

VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, January 2, 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, and Joe Peterson were present. Elina Kuusisto was absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Ryan Haass – Police, 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 Bjorklund/Varner to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, December 5, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. No other comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Dave Rasmussen, MSA Professional Services – Discussion was held regarding the 1st Street and 2nd Street Project – cost breakdown options. Raddatz stated we (Jodi and I) had a meeting with Dave and Kianna back on December 6th. We went thru some options and are now coming to you to explain what those are and if you want to act on them. Rasmussen stated we are all aware that we are going to apply again for the Community Development Block Grant which could be as much as \$1 million. That application is due May 11th and you will find out the end of July if you get awarded. We missed last year’s award by just a few points. The Distress Score we can’t adjust those numbers and Dresser is around 24 points. That is the lower third of that category. So, what we are looking at now is a plan looking at the Safe and Clean Drinking Water Programs. These are programs thru the DNR Environmental Improvement Fund – they are subsidized loans. The current interest rate is 2.145% and it does change quarterly. The loans are fixed for 20 years. The nice thing about the program is that there is the potential for principal forgiveness. Potential is the key word – you may or may not get it, but it sure is a nice surprise if you do get it. The Village is eligible for 40% Principal Forgiveness. Last year everyone that applied and that was eligible did get forgiveness. We think that will happen again this year. With the Safe Drinking Water & Clean Water Fund Loans there are ineligible costs such as streets, storm & gutter, and curb & gutter. Looking at the one-page handout on the right side are those costs totaling \$870,104.00 that are not eligible. You could look at a State Trust Fund loan for those costs and right now that interest rate is at 5.75% for a 20-year loan. If you were to go with these loans and get principal forgiveness your yearly loan payment would be \$85,440.27. Bjorklund stated that is a big payment. Rasmussen stated now look below is the scenario if we get the CDBG funds. That program will take care of the ineligible costs. The other loans would be less so the principal forgiveness is less, but your yearly loan payment would be \$30,576.00. What is nice about the Safe/Clean Water loans is that their application/administrative/loan fees can all be included in the loan itself. You will need to have some interim financing. The application for Safe Drinking Water is due June 30th and the Clean Water Fund is due September 30th. You would close on these loans in March of 2024. If you get the CDBG monies there is about \$20,000.00 that can’t be covered by these programs. Bjorklund asked on the Professional Services Agreement an application costs \$12,500.00. What is included in this amount? Rasmussen stated these loans go thru a bond council. We usually use Fryberger out of Duluth. Bjorklund stated if we go with the loans from the DNR could we still look at

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bonding for the ineligible costs. Rasmussen stated yes you could. You would probably work with Ehlers and see where you would get the best interest rate. Bjorklund stated so for the two applications the cost is \$25,000.00. Aren't a lot of the documents already done since you have had to prepare the CDBG application? Rasmussen stated these are two separate online applications. Bjorklund asked they take each the same amount of time? Rasmussen stated we use these programs a lot of the time because the rates are low and the potential for principal forgiveness. Bjorklund asked how much time is going to be needed from our office/Jodi's time. Rasmussen stated we would be working with Jodi to get the documents we need such as audits and budgets. There is quite a list of things needed. Raddatz stated this is the cost for them to do it. Bjorklund stated if we don't get the loans do we still have to do it? Rasmussen stated you will get the loans and hopefully principal forgiveness. You are eligible for 40% forgiveness. Labor Standards are in the administration of the application. We have to submit separately for the DNR versus the CDBG. Typically, it costs \$35,000.00 to administer a CDBG project. CDBG and no loans it comes out of your pocket. Labor Standards are a part of the project. The CDBG contract would be for \$20,000.00. The application is being done this year for free. Still have to go thru the public hearings. Different this year is we have a contract to do the environmental review up front. You get 10 points if it is done at the time of the application. We are close to having that completed. You should get those 10 points. The environmental review is being done on an hourly basis. No archeological survey needs to be done because we are replacing what is there. Nothing new. Darren Peterson asked does the total project include all of the inspections and surveying. That is part of the \$1.7 - engineering is included. Raddatz stated you do have to remember that this project has not been bid out yet. The question is does the Village Board want to move forward with the project if we do not get funded or not. Darren Peterson stated we could be looking at \$120,000.00 per year payment? The DNR Loans are revenue bonds and they don't count against your debt capacity. We will have to look at water and sewer rate increases. Bjorklund stated worse case scenario is we get the two DNR loans and we do some bonding for the rest. Raddatz asked do you want to move forward or table this until we see if we get funded? Bjorklund stated I don't think we can table these applications. Raddatz stated so we move forward – no matter what? CDBG is due May 11th. Safe Drinking is due June 30th. Clean Water is due September 30th. You will hear on the CDBG late July. You will hear about the loans; we just won't know about the forgiveness portion. You will get the loans and close on them. There is a lot of money in principal forgiveness and even money carried forward from last year. A lot of the Infrastructure Monies you have heard about are going to these two programs. We can't guarantee principal forgiveness, but there is a pretty good chance of getting it. Raddatz we could just sit on this and wait. What is this board willing to take on for this project? Bjorklund stated I think we need to keep going forward. We already have money and time invested in the project. I would like to see us move forward and apply for these loans. Raddatz stated figure it out as we go. Bjorklund stated we may need to look at some bonding if needed. Move forward. If we leave it for another year the prices are just going to keep going up. The situation isn't going to get any better. Darren Peterson asked do we have any more documentation for the CDBG application? Rasmussen stated we have until May to get any more documentation. Having the environmental review done will be 10 more points. Rasmussen stated last year they had a matching funds section that scored you 40 points. That is going away this year. They want projects ready to go. Your plans/specs are all completed! Koch asked if you are not funded do you do only one of the streets? Raddatz stated you are just postponing that area and the costs are not going down. A couple of years down the road you will still be talking about this. Doing this project that end of town will be done. When you think economies of scale – it is better for bidding out the project to do the whole area. If only do part of the project you still have bad/old infrastructure. The principal forgiveness monies are there now and may not be down the road. Raddatz asked where do you want to go with this. Joe Peterson

