

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, January 5, 2015, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Jim Rochford Jr., Darron Nelson, Elina Kuusisto, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Grace Bjorklund, and Bryan Beseler were all present. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk, Ryan Haass–Police, Steve Jacobs–Public Works Supervisor, Dan and Debbie Nord, many citizens from the Town of Osceola and some from the Village of Dresser. The Standard Press/Ledger, The InterCounty Leader, and the The Osceola Sun newspapers were all present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Rochford/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, December 1, 2014. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the CDBG Housing Committee Meeting, December 8, 2014. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Beseler opened up the floor to citizen comments. Dan Nord – I just wanted to thank the Village Board and the community for giving me the opportunity to serve the Village for the past 34 years. Thank you to my co-workers for putting up with me and being supportive during everything. I would also like to thank my family for being there through everything. A heartfelt thank you to all of you. Trishia Carlson-896 207th Street– I am opposed to any annexation or any quarry. Bob Wright- I served on the Town of Osceola board and this was once recommended and voted down, was twice in court and voted down and I oppose any new quarry. Darryl Hanson-South View Lane- I am opposed to any quarry. Chad Oye-898 217th Street- We purchased our house in the fall of 2008 because of the quality of life, able to open the windows and not be disturbed, if the quality of life was not present at that time we would never have come here, so in this case we are opposed to this. BreNel Ward-219 South Street W- I am opposed to the quarry since it has already been shot down by the State of Wisconsin. They couldn't guarantee the quality of wells and there would be a lot of noise in the yards. Mike Vaneps-991 210th Street- I am opposed to the quarry or land annexation to Dresser. My property borders the proposed area and I have had peace and quiet for 25 years. I would like to again remind everyone that this has been opposed by the Town of Osceola, Polk County, and the State of Wisconsin. It is not good for the whole community. Richard Volmer-215 State Street W- I am opposed for the same reasons and all of the extra traffic that would be involved. Michael Frandsen-207th – I am opposed to annexation and the quarry. We built our dream house for the peace and quite and been through this once already and we are not in favor of it. John Fogelberg-836 207th Street- One of the reasons they say that this is a good thing is for the jobs, the truck driver jobs that would be involved. For your information there is a shortage of truck drivers in the United States right now and anyone who wants to drive truck could get a job tomorrow and right now the unemployment rate is lower than the State average, so I don't see a reason for the mine and for just a handful of jobs. Betty Miller-145 Nelson Avenue- I own two Dresser properties and I am formally opposed to a quarry or to the annexation of land from the Town of Osceola. If this was to happen it has the potential for a major ecological affect on many people in the township. For any officials in Dresser to intervene would be disrespectful to our Osceola neighbors and has anybody thought about the recreational part that could be developed that would generate revenue for this area and leave the earth intact. I have four generations of our family that have lived in this area and I pray that future generations will love this place. We are here tonight to stop the land from being blown up. A poem was read. Pam Erickson-89th Ave- I am opposed to the annexation and against the quarry. This will only disturb everything in the area. Joe Cronick- Highway MM is busy enough. Right now you can just sit and watch the traffic go by and smell the diesel all of the time. Need to stop destroying property for a few dollar gain. We are doing it in WI and MN right now and we need to stop the madness and preserve things for our kids and living a clean life is important to our society. Joe Risdam- I have the same comments regarding annexation and it is incompatible land use. Jerry Viebrock- I am one of the

developers of Lotus Lake Estates estimating over time here the developments have added 40 to 50 million of value to the valley and that affects the Village of Dresser. If there would have been a mine there we would have very little development in that area. I just wouldn't have happened. People came in there understanding the way it is, so that is why they moved there. This would be immoral to all of those people and the value of the assets contributing to the Village of Dresser economy would not be there. It is just ridiculous I am opposed that the Village would consider taking this land into the Village. Melissa Germain-822 214th Street- I am actually one of the residents of Lotus Lake and for our family this was an investment of a lifetime. What is this going to do to our water supply, our value would decrease, we moved out here for a reason and I don't want to move. If we had to move we wouldn't be able to afford the same quality of life. Dan Burch-2141 90th Avenue- my property has been in the family since the 1940's. The Township has already showed that this is incompatible land use and not a jobs issue. This has already taken a toll on future lots being sold. Things in the area are not selling. Tony Havranek- I am one of those people who have spent their savings to build in this area, since I didn't think the mine issue would come back up again. The Dresser Comprehensive Plan doesn't address this and the Town of Osceola has scientific evidence regarding this issue. The residents don't want something like this near their homes affecting the drinking water supply and the surface water. The lake association has been putting funds into the area to improve peace of mind. We live on the south end and have finished building our house and we can go outside and hear the cows mooing. It is great. I am against annexation and the quarry. Brad Landgren-941 235th Street- I am opposed to a quarry. I have 3 kids that ride bikes to the Dresser Library and having Semi Trucks running would not be good and they will only ruin the roads. Who is going to pay for that? Kirk Johnson-217th Street- I have the same opinion and I oppose the annexation for the purpose of a quarry. You really need to investigate what is being proposed and remember it does affect the ground water and you can't reverse that once it is done. Jeanne Rochford-232 100th Ave Dresser WI- All that I am asking is to voice to my opinion and I am not asking for annexation but like everyone else here tonight I ask to say my peace and show you what has changed since the Kramer situation. I live here with my children and I am just asking for freedom of speech not to act on it just to show you the differences and then everyone is welcome to your opinion. Jennifer Lehman- I am opposed to annexation and a quarry. I grew up in Northern MN on the Iron Range and you shouldn't under estimate the affect of mining on the environment. Melissa Ward-2127 105th Avenue- Very simple not today, not tomorrow, not ever do we want this mine. Susan Burch-2141 90th Avenue- the land we have has been in our family since the 1940's. Everyone has already deemed this incompatible land use and this is not a good idea. Beseler called for any further comments. Nothing stated. Public Comments declared to be closed.

