

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, July 5, 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. Jodi Gilbert, Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Gilbert called for nominations to appoint a chairman for tonight's meeting since Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz was not in attendance. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to nominate Darren Peterson to chair the meeting tonight. Gilbert called for any other nominations. Bjorklund called for nominations to be closed - no other nominations were made. Gilbert called for a vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried. Darren Peterson to chair the meeting. Darren Peterson called for Roll Call: Joe Peterson, Yvette Varner, Grace Bjorklund, and Darren Peterson were present. Four members of the board does constitute a quorum. Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz, Elina Kuusisto, and Jeff Gutzmer were absent. Village Attorney, Paul Mahler of Bakke Norman absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch-Public Works, Rob Thompson-Public Works, Ryan Haass-Police Chief, Leann French-Library Director, Ben Wasmund, and Hannah Peterson. Reagan Hoverman – InterCounty Leader Newspaper was present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting, June 7, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Varner to approve minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, June 15, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve minutes of the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, June 21, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: Ben Wasmund – Lakes Region EMS – Discussion was held regarding entering into an Ambulance Service Contract for 2021-2025. Wasmund stated we presented to you this past January/February and talked about the contract. Essentially when we took over in 2011 the CEO at that time made a decision and we didn't send invoices for 4 years. In 2016 we started issuing invoices to Municipalities promising communities that they would see a reduction in per capita. We started at \$10 per capita and our goal as a nonprofit organization was to reduce and eventually eliminate the per capita. One of the things we are looking at is long term sustainability for municipalities. Longer contracts with lower per capita. We are going to continue to operate in this area. The new contract is a \$5.00 per capita. We had reduced to this amount last year but we had missed your budget cycle. We are back since you are staring work on your next year's budget. Any questions from you? Bjorklund stated the invoice that is attached is for 2021 and we don't have monies in the budget in 2021 for this. Wasmund stated we attached it like we had done for other municipalities but we are not expecting anything until January 2022. Not looking for anything in 2021 and we will continue to serve the area. Joe Peterson stated the \$5.00 per capita is for ½ the population. Bjorklund stated I would like to have legal counsel review and give us a recommendation. I don't think we can sign anything tonight. Have the attorney review and bring it back to the August meeting. Keeping with the same budget cycle this contract would be for 2022 to 2025. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to have the Village Attorney review the contract with St Croix Valley EMS and bring this back to the August meeting and vote to enter into a contract at \$5.00 per capita for ½ the population. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding Kelsey Warndahl – Use of the Dresser Community Hall for Zoomba Classes – 3-month review/future rental fee. Kelsey Warndahl was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. We can still have a discussion on what we want to do. We are having other events at the hall and for some of them it is not feasible to pay \$300.00.

Bjorklund stated I'm sure Kelsey has her next couple of months schedules figured out and we do need to update our Hall Contract so in the meantime I think we should extend her use of the Hall for 2 more months at a cost of \$100.00. In the meantime, we can review our Hall Contract.

