

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, January 4, 2021. In order to comply with social distancing rules, the meeting was moved from the Municipal Office, 102 W Main Street to the Dresser Community Hall, 115 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Wayne Moberg, Elina Kuusisto, Darren Peterson, and Jeff Gutzmer were present. Bakke Norman, Paul Mahler Village Attorney was present. Also present Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch-Public Works, Rob Thompson-Public Works, Ben Wasmund-Lakes Region EMS, and Joe & Hannah Peterson. The InterCounty Leader - Greg Marsten and The Osceola Sun – Matt Anderson newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting, December 7, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve minutes of the Closed Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, December 21, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Peterson/Moberg to approve minutes of the Open Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, December 21, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Ben Wasmund – Lakes Region EMS - I wanted to be available to answer questions regarding the contract and invoices. There seems to be some communication issues so I am not on the agenda for this evening. I would be happy to come back for the next meeting. I have left you the 2019 Annual Report for Lakes Region EMS and a pamphlet called St Croix Valley EMS update for Village of Dresser January 2021. Raddatz stated yes, we will need to have you come back at the next board meeting. Wasmund stated I will reach out and get on the next agenda. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. No other comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS: Update was given regarding accident involving Matt Koch and the 1998 International Plow Truck. Koch had brought some pictures for the board to look at. Raddatz stated everyone has been notified at this point. Koch is doing good. Other board members commented – we are happy you are OK. What is the future of the truck? Raddatz stated we are waiting to hear from the insurance company. When we do find out about the truck do you want to have a special board meeting to discuss right away or how should it be handled. They felt that Raddatz and Public Works could review and keep things moving forward. Raddatz stated we don’t know when something will happen, so depending on the timing it might be the next board meeting. Either way there will be an update next month.

Public Works Monthly Report: December 2020. Koch read the report that was included in the board packets.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Osceola Rod & Gun Club for sale of fermented malt beverages at the Osceola Rod & Gun Club Banquet to be held on February 13, 2021 at the Dresser Community Hall. Bjorklund stated this is an annual event for them. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Destiny Bolling, Lucas Hanson, Bridget Miller and Nikki Gehrke. Raddatz stated they are all in your packet. Lucas Hanson has a couple of Felonies. Gilbert stated I don't believe they are alcohol related. Haass's memo to the board noted that Mr. Hanson is eligible for expungement upon successful completion of probation and no further convictions.

Mahler stated if the charges will be dismissed in the future then they would not be part of your deliberations. If the person is habitually offending that would need to be reviewed. This is board discretion. Bjorklund stated I think we should consider the 3 and have Mr. Hanson reapply after the convictions have been expunged in July. Kuusisto agreed saying I don't want to hold anybody back, but it is not very long until July and he could then reapply. Raddatz stated people make mistakes and then they have to deal with the consequences. Motion

Kuusisto/Durand to approve Operator's Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Destiny Bolling, Bridget Miller, and Nikki Gehrke. Lucas Hanson is not approved at this time, but we welcome him to reapply after the felonies have gone thru expungement. Clerk Gilbert was instructed to send out a letter to Mr. Hanson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #39818-#39910 Payroll \$27,160.53 plus Vouchers \$116,187.84 for a Total of \$143,348.37. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for December 2020 was present to the board. No permits were issued in December. There were 17 permits issued for 2020.

Discussion was held regarding a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the Village of Dresser and the City of St Croix Falls. Raddatz stated our new attorney Paul Mahler, Bakke Norman is also the attorney for the City of St Croix Falls and he helped to write the agreement originally. Mahler stated I see that Attorney Laux has struck several lines in the contract. Just a little background on this. I was approached by the Police Chief in St Croix Falls and they have entered into an agreement with the school district of St Croix Falls and one of the schools in that district is in Dresser. They are looking at this agreement since a St Croix Falls Officer will be at times at the Dresser Elementary School and this lays out how any incidents would be handled. Technically right now he can't do any enforcement for that incident and they would prefer that instead of calling the Dresser Police Chief every time something comes up; they can just handle it. The intent is to be able to perform duties while at the Dresser school. The agreement can be changed to reflect this. They are looking for an efficient way to operate. There is already some mutual aid between the different departments. I will go back and tweak the agreement and limit it to the school grounds because that was the original intent. Raddatz asked how do you want to handle this. Durand stated I would like to see the updates. Mahler stated I can bring this back to you for the for February meeting. Bjorklund stated I was just questioning the wording where it talks about "deemed an employee of who?" Mahler stated they are an employee of the school.

Police Department December 2020 Report – Raddatz stated it was on table for you to review. Bjorklund stated the new vehicle has graphics on it. Any update on the status of the old vehicle being put on the action? It was unknown.

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Update was given from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on December 9, 2020. Raddatz stated the meeting was held by zoom. We renewed the balance of the house loan. We only have \$30,201.69 remaining on the loan. The interest rate is 3.85% which is a little high, but it is a commercial rate not residential. Bjorklund stated Robin says that it is has been very busy. Raddatz stated yes, the runs have been up.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting. Kuusisto stated there is not a lot to report. This is always a slow time of the year. Our goal for 2021 is to find ways to connect with people besides online. We are increasing our service hours. Working to keep things safe/curb side pickups. The increase in hours is so people can pick things up and make it more convenient for them. We keep following the State Guidelines with COVID. We gave a wage increase to Linda Ferris and things are looking good.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Spring Election is to be held on April 6, 2021. Nomination papers have been filed as follows:

Village President: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz

Village Trustee: Grace Bjorklund, Open Position, Open Position

Nomination papers are due by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Gilbert presented an update to the board. Joe Peterson and Yvette Varner have also filed nomination papers. Raddatz stated so right now we have a full ballot.

Village Audit will take place the week of February 1 2021.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Welcome our new attorney – Paul Mahler with Bakke Norman. Just a reminder when you get an email please don’t reply to all. That is an open meeting violation. You can’t reply to all only to the person who sent it. We don’t want to get the Village in trouble. This is just a reminder. Mahler stated I have had other communities where lawsuits were filed regarding this. Also remember that all emails are public and need to be kept. Don’t delete them. They are all public information.

FEBRUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:

NEXT MEETINGS:

Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 5:15 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Service Board Mtg, Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM – Dresser Station

Village Board Meeting, Monday, February 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to adjourn at 7:00 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.