PREREGISTERED: Nobody was preregistered for this meeting.

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: No issues on the agenda.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Rochford to approve the monthly Vouchers #34101 - #34184 Totaling \$48,591.20. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the December 8, 2014 meeting were presented to the board.

Rochford stated we have a new library director starting today. I have only met her during the interview process. We welcome her to Dresser and encourage people to stop and introduce themselves. Lori Pickard is her name. We hope to see some exciting changes along with some of the same things that have been happening will continue with our small library.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for December 2014 was presented to the board.

The Police Department December 2014 report was presented to the Village Board.

Update was given in regards to the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on December 18 2014. Kuusisto stated there is nothing big happening at this time. The meeting minutes sum it up.

PUBLIC WELFARE:

PLAN COMMISSION:

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was held in regards to a February presentation from Blue Rock Quarry. Beseler stated we have heard this request before and I have reported about it in Chairman Comments and we have not allowed the request. A citizen can address the board two ways 1) Section 205.12 Public Comments as we seen tonight and 2) Section 2.15 Preregistered with the 2 conditions required to register relating to a matter on the agenda. If Blue Rock would bring an annexation proposal and I felt that 2B couldn't be met this board could suspend our rules with a 2/3 vote. It was said in a letter that they would like to present like people in the past and I can't find a single instance where someone presented without an agenda item. Members of the public accuse me of not allowing them to be heard, it is not that I am restricting them from being heard I am tasked with overseeing a process that is matters of the presentation. Recently the "Municipality" discussed whether the public has a right to speak at a meeting – no longer can people just discuss – that article states that the best way to seek public input if an annexation is proposed is through a public process – that would involve a presentation - why they want to give that before the annexation request I don't know. I am here to oversee our rules. This sets the scene and I open up this to further discussion. Rochford stated this just came out? Beseler stated I pulled it off the web site on Friday and the Municipality is new. Couldn't this have been printed in time for the meeting? Bjorklund stated the question for them is to make a presentation prior to annexation we would need a 2/3 vote to suspend the rules, which is this Ordinance the decision of the board would be to suspend the rules and allow a presentation before annexation. Laux stated you have different things Beseler is referring to what is in Section 2.15 that in order for a proponent or public to comment on matter of agenda the matter has to be on the agenda that has never happened. There is no petition to annex. Unless a 2/3 vote is obtained to suspend the rules regarding the matter on the agenda. Laux stated you can do that if all of the members present with matter under consideration the same item on the agenda. What you would be saying is you need a 2/3 vote to suspend rules that you would not need to have the matter on the agenda and the rule changes allow you to listen to a presentation that is normally a way we would do business in a legislative board. Your board is to take under consideration to take matters that are on the agenda. You need to have an agenda. That is my opinion. Otherwise what rules do you have? So your opinion – if you suspend the rules to make a presentation that is not under your consideration – it is not in front of you? Bjorklund stated I don't know? Laux stated they are our friends, relatives, and they now want to after being already turned down establish a trap rock mine. Nobody has ever told them they couldn't do it. File a petition. Beseler stated I don't know if they are going to file. If we would receive an annexation it wouldn't be decided on in 5 minutes. The first thing is a 90 day review of the petition is this real – we are not even at the voting on the annexation part. You have a 120 day window to make a final annexation decision. I have gotten the feeling that they feel that if they filed an annexation request that nobody is going to listen to them. It would go to public hearing, residents, Town of Osceola etc. all concerns would be heard as to why or why not to have this. Presentations would be given, experts would be brought in, everyone's voice given an opportunity to be heard, and I have tried to keep this at a discussion for the last three months. I had a conversation with Glyn Thorman on how to get from point a to point b. Submitting a petition for annexation would start this process. With a 2/3 vote making an exception tonight. As a resident, Village residents have concerns with that, people want to be heard, they will have an opportunity, every single opportunity as the land owners, not within the 3 minutes. If we suspend the rules to have a significant presentation from one will the others of them be bringing us their opportunity to present if I have said yes to someone else? Trying to balance to go forward. I have no problem going on record not stopping anyone from

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their voice being heard. Any other discussion if not make a motion to put on the February agenda. Tonight's vote would take a majority and the night of the meeting out of order would need a 2/3 vote in February to suspend the rules. I don't want people to take time to prepare if it is not going to happen. Any Motion from the floor? After some time nothing was stated.

Monthly update was given by Village President – Bryan Beseler. We heard Nord's retirement speech earlier and we gave him a great party and we gave him his gift. Jacobs is running the show now. We are back to a 2 man crew. Things are going well. Beseler stated a couple of weeks ago I woke and the roads were plowed. Durand stated he is doing an excellent job.

Nomination papers for Village President/Trustee positions can be circulated until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Papers obtained from the Village Clerk Office.

FEBRUARY AGENDA BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, January 22, 2015

Village Board Meeting, Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Village of Dresser Audit scheduled for February 3-5, 2015 with CliftonLarsonAllen

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Beseler stated potentially for the February agenda I will be chatting with Attorney Laux and consulting with Cedar Corp. Blue Rock wants us to form a committee to look at a business plan if considered it would need to be beneficial to both parties. Not because of the end results – the Village Board is here to protect the Village in the long run. The Village needs to be prepared when the conversation may come.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Nelson/Durand to adjourn at 7:17 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.