Gilbert has gotten sample contracts from multiple municipalities that have some good ideas in them. Bjorklund continued I would like to work on updating this Hall contract with the Village employees. Ours is very basic and doesn't have the wording that a lot of other municipalities have. We can present a preliminary draft of it and hopefully have a new contract in place by September. It can address small groups/large groups etc... Darren Peterson stated we need to start somewhere. It is a private business that is asking to use the Hall right now. Bjorklund stated we need a workable contract for Dresser. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to renew Kelsey Warndahl's use of the Dresser Community Hall for Zoomba classes for 2 months at a cost of \$100.00 and to review again in two months. Bjorklund stated I believe she has been in the Hall two nights a week. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Varner/Joe Peterson to have Bjorklund work with the Village Employees to set up some new guidelines and a new Community Hall contract and to bring a draft back to the board. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to approve using the American Rescue Plan Act Money in the amount of \$90,642.97 for Sewer Infrastructure within the Village. Bjorklund stated the Finance Committee thought this would be our best use of this money due to the proposed pump upgrades needed for the State Street Lift Station. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to modify the Motion's made on February 1, 2021 for the Community Hall Furnaces and the Municipal Office Furnace/Air Conditioning – changing the allocation of payment from the water tower monies to the general fund monies. Bjorklund stated at that time we did not know that we were going to have this other money available. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to use the monies not spent for the Water Tower and Well#3 Pump/VFD projects in the amount of \$44,430.00 for the Water Tower State Trust Fund Loan Payments in 2021 and 2022. Bjorklund stated so you have your spreadsheet that shows the breakdown of this money and the amortization schedule for our State Trust Fund Loan payments. We have already had to make the 2021 payment and funds were not available. This would repay the 2021 payment and apply a little bit to the March 2022 payment and zero out that pot of money. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the excess funds from Fund 22 in the amount of \$164,487.00. Bjorklund stated Fund 22 was used for the Horsmann/Peterson project. At the end of 2020 the auditors closed out that Fund and moved the remaining money to the General Fund. The Finance Committee is proposing to use these funds as outlined. It will cover all of the emergency repairs that have happened this year and the monies owed to the Village of Osceola for the Joint Municipal Court. For 3 years the Village of Osceola had not sent us a bill. We do owe the money and the committee here never pushed for any meetings to review. Joe Peterson asked

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how do we prevent this from happening again? Gilbert stated it has been put on the calendar to pursue Osceola to schedule a meeting and sit down and review the budget and citation count and come up with an estimated number for the next year's budget so we have the money to pay the bill. Bjorklund stated the remaining money we are recommending that we move to the LGIP Acct #1 Undesignated Monies. This would allow us a cushion if something else comes up. Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to approve using the Fund 22 excess funds in the amount of \$164,487.00 as outlined: 1. Community Hall Furnaces \$9,800.00 2. Community Hall Foundation/Water \$4,450.00 3. Community Hall Basement Estimated at \$2,000.00 4. Municipal Office Furnace/Air Conditioning \$2,000.00 5. Joint Municipal Court Monies owed to Village of Osceola \$7,533.62 6. Move Balance of \$138,703.38 to LGIP Acct #1 Undesignated Monies. It was agreed a Roll Call Vote should be done due to the amount of money. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve moving 50% or 100% of the annual Public Fire Protection Charge from the municipal charge/village budget to being a direct charge on the water bill. Darren Peterson stated this came to our attention with the updated water bill increase from the PSC. They are increasing the Public Fire Protection Hydrant Charge from \$54,403.00 to \$84,018.00, so we have to get that out of our annual budget or we will lose our State Aid because we can meet our levy limits. In the past we have put this amount into the annual budget. Bjorklund stated the Finance Committee recommending moving 50% or 100% of this charge to the water bills. That is a big chunk of change on the water bills. There are a lot of steps involved with this to get PSC approval and due to the timing of our budget we need to make a decision and move forward. To make it easier on the residents' budgets I would like to propose that the \$84,018.00 be moved over a 3-year time frame. It would be small increments to the users and after 3 years it would be 100% on the water bills which is where it should be. It won't be as quick as the 50% or 100% but the end results would be the same. Bjorklund continued the reason it is time sensitive is that we have to have a cover letter and application to the PSC and also a resolution telling them what we want to do. It is going to take the PSC 2 months to process everything. It may be the end of the year before it is done and our Budget will be worked on in September/October. If we make a decision tonight and get the forms together, we may call a Special Board meeting in July to approve. Darren Peterson stated we originally were moving it quicker to alleviate people calling the office and the amount of paperwork. Bjorklund stated I agree with that, but we do have to do what is in the best interest of the residents. Once it is set up, I don't think the paperwork end will be too bad. More municipalities are going to the direct charges to the water bill so they can meet the levy limits set by the State. Everyone who has a meter will be receiving this Public Fire Charge including the non-taxable properties. It is a very big decision. Joe Peterson stated I believe the 3-step process would ease the pain to the residents. People are on fixed incomes and we have a lot of young families. Joe Peterson stated everything else is going up. I am not in favor of doing it all at once. Varner stated I like the idea of doing this over 3 years. Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to move the Public Fire Protection Charge from the municipal charge/village budget to being a direct charge on the water bill over a 3-year process. Moving 1/3 the first year, 2/3 the second year, and being 100% directly billed the 3rd year. This will be allocated based on meter. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to approve redoing the Practice Board at the Tennis Court with an estimated cost to be \$437.76. Bjorklund stated we have this in our budget and wonderful volunteers to help with the work. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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League of WI Municipalities issued to Dresser a 2020 Insurance Dividend in the amount of \$1,141.00.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to renew the Village's Workers Comp and Liability Insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance with an annual premium of \$17,599.00. Bjorklund stated it is up a little bit. Joe Peterson stated they gave us \$1,000.00 and we are paying a \$1,000.00 more. Bjorklund stated this is in the annual budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding Urban Forestry Tree Planting 2021. Bjorklund stated we have been a Tree City since 1998. In order to be considered a Tree City you do have to do something to be a part of it. Bjorklund presented a memo to the board with 3 areas to be improved and pictures of what is proposed to be planted. Total cost is \$592.00. The budget is \$600.00 so I have \$8.00 left to spend. Abrahamson's has these items on hold for us. The maintenance guys can pick up and help plant. Motion Darren Peterson/Varner to approve the Tree Planting for 2021 in the amount of \$592.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #40288 - #40372 Payroll \$15,249.92 plus Vouchers \$100,781.39 for a Total of \$116,031.31. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion has held regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the following prioritization schedule for the projects on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Darren Peterson stated Public Works Committee has met and MSA looked over the project list and put costs to them. We prioritized what we think are smaller projects versus large projects. It is amazing the costs. Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to approve the following prioritization schedule for the projects on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan as presented: Small Projects:

