

VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, January 3, 2022 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, Darren Peterson, Joe Peterson, Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto, Yvette Varner and Jeff Gutzmer were present. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert -Clerk/Treasurer, Rob Thompson-Public Works, Matt Koch – Public Works, Ryan Haass-Police, Dave Rasmussen, Ben Wasmund, and Melody Boberg - Osceola Sun Newspaper. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting, December 6, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: Dave Rasmussen, MSA Professional Services was present to give an update on the income surveys for a Community Development Block Grant Application for Second Street (West Ave to East Ave). Rasmussen stated at the last meeting we discussed expanding the project to include Second Street. Income surveys were sent out and I am happy to report that the additional income surveys did put us over the LMI requirement. You surveyed 30 households and 29 came back. It is rare that we get that many back. This has worked out great. There are a total of 19 LMI families with 10 families being Non LMI. For the service area the LMI is 61.64%. This is way over the 51% that is needed. We will be putting the forms together that we need to submit to DOA for their approval. The DOA did approve the expanded service area already. This now makes the Village eligible to submit for a Community Development Block Grant. Will be applying in late May and you should hear by the end of July whether you get a grant or not. The grant is now a 2/3rds grant up to a million dollars and 1/3 matching funds. The estimate for this project is around \$1.5 million. The board now needs to decide if you want to move forward with the application for the Grant assuming the DOA accepts the survey results and gives us the notice to Proceed with the Application. This is the 3rd year that they have required the income survey’s to be completed and approved by February 15th. Hopefully once MSA gets the paperwork into the DOA we will hear within a week or so. It is going to be a tougher competition this year. Last year they had 24 million in funds available. This year they are looking at only 10-14 million this round. It will be a tougher competition as the pool of funds gets smaller. Raddatz asked when we apply in May do we have to have final full plans? Rasmussen stated no not yet, but I believe that will be coming in the future. We are also going to want to look at the Safe Drinking and Clean Water programs through the DNR. We will want to submit our Intent to Apply by next October 31st, which gets you on that list. Safe Drinking water plans spring of 2023. Clean Water - Sanitary plans September 30th. You can start the project and then get the funding. Sometimes with these programs there is principal forgiveness otherwise it is a very low interest program. The principal forgiveness would be on your match of the project – 60%. Right now, I believe the infrastructure money is going through the EPA agency so this may be good for you. There are some strings attached to those programs. If funded under the CDBG, which again you would find out in July construction could be spring of 2023. So, when you are looking at the Safe Water/Clean Water programs you will know if you got the CDBG, but we have to get Dresser on the list in October to be considered. MSA will bring back a contract to submit the application and I can bring that to your February meeting. Darren Peterson asked when will the plans get started. Rasmussen stated that will be a separate

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contract, the question is do you wait until you hear about whether you got the CDBG. If you don't get funded this year you could submit again in 2023. Darren Peterson asked how much will plans/specs cost. Rasmussen stated on a 1.4 million project – rough estimate \$200,000.00. How much will the contract be to submit the application – around \$10,000.00. Motion Darren Peterson/Varner to approve MSA Professional Services to submit the application for a Community Development Block Grant for First Street (West Ave to East Ave) and Second Street (West Ave to East Ave). Contract to come back at the February Meeting. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Ben Wasmund, Lakes Region EMS – Discussion was held regarding an Ambulance Service Contract with St Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Wasmund apologized for not being able to attend the last meeting. I had met with the Board of Directors and they decided that they wanted to keep the contract the same for all communities. I had submitted a letter at the last meeting for the finance committee to review and I believe you have removed the per capita out of your budget. I just wanted to get back in front of you. We want to honor your wishes – do you want us to continue to provide service without a contract – or is it your intent to go with Osceola Ambulance 100%? Raddatz stated we submitted to you what our attorney advised for contract revisions. Wasmund stated yes but our board wants to keep all contracts consistent. Bjorklund stated at this time we removed the per capita from the budget. It is too bad because there was not much we changed. Response time and quarterly updates. Wasmund stated we want to have county wide response times. We want to be consistent around Polk County. Gutzmer stated that makes sense – there are response time differences. You are trying to compare apples to oranges. Bjorklund stated I believe we would want you to continue to serve Dresser. Darren Peterson stated we continue as is. Status quo.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #40753-#40844 Payroll \$24,743.23 plus Vouchers \$219,395.82 for a Total of \$244,139.05. No further discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Joe Peterson to approve Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Hunter Benish and Amy Carrier. Raddatz stated Benish listed a misdemeanor but Haass couldn't find it. No other issues. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update – Village of Dresser received a 2021 Park and Recreation Grant in the amount of \$559.00 from the League of WI Municipalities. Bjorklund stated items have already been spent in the parks that this money can be used for.

