

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
POLK COUNTY  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2017, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Cathy Frandsen, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Elina Kuusisto, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, and Bryan Beseler were all present. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Steve Jacobs-Public Works Supervisor, Burdette Anderson, Gene & Sharon Hendricks, Jeff Gutzmer, Heather & Jon Bear, Andrea Luttinen, Mike Breault, Robert Curtis, Chris & Monica Bernd and one other person from the public. The Standard Press/Ledger, the InterCounty Leader, and the Osceola Sun(Arrived After Citizen Comments)-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 Frandsen/Durand to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, June 5, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Moberg/Raddatz to approve the minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting, June 12, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the minutes of the Public Welfare Committee Meeting, June 19, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, June 21, 2017. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Beseler called for citizen comments. Heather Bear made the following statement: “Mr. Beseler and the Village Board: We were given a legal opinion that the current allegations against you do not effect your ability to work as village president. But I can assure you that it does. It affects the residents of Dresser and it affects our reputation. These charges may not be work related, but anyone charged with a crime of that magnitude is generally asked to step down or resign. There is a code of ethics that should be adhered to. You are a public figure, and ethics wasn’t even addressed in the statement given. A Polk county judge ruled on Friday that there is enough evidence to move forward with your case. I don’t believe it’s appropriate for you to be making decisions for the village when you are facing two felony counts of child abuse. I realize that you are innocent until proven guilty, but be a decent human being and step down until the judicial process has been completed. This case could take over a year. I would think you would want to stay out of the unfavorable limelight. This child is still in the hospital. It’s rather embarrassing as a resident to say that the guy that has been elected to lead our town is facing forty years in prison if convicted. If you are found innocent, I am sure you will be welcomed back, and this will be behind you. But for now, For the reputation of our village, please do the right thing and step down. It’s about the integrity of our community. Heather Bear” Andrea Luttinen – Due to the allocations against you - you had to appear in court this past Friday. No other Village President has had this hanging over them. Do what is right – if this happened before the election do you think you would have been selected – there is no growth in Dresser. You being an alleged felon do you think people will want to come live in Dresser. I am ashamed to live in Dresser. Robert Curtis – I am a former victim of child abuse – I can’t believe that the council has not asked him to step down. You should step down. For the best of Dresser step down. Monica Bernd – I have lived here for 12 years. I don’t want this to affect our community or to have other children affected by your actions. You are not a good roll model. You need to step down. No other comments were made.

**PREREGISTERED:** Nothing on the Agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Discussion took place regarding a request from F&A Dairy on what the charges would be to send 2-3 million gallons of waste water to the Village of Dresser only in 2017. Beseler turned the floor over to Mike Breault. Breault stated I am Vice President of operations for F&A Dairy. We are in the process of replacing our ammonia system and currently we have a lot more water to get rid of. I thought it would be nice to have the city run this water thru its system and charge us a little over cost. We are working with the DNR to

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have them allow us to spray more on the fields. I just thought if the city was interested. The water is already treated. Our Waste Water System is fixed, but this year we have additional water. I just thought the Village may want to make a little extra money. Raddatz stated – if you don't put it into our system will you overload your system. Breault stated we have a permit to spray on the fields and the DNR can give us permission to spray more. I just thought if the Village wants to make a little money. Beseler stated – this is not about making the money. We need to be fair to all of the residents. In the past the main road block to F&A Dairy sending flow to the Village was the pricing issue. I don't expect you to pay more but you also shouldn't pay less than everyone else. Breault stated we spent \$100,000.00 to put in a pipe to attach to the Village. Bjorklund stated – the 2-3 million is overall, so how many gallons a day would you be sending. Breault stated - 20,000 a day for 6 months. Bjorklund asked has Osceola been asked if they can handle this. Beseler stated in the past their system can handle it. Breault stated this is not a deal you have to do - I am going to the DNR at the end of the week. We treat the water ourselves. I would pay whatever it cost to treat and send to Osceola and I would pay over that by around a \$1.00. Just trying to do a good deed to the Village. Raddatz stated you just keep the ponds not smelling. Beseler commented the ultimate question is does the board want to consider accepting 2-3 million and negotiate a lower price. Can the pumping station handle this? Yes was stated per Jacobs. Breault stated I do not want to argue. Beseler continued previously the board did not want to provide a reduced rate and if it is the normal price – based on my conversation with Mr. Breault he is not interested. Bjorklund stated he only wants to pay \$1.00. No an estimated \$1.00 over cost. Breault stated I needed to put this out before going to the DNR. Beseler I am in agreement with previous decisions that he should pay the same rate as everyone else. I don't need a motion to charge a regular rate. If the board wants to offer a reduced rate then we need a motion. No motion was brought forward. Beseler commented to Mr. Breault that the board is not in favor of your proposal. If you want to put together a contract based on the rates everyone is paying we can sit down and do that.

