a budget amendment moving \$650.00 from Tennis Court Operating 10-55460-270 to Urban Forestry Prof Service/Tree Removal 10-56100-210. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the Finance/Personnel Committee is set for September 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM. This is a change in time from what was originally discussed. Gilbert will let Raddatz know.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 6:40 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
Jodi A Gilbert, Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.