Update – Village of Dresser received a 2021 Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of \$500.00 from the League of WI Municipalities. The purchase of the grapple for the loader qualified us for this grant money.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer for Public Works to purchase an Apple iPad (9th Generation) with accessories and truck docking equipment totaling \$870.18. Koch stated this gives us each an iPad to work off of. We are using the one we have all of the time. It is used for Diamond Maps and emails. There will be one in each truck. In the 2022 Budget there is \$1,000.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the estimate #9333 from J&S General Contracting in the amount of \$15,460.00 for concrete floor/sewer connection for Municipal Garage Floor. We did budget for this and it is time to get rid of the dirt floor in the shop. Raddatz called for a vote. All in Favor. Darren Peterson Abstained. All other board members voted yes. Motion Carried.

The Public Works Monthly Report December 2021 was presented to the Board by Koch. Repairs were made to the wing on the dump truck after hitting the railroad tracks on State Street. The bolts did break, but a plate was bent. The track is sticking up on State Street. The railroad may need to look at this. Raddatz stated I have received a few reports from residents – texts and comments on our public works guys and they are doing a great job. The residents are happy.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for December 2021 was on the table for you to review. No additional permits were issued in December.

The Police Department December 2021 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated the report is on the table. This past month I also participated in the Walmart Sponsored Shop with a Cop. There were 50 kids signed up. What was the ATV Violation? Haass stated it was a juvenile stop - more educational than anything.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Special Meeting that was held on December 18, 2021. Raddatz stated the minutes are on the table. It was suggested that we give something to retain our EMS employees and give them a covid bonus. So, \$3,300.00 was given out to employees before Christmas.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting. Kuusisto stated we approved the holiday appreciation payments. We are following the trend in the area in regards to Library Services and we are fully open. Linda Bowitz is still working a few hours here and there to help us out. Bjorklund stated it looks like you got a nice donation from a resident. That will be on the January Library Board Meeting.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding request from Karen Andrie for a memorial for Roy Andrie. Bjorklund stated when I read this right away, I had 2 or 3 ideas. Right now, we don't know if she is thinking \$200.00 or \$2,000.00 dollars. I was thinking that the Parks Committee could work with her. Gutzmer stated I talked to her today. Bjorklund stated they are people of nature is what Karen put in her request. I don't know if we necessarily need to call a meeting. Raddatz stated call a meeting and have Karen attend. Kuusisto is chair of the Parks Committee – this is new to me, but I will figure it out. Bjorklund stated we might want to talk to Karen first. Should discuss dates and times for a meeting and then go from there.

Spring Election to be held on April 5, 2022. Nomination papers for Village Trustee positions due Tuesday, January 4, 2022 by 5:00 PM. Papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Jeff Gutzmer, Elina Kuusisto, & Darren Peterson are up for reelection.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. I would like to again thank the guys for their hard work. It is nice seeing black top. Kuusisto agreed they are out late and up early. They are already out there when I need to go and it is great. The Village Audit is

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scheduled for January 31st to February 2nd FYI. Raddatz stated you can see the notes in your packet. Haass helped a lady out on Highway 35. There is a Thank You from the Lion's Club and again appreciating the public works guys. Barb & Lee Williamson sent a Thank You for the Appreciation Bonus that they received before Christmas. Koch stated I forgot to mention the Sewer Pumps are scheduled to be installed on February 8th and 9th.

FEBRUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Possible Joint Municipal Court Meeting, Thursday, January 6, 2022

Library Board Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, January 20, 2022

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Gutzmer/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.