Discussion took place regarding repair charges in the amount of \$6,307.87 to the 1998 IHC Dump Truck. Jacobs stated – against the back wall is the part that caused all of other problems. Diesel Rocker changed out the oil pump and seal and everything seemed fine. After three days of sitting the oil drained out and they came out again and took the truck back to their shop. The front cover, o-rings, and gasket had to be replaced. Raddatz asked why didn't they find that the first time. Jacobs stated they tried different tests – it is hard to look at it and tell that was what was wrong – no excuse. Bjorklund stated so the first time they were here it cost \$3,400.00 – This was a repair bill that we seen no estimate to fix on. Then we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> invoice for \$870.95 and a 3<sup>rd</sup> one for \$1,684.30 – again these are all invoices. We received no quotes on what it was going to be to fix it. Beseler stated – when everything was put back together one more thing happened. Jacobs stated the check engine light came on. The IPR Valve and the Core had to be changed out. Jacobs continued there was one other part – that one was on me – the piston lifting the plow had been leaking. He could have it rebuilt it for half the price. I told him to fix it. I should have gone to you first. This was the Re seal Front Plow Ram for \$259.65. Raddatz stated OK you have the cost of the parts and the labor to do the work – Bjorklund stated what is this sales tax only applies to parts. We don't pay sales tax. There was tax added in the beginning. This has no sales tax on it. Raddatz asked if it was running good. Jacobs stated yes we have had no issues since we got it back. The truck is in the shop. Bjorklund clarified - nothing has been paid on this. That is correct we were holding the first bill until everything was working. Bjorklund continued we have \$1,800 left for repairs and maintenance to equipment. This is really blowing our budget. Beseler stated it is impacting a line item. We could send this back to finance or you run this line item over and some come in under. Bjorklund stated I am very concerned about this. We should have talked about some costs up front. Raddatz agreed. Motion Beseler/Raddatz to approve the repairs to the 1998 IHC Dump Truck in the amount of \$6,307.87 to be paid out of the Machinery & Equipment Maintenance & Repair account 10-53240-340. Bjorklund stated no more repairs this year. Raddatz stated this was a lot of money to put into that old truck, but it is still in good shape. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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The 2016 Consumer Confidence Report – Dresser Waterworks was presented to the Board. Jacobs stated if you go through it last year we had some initial fails, but with the 2<sup>nd</sup> test everything passed. There were no violations this past year. There is nothing that should jump out at you on this report. Bjorklund stated was this report completed and filed by July 1<sup>st</sup>? Jacobs stated it did not get to them by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, but I did get it to them by the date they asked.

Public Works Monthly Report – June 2017 – Jacobs stated J&S did complete the concrete work at the Library. The railing is being built. By next week it should be done and ready to be installed. In regards to landscaping I will get with Barb Williamson and we will bring up the dirt in the flower garden. The project meets all standards. There was one slight problem – with the size of the box and trying to come off of the existing sidewalk it twisted. It is working now. I believe they like the project so far. Raddatz asked why did Haass chip with you this past month instead of Mike. Mike was on vacation. Nothing else was stated.

**FINANCE:** Update was given on the hiring of a Full Time Public Works Employee. Beseler stated the Finance Personnel Committee is meeting tomorrow night. There are 7 applicants.

Discussion took place regarding Ryan Haass performing public works duties. Bjorklund stated we used him when Mike was out with surgery – we didn't know that it was going to go beyond that time frame. Haass was concerned about making sure the police duties are being performed. He is not trained for public works emergencies. Beseler asked Jacobs what do you vision with rounds. Jacobs stated he is doing the well readings, the transfer station readings, and cleaning the grate. If a tree goes down or a sewer is plugged I would still be on stand by through the telephone. He would be doing rounds every other weekend. Jacobs continued I am considering going to a 3 weekend rotation – myself, new employee, and Haass. Beseler stated that may work since Haass is already here on the weekend. Gilbert stated I believe Haass is looking to receive overtime for doing rounds. The public works department gets a 2 hour minimum paid out as overtime when they do rounds on the weekend. Haass's time at this point would be paid overtime to the public works department. This is not any different then when Mike was working. Bjorklund asked do you want to do this as an ongoing thing or just temporary until the position is filled. Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen that the board approve Ryan Haass to do the public works weekend rounds filling the current vacancy position in the public works department. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Frandsen/Kuusisto to approve the monthly vouchers #36431-#36508 totaling \$47,354.12. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board minutes from the June 12, 2017 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated - the big news is the new ramp sidewalk along with the new book return. There are also fun things happening on the inside of the Library. If you check out 5 books you get a chance to win a prize. If you refer a patron to the Library or if you are a first time visitor to the Library your name goes in a hat for a monthly drawing. Go check out the Library.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion was held giving an update and to possibly set a meeting date regarding the Request for Proposal - Building Inspection and Related Services – Future Contract. Raddatz stated this has gone out for RFP. Those communities that went back to their boards were included. I believe 10-12 communities. People are getting interested. Not sure how many that were in the initial group have already found inspectors and are making deals. I am not sure on this local area. July 21<sup>st</sup> everything is due. We are meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> to go over the applications. Gilbert asked do we look at redoing our existing contract so we are ready to make an offer to someone? Raddatz stated I think we need to see what is going to come in. Let's get through this next meeting and see what is available. We don't have the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline like some communities do.