1. Polk Avenue – South St to Dead End estimated cost \$173,400.00/\$279,600.00
2. East Avenue 100' South of South Street estimated cost \$286,400.00/\$420,200.00
3. West Avenue estimated cost \$308,000.00
4. First Street Bank to C-Aire estimated cost \$53,600.00

Large Projects:

1. First Street from West Ave to East Ave estimated cost \$786,300.00
2. Second Street from West Ave to East Ave estimated cost \$379,800.00/\$684,400.00
3. Main Street from West Ave to East Ave estimated cost \$996,800.00

All in Favor. Motion Carried. Bjorklund mentioned to the board that if we are thinking about applying for a grant for First Street, we don't want to drag our feet. One of the first things we need to do is an income survey for that area. The residents have to meet a certain income level in order to apply for a CDBG Grant. This whole process can take a couple of years.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to approve the purchase of a pump for the State Street Sewer Lift Station from WW Goetsch in the amount of \$29,991.00 and then to remove an existing pump and get a cost to rebuild it. Darren Peterson stated the pumps are in rough shape. Koch stated you have two pumps that were put into service in 1984. The life expectancy of a pump is 25 years and we have way exceeded that.

We may not get another year out of them. The original plan was to put in a 3rd pump. Spread the cost over 3 years, but pulling the other pumps one at a time and see if they could be refurbished. We found out at the Finance Committee Meeting that we have this American Rescue Plan money. We are debating whether it makes sense to relook at the cost to just redo