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stated I want to keep moving forward. Gutzmer stated the monies are there now. Federal monies may not be there in the future. Rasmussen stated the principal forgiveness is a popular program with our clients. Raddatz stated we want to borrow as much money as possible thru that program that is qualified, so you get as much principal forgiveness as possible. Darren Peterson stated but that is only the water/sewer portion. Rasmussen stated sometimes they allow you to do a part of the street – you are replacing your system and have to rebuild the street. We might be looking at inflating these costs so if things come in higher, we are covered. We can't go up, but we can go down. You need to have \$500,000.00 to get the million. You also have to be prepared to not have this funded. Then again if you get principal forgiveness. Raddatz stated I sat here during our initial meeting and it was very confusing. This is a lot of money for a 20-year loan payment, but if you go to a 30 or 40 year loan your principal payment doesn't drop much and the interest you pay keeps going up. When you start pushing it over 20 years the interest is just too high. Raddatz continued my personal opinion is to keep the loans to a 20-year term. Darren Peterson asked what do other municipalities do? Rasmussen stated 20 years is normal. Bjorklund stated we need to keep moving forward. If we keep putting it off, we are only going to pay even more down the road. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve submitting the two applications – one for the Clean Water Fund and one for the Safe Drinking Water in order to keep moving forward the First Street and Second Street (West Ave to East Ave) Project forward. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with MSA Professional Services for the 2023 Clean Water Fund and Safe Drinking Water Applications and Administration as detailed. Discussion - Raddatz stated this does not include the \$20,000.00 if the CDBG is approved. This does include everything else. No further discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution #06-2022 Authorized Representative To File Applications For Financial Assistance From State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to move Resolution #06-2022 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Resolution #06-2022. Discussion – Bjorklund asked due to timing are there going to be any problems have Raddatz sign the applications? Raddatz stated we have that under control. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution #07-2022 A Resolution Declaring Official Intent To Reimburse Expenditures. Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to move Resolution #07-2022 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to pass and approve Resolution #07-2022. Raddatz called for any discussion. Nothing stated. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Public Works Monthly Report – December 2022 was read by Loescher. We are monitoring water temperatures. Water right now was at 43.8. We are checking at the Community Hall and Municipal Garage right now. No residents. What is going on with the EGR Valve on the Mack Plow Truck. Koch stated the truck is working right now. There can be an issue depending on how it was installed. If the EGR is vertically installed then you can put in another one. If it is horizontally installed then you need a whole new kit. They are working on it and it may a warranty issue. Scott Yetter is working on it for us. The water froze to the wash tub in the kitchen at the Community Hall. Kock stated the pipe is under the floor running from the hot water heater. We will be fixing. In 2016 Well #2 was rehabbed. You can go about every

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10 years. The Air Depth is not working. We may have to look at this sooner than later. There still has been an issue with vibration also. Raddatz asked how is plowing going? The guys stated good. Raddatz stated I drove around and things look really good. It is great seeing things widened out. Need to have room for more snow this time of the year. Keep things pushed back. Bjorklund stated the hill looks awesome.

FINANCE: Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the request from the Polk County Economic Development Corporation for the 2023 Contribution in the amount of \$895.00. This is in the budget. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for James Reisner, Kristan Steinmann, Sandra Michel, Wendy Reed, Laura Istel, and Steven Schulze. Raddatz stated Haass did background checks. There is one that has some priors. We have approved people with a past. This person's last issue was 2013/2014. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #41706-#41802 Payroll \$29,521.87 plus Vouchers \$258,927.88 for a Total of \$288,449.75. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for December 2022 was presented to the board. A total of 8 permits were issued in 2022.

The Police Department December 2022 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated December was a light month since I was using up some of my vacation. I will be doing some online training in January/February. There is a conference in March I plan to attend. Gutzmer stated on your one report I don't see any speeding tickets. Haass stated I can include them. Raddatz stated there were 23 incidents regarding dogs. Nothing else was stated.

LIBRARY: Library Board Minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting were in the packet. No discussion took place.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to approve the proposal from Rick's for the installation of Cabinets in the Municipal Office Breakroom in the amount of \$685.00. This is in the 2023 Budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update – St Croix Valley Foundation – Dresser Area Community Fund Statement dated September 30, 2022. Bjorklund stated we have \$1,946.00 dollars we can spend on projects this year. We will apply for the grant.

Village Audit to take place the week of February 6, 2023.

Spring Election to be held April 4, 2023. Yvette Varner has filed her Notification of Noncandidacy Form for the Spring Election. If you would like to serve your community – put your name on the Spring Ballot and run for Village Trustee – papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Residents have until 5:00 PM tomorrow to file papers. At this point we have a full ballot.

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Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Happy New Year to everyone. We received two calendars from KLM and our water tower is January 2024.

FEBRUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Joint Municipal Court Meeting, Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 7:27 PM. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.