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The Building Inspector Report for June 2017 was presented to the Board. There are things happening in Dresser and yes there is growth.

The Police Department June 2017 Report was presented to the Board. One fireworks complaint – only one – this report does not include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Update from the Ambulance Meeting, June 15, 2017. Raddatz stated they brought us another Ambulance to look at. They are so expensive, but funds are coming in. Otherwise nothing too exciting. Bjorklund stated you are discussing a per capita increase again. Raddatz stated yep another increase. It is going up. Operating Costs are going up. The per capita money is not being used for a new ambulance. The per capita is just for operating cost and yes we will need to do a new contract. One more thing we will be done with LifeQuest - we are going to be done with them. We are going with a new company that is very aggressive. They are not tiered. It is a flat rate and they are very aggressive in the first 90 days.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Ordinance #250-2017 An Ordinance Amending a Part of the Village Board Code Relating to the Possession and use of firearms and other dangerous weapons. Beseler stated traditionally with Ordinance changes they are small updates and not completely new. We can amend the rules to waive the readings or we could accept this as a first reading tonight. Bjorklund stated we went over this with Officer Haass at the committee meeting. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to amend the rules waiving three readings 2.10(b). Beseler called for vote. Beseler voted No. Durand voted No. Beseler stated we should take a roll call vote on this. Frandsen – yes, Raddatz – yes, Kuusisto – yes, Bjorklund – yes, Durand – no, Moberg – no, Beseler – no. Remember this is just to amend the rules. We need a 2/3 vote to move forward. We don't have a 2/3 vote. Tonight is the first reading on this Ordinance Change. This will come back at the August board meeting and we could waive the final two readings. Attorney Laux stated he will review.

Ordinance #251-2017 An Ordinance Amending a Part of the Village Code Relating to the Regulation and Licensing of Dogs. Attorney Laux stated it is a lot easier to prosecute with only one. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to amend the rules waiving three readings 2.10(b). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Frandsen to amend the rules and allow an immediate vote 2.10(2). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Durand to pass and approve Ordinance #251-2017. Beseler stated OK now it is time to discuss. Attorney Laux stated the issue is person versus persons. Suggested here you have great annoyance and include a whole neighborhood – considerable number – far more harder to prosecute. Some time you run the risk in the matter with the Ordinance that the police department may be dealing with one neighbor. What also happens you have a genuine annoyance? My comment is the ability to successfully prosecute. We would need more than one person complaining. Raddatz stated what's wrong with that – I guess I am not the prosecutor. Laux we prosecute one in other communities. You will need to advise the police to be selective responding to complaints if history shows that the neighbors don't get along. If you leave it with one person complaining then you can move forward. If the cases do involve more than one person you are making it harder to prosecute. Has Dresser ever had any cases on this? Dresser has never had any cases I believe Laux stated. Bjorklund stated then our track record is pretty good. Bjorklund continued this was the recommendation by Officer Haass and the minutes show his explanation of why he wanted it done. Beseler called for Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #252-2017 An Ordinance Creating a Part of the Licenses and Permits Code. Motion Kuusisto/Beseler to amend the rules waiving three readings 2.10(b). This is a significant change – the committee has done a lot of hard work to get this to this point and Beseler stated I want some more time to review. Bjorklund stated I think the committee was OK with doing the first reading tonight. Beseler called for vote. Kuusisto voted yes. All other board members present voted no. This will come back on the August meeting agenda.

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**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding a Request for Proposal for Residential Refuse and Recycling Collection for the Village of Dresser. Bjorklund stated here is what we have done – there are still some blanks to fill in – we took an old bid form and revised it. The details are in the minutes. They need to fill in container size and rate – making sure to outline the specification. The Village pick up would be at no charge & there would still be spring and fall clean up. There is a place for excess item rate. People do leave things that don't fit in the can this would be what would they charge. The insurance requirements are listed. Beseler asked Attorney Laux if he has had a chance to review the RFP – Laux stated yes it is basically fill in the blank. Waste Management knows that for the taxpayers' sake we do need to go out for bids every several years. Bjorklund stated the committee thought the bids could be opened by the Village President/Clerk/Member of the Committee at 4 PM on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This is of course up to the board. Motion Raddatz/Durand to send out the RFP and to have the bids opened by the Village President/Clerk/one or two members of the public welfare committee. The RFP's are due the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and will be opened at 4 PM on August 7<sup>th</sup>. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution #08-2017 – A Resolution Adopting a Final Version of a Cooperative Boundary Agreement Plan. Motion Raddatz/Fransen to move Resolution #08-2017 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to pass and approve Resolution #08-2017. The Town of Osceola has passed the same Resolution at their last meeting. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Retirement Party for Mike Qualle – Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 7PM at the Dresser Community Hall.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler – Nothing Stated.

**AUGUST AGENDA BUSINESS:** Nothing Stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM  
Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2017  
DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Village Board Meeting, Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM  
Library Board Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM  
Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to adjourn at 8:00 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

*These minutes have not been approved.*