

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Cathy Frandsen, Elina Kuusisto and Bryan Beseler were all present. Also present Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Attorney Tim Laux, Arik Mahler, Robert Thompson, Ryan Haass, Erik Everson, Sandy Bassett, Kathy Soul, Jeff Krenz, Jeff Gutzmer, Karen Andrie and Gene & Sharon Hendricks. The Standard Press/Ledger, the InterCounty Leader, and the Osceola Sun newspapers were all present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Durand to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, December 4, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Beseler called for citizen comments. Nothing was stated. Beseler closed citizen comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding the final plans for the Horsmann/Peterson Project and to set the bid opening date as Thursday, January 25, 2018. Everson stated since we last met there have been some minor changes from residents - nothing drastic to the overall plans. We are looking to finalize the plans tonight. Raddatz asked is the time line enough time to get bids back. Everson stated yes. Legally we have to publish as a Class 2 notice – contractors usually look at the plans and submit a bid during the final week. Usually most of the questions come the two days before the deadline. Bjorklund asked where will the bid opening take place. Everson stated it can happen here at the office or now we can do online bid openings which are all electronic. This is totally up to you. Traditionally you have opened bids here at the office. Laux stated there is no legal reason to do it that way. Raddatz asked will the results be available to view online. Everson stated yes anybody can look. The only drawback is if there is a local contractor that is not familiar with electronic submittals – Beseler stated due to the size and scope of this project I don’t expect the local guys to be bidding on it. Bjorklund asked how many places do you advertise. Everson stated the local newspaper, the online trade magazines, and quest network which many contractors in WI belong to. Raddatz stated the time for the bid opening is set at 10 am. Everson stated part of the motion tonight will be to set the time. Raddatz asked what do we need to do if this is online – Everson stated we will handle everything. Laux clarified if you do the online process of opening the determination still comes back to the February board meeting. Everson stated we review the bids and the online process eliminates some of the mistakes that can be made we would then be making a recommendation to the board. Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to accept the final plans and put the Horsmann/Peterson project out for bids with an online bid opening to be scheduled for January 25th at 10 am. Laux asked how is the public made aware of the event and how do they see what is happening from an open records stand point. Bjorklund stated after it is posted and a recommendation is made will there be a hard copy report that Jodi would have for the file. Everson stated Jodi would get a copy. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding using the Clean Water Fund for financing part of the Horsmann/Peterson Project. Everson stated as an update the Village did receive a CDBG grant for the project and our jobs are to look at other funding options and see if we can save you any money. We have submitted documents to the clean and safe water programs in the past but they didn't score high enough for grant money but you may qualify for low interest rates which are around 1%. We are showing you multiple scenario's in the handout. If you move forward with one of these loan programs an added benefit is that they require a fiscal sustainable plan which can be a useful tool in future. Another added requirement is that they are providing a grant up to a certain dollar amount where the money can be used to write the report and create utilities maps. In the future there may not be grant money for that. Beseler stated we currently we have interim financing. Everson stated with these programs there is still \$300,000 of ineligible cost that we would have to finance. Bjorklund asked is this the deadline for approving and moving forward with this. Everson stated yes because if you go this route there is a lot more paperwork in the bidding documents so that you would be able to utilize the grant program. We could include this wording in the specifications for the bid. Beseler asked could be bid it out asking for a bid with the clean water specs and one without. Everson stated in the clean water fund all of the materials have to come from America, the labor rates wouldn't change. Beseler stated looking at this and trying to finalize the bids in 3 weeks do we really want to muddy the waters with this. We could delay it a month and do bids in February. Raddatz stated earlier the better on the bids. I don't know about the additional paperwork. They have to use certain products. Raddatz continued I like the money savings but all of the additional work and the water and sewer utilities are strapped as it is so where are you going to be paying these loans back out of what fund? Beseler stated we have seen structured financing documents but yes we don't know the current rates. Raddatz stated I hate to not see it get bid out. It feels like our hands will be tied. Laux clarified that with the CDBG you have to use federal wage rates. Yes the state wage rates went away. Beseler asked how much additional work would it be to bid it two ways. Bid it with the Clean Water and bid it without. Everson stated I think it would be very confusing to contractors. Raddatz stated it is 6% savings of \$150,000 over 20 years but you still have all of the additional paperwork and rules to move forward and we would still have to finance \$300,000.00. The current plan is GO Debt with the water/sewer paying it back. We may have to pay completely back from the utilities if we use the Clean Water Fund. No motion was made. The Village did not move forward on this topic.