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both pumps. Do them both at the same time. I don't have final costs yet. Bjorklund stated we have approve using the American Rescue Plan Act Monies for Sewer Infrastructure. If you purchase one pump right now and look to refurbish the other pumps you still have pumps that are 32 years old. Joe Peterson stated I would still like to know what the cost would be to rebuild it. Koch stated I can't get this number unless they actually pull the pump and take it back to their shop. Who knows if they can even get parts? I think it would be less for the 2nd one. People are on vacation until July 6th so I wasn't able to get new numbers. Bjorklund stated since we have \$45,000.00 again next year, I think we should consider getting two new pumps and just be done with it. It is going to take at least 10 weeks out to get a pump. Thompson stated that rebuilding an old pump is just buying us time. Bjorklund stated we could approve buying a 2nd pump with a cost not to exceed a dollar amount. Koch stated it will cost you money to have them look at rebuilding a pump. Joe Peterson stated I think we need to approve the one pump and get it ordered. Bjorklund stated we could call a special meeting if we get some numbers. It is better to have actual numbers. Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to approve purchase of a pump for the State Street Lift Station from WW Goetsch in the amount of \$29,991.00 and to remove the existing and get a cost to rebuild. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to hire Everlast Rehab for manhole repairs in the amount of \$15,400.00. Koch stated these are several areas where water is getting into the sewer system. We are paying for treating clean water that is going to Osceola. We want to save money and not pay for treating clean water. Bjorklund stated this can be paid for from the American Rescue Plan Act money. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Dresser was named a 2020 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Bjorklund stated we should all be proud of this. There is a lot of records that need to be kept up to date. A lot of work internally – we usually get a plaque and a flag.

Public Works Monthly Report June 2021. Koch read the report. Bjorklund asked how was the expo. It was good. Very informative. Darren Peterson asked when Farmington came to Dresser did they send a man. Yes they did. We got the rock from Trap Rock.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for June 2021 was presented to the Board.

The Police Department June 2021 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated I went through training from the WI Crime Lab. I have my 2021 certification completed. How was the 4th of July? Haass stated OK - once the firework goes off it is already done.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the June 14, 2021 meeting. Leann French – Library Director was present to give the report. We have amended some of our specific policies. Masks are now optional in the library. Programming attendance was reviewed. With the summer reading program, the numbers are dramatically up. In June the preschool number are small, but in the afternoon with the school age kids the numbers continue to go up. On June 21st we had 69 kids. We are using the park here by the Hall and Little Saints Child Care is bringing over their kids. We are reading a story/doing a craft/and some type of physical activity. We have had volunteer help from the St Croix Falls Public Library and Library Board Trustees. The local coffee shop has been providing gift certificates at a reduced price. Bjorklund asked so is the library open? French stated with COVID we are at a medium level so we can have 4 people in the building or one large family. The door is still open for other people to stop. We are open 44 hours a week. Staff is working regular hours. The groups are small and we are trusting people to do the right thing. Darren Peterson asked are you partnering with Little

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Saints? We have been seeing the kids walking. French stated I am working in cooperation with the Director of Little Saints. Normally we don't do school age in the afternoon. This was designed for them and advertised for the public. Mostly Little Saints kids are coming but we have had public involvement. Giving those kids a Library experience. We get them library books. The Village of Dresser has been so kind to let us use the Hall, which has really helped make this possible. This year the group is at the Dresser Elementary school, which helps because the kids can walk. They can't transport them. It is really nice. We are looking to have a Safari thru the Library in July. Bjorklund asked what is Beanstack? It is an incentive program for reading. Every 4 hours of reading there is an incentive. It is done online for recording and tracking the reading hours.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Notice to the public – Appraisal Services will be working in the Village during the month of July physically inspecting properties for our Revaluation.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to move the location of the Village Board Meetings back to the Village Office 102 W Main Street. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz – Raddatz was absent.

AUGUST AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS: Library Board Meeting, Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Allied Emergency Service Board Mtg, Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM-Dresser Station#1
Village Board Meeting, Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Osceola Ambulance Budget Mtg, Friday, August 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Board of Review (All Board Members Required to Attend), Tues., Sept. 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 8:05 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer
These minutes have not been approved.