The Public Works Monthly Report for December 2017 was presented to the board.

Mahler read the report. Raddatz stated when you used the generator at the Well there were problems. Yes and that will be discussed at a future meeting. There is much more to come on that topic. Beseler stated something for you to ponder – prior to you guys – in my initial term we did monthly tours of the Dresser facilities. We will have new board members in April – we should get the Village Board into the buildings. You may want to hit on some of those things with the public works committee. We may want to start in April touring the facilities again.

FINANCE: Motion Raddatz/Moberg to approve an Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Amy Carrier. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Frandsen/Raddatz to approve the monthly Vouchers #36876-#36967 totaling \$134,973.23. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated they approved the library budget for 2018 and approved wages and hours. There was no book club in December and it will resume in January. We may have it at the Library or at an area business. There are new circulation policies from MORE that we will be looking at. Beseler asked what was the percentage of increase on wages. Frandsen didn't have that number available.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector report for December 2017 was presented to the board. Manwiller will be finishing any permits that he started in 2017. Ben Campbell starts January 1, 2018.

Resolution #01-2018 A Resolution Establishing Building Permit Fees. This is the new fee schedule for Ben Campbell. Motion Kuusisto/Durand to move Resolution #01-2018 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to pass and approve Resolution #01-2018. No further discussion took place. Beseler called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #01-2018 is passed and approved.

The Police Department December 2017 Report was presented to the board. Haass stated you have the monthly report and the year in review. Incidents are down but I did more calls for service in 2017.

Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to approve the request from the Osceola Ambulance for \$2,000.00 to put towards a new Asphalt Driveway for the Ambulance Building. Beseler stated we did discuss this previously and we did build in into the budget. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on December 13, 2017. Raddatz stated it was quite interesting recently after an accident where a car hit a pole on 240th. The building lost power and the question came up how do we get out. We are looking at a generator. What if it is out for a long period of time and the weather is very cold. The new billing company started the 1st. We hope to recover more money. Thank you to the board for the \$2,000.00 for the driveway.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Village of Dresser/Town of Osceola Cooperative Boundary Plan has been approved by the Wisconsin Department of Administration – Letter dated December 11, 2017. Beseler stated the plan has been officially approved by the Department of Administration. Publicly I would like to thank Jodi, Tim, Jim Thanig and Wayne Moberg. The feedback we got from the Department of Administration was good. Most of the time they pick it apart and send it back for review. Laux did that for us on the upfront end. Raddatz stated this had been about a 3 year process that started in March of 2015.

Motion Frandsen/Kuusisto to approve sending a letter of support to Megan Will, West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for a County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Beseler stated we talked about this before – do I have the authority to sign this? This doesn't obligate us to anything. Raddatz stated it looks like Barron County is doing the admin and it should not cost us anything. It is early in the stages. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Special Election to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Polls Open 7AM to 8PM.

Update regarding Village Board Elections to be held on April 3, 2018. Cathy Frandsen and Fatboy are not running. Three people have filed papers – Elina Kuusisto, Karen Andrie, and Jeff Gutzmer.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler – Nothing was stated.

FEBRUARY AGENDA BUSINESS: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, January 18, 2018

Village Board Meeting, Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM

Shelly Andrewson arrived at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Raddatz/Durand to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.