

## **VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2023 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, Jeff Gutzmer, Mark Kuhl, and Joe Peterson were present. Grace Bjorklund attended the meeting by phone. Elina Kuusisto and Darren Peterson were absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Matt Koch – Public Works(left on a Fire Call after Well #2 discussion), Ryan Haass – Police Chief, Mark Burandt, and Rita Platt. Rick Raffesberger with The Osceola Sun Newspaper was present and the Inter County Leader Newspaper was absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Gutzmer/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, May 1, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the minutes of the Board of Review Meeting, May 15, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

**PREREGISTERED:** Discussion was held regarding the next step in regards to a new childcare center proposed to be built by the St Croix Falls School District – Mark Burandt, Superintendent. Burandt stated I am looking for some guidance on the next steps for this project. We are looking to build an additional facility. We already own the land. I do not know the zoning of that land. There is a small strip of land owned by the Village that is like 5 feet wide that goes back to the wet land area. At this point we have not engaged an Architect. We know that we will have to have State approve plans. We would like to start before the snow flies. That is the goal. It will take 120 to 150 days for build. We are looking at a 3,600 to 4,000 square foot building. We currently rent at the local church and we do not want to continue to pay rent. With the new building it will make it easier to share staff, make it easier for deliveries, and even easier for parents dropping off kids of different age. I would like you to consider a quit claim deed or to give us that land or possibly an easement. We would be looking to build a sidewalk on that stretch of property. Raddatz stated I am not sure why we own it? Burandt stated we engaged Susan Lee to check into this – basically we are looing to clear that property issue up and it would be at our expense. Susan Lee did not think we needed to redraw the lines since the school owns both sides of the property. You normally would need permission of the owner to just do it and since it is ours that is easy. I do not know if it was established due to the wet lands area which is a recreational area. Raddatz stated school property is public property. Burandt stated we are not closing the Dresser property. We will have to build a fence. With the building process I do not know what the set back is on the water west side of the property. Koch stated I do not want the Village to give away a portion of the road. It would square off that piece of property. We were looking at one larger parking lot, but that is a lot of blacktop. Need to review parking for the new building. The current parking lot is close to the existing water main and sewer main for the Village. What is the set back from the water/sewer mains? Koch stated you must be careful – if your plowing snow off the area where the mains are then you may have freezing issues. Raddatz stated we may need to get the lawyers opinion on this. Joe Peterson stated I do not know if I just want to give the property away. Burandt stated I do not think it is worth anything. Maybe it was kept for a walking easement. Koch stated according to Mike Qualle –

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he thinks it is a clerical error. At this point the Village is the rightful owner of it. Gilbert stated at this point it is not zoned correctly and if rezoned would still need to have a conditional use permit possibly obtained. Bjorklund asked do we need to have it surveyed? Do you have a certified survey map? I would think we would require a new CSM at the school's expense. Any new CSM the Village would have to approve. Bjorklund stated what comes first with this project? Raddatz stated we probably have to take this to the attorney to have them look at it and that should be a cost to the school district. Gutzmer questioned how this would be done. Do we pay attorney and then bill the school? Burandt stated I would like to have estimate before agreeing to anything. Bjorklund stated we can't make a decision on this at this point. We need a legal opinion on the land transfer and then when that is done do we start the zoning process. How do we move forward? The rezoning will take some time – you have to have public hearings and neighbors all have to be notified. Burandt we would like to start this Fall but if it has to get pushed out to Spring for the building, we could do that also. Bjorklund stated this will be a terrific asset to the Village. Motion Gutzmer/Kuhl to proceed on getting an estimate on doing a legal opinion on the transfer of property and the rezoning. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** The Community Development Block Grant Application for First/Second Street was submitted by MSA & received by the Division of Energy, Housing, & Community Resources on May 17, 2023.

Resolution #04-2023 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources NR-208 Compliance Maintenance Report. Motion Gutzmer/Joe Peterson to move Resolution #04-2023 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Resolution #04-2023. Raddatz called for any discussion. This report is done annually. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote – all board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding Well No. 2 Pump Inspection/Repairs. Koch stated that pump is scheduled to be pulled in 2026 and we will be needing repairs to the depth gauge that has failed. We are wondering if we should do this work early or wait. Right now, we are back to the old way of measuring. This well is located behind Sweet Additions. This well has had a vibration in it from the last time it was done. Raddatz stated I would like to be proactive and not reactive. Raddatz continued I do not think this needs to go to the public works committee. Kuhl asked is the estimate from 2022 still good. Koch stated I have not confirmed that. Bjorklund stated this is a reasonable expense that would get figured into the next rate increase. Koch stated you need to remember that repairs are not included. Gilbert stated do we look at some type of loan for this amount of money? Raddatz stated once we know the maximum expense it could be discussed. This work was done to Well #3. This could come back to the July meeting. Bjorklund stated we have a bid from 2022 and it just needs to be done. I do not think we should wait until 2026 to do. Joe Peterson agreed I do not think we should wait. Koch stated we could push it out until next year. I just do not want to wait for the emergency to happen. The Water Rate increase shall include these dollars. Kuhl asked how long to do the work and when can it get scheduled. Koch stated it will take a day to pull it and then it will depend on any parts needed and if they have them. I have not discussed with them when they can do the work, but they have been calling me on this. Raddatz stated so the question is do it now or wait a year. Bjorklund stated I do not want to wait a year. Let's be proactive. If it is an emergency the cost will double. Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to approve Municipal Well and Pump to do the pump removal and pump reinstallation for Well #2. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding the letter received from Kent Muschinske – Dresser Area Community Compost Facility. Raddatz stated good for him that he is retiring. What options do we have. Loescher stated that Koch was talking to Deere Lake Gardens to see if they would be interested. You have to have a license from the DNR for composting. The City of St Croix Falls has a DNR license for the old dump site. They may be willing to work with us. We currently have a transfer site.

Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve estimate from EverLast Rehab to paint Well House #3 to cover the Vandalism/Graffiti that was done to the building. Gilbert stated this has been turned into our property insurance and they have approved the claim less the \$1,000.00 deductible. Haass stated the deductible would go to restitution and it is up to the Judge on how that is handled. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update on Dresser Tree Plantings for 2023. Bjorklund asked are the trees planted. Loescher stated 2 are planted at the shop and the 3 trees for the park are waiting to be planted – we have another tree in that area that must come down first before we plant. Bjorklund stated we included the tree for Arbor Day in this expense account since the trees purchased did not cost as much as originally thought.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the estimate from Meyer Tree Service to cut down trees on Village owned Lot on Roosevelt and Clark Road in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid for from account 10-56100-210 Tree Removal 2023 budget of \$2,000.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to approve the placement of a temporary sign “Attention Pet Owners” on Village Lot located in the Silver Ridge Housing Development. Loescher stated this sign was made by previous public works employees. Gilbert stated we are hoping that by putting up the sign it may resolve some of the dog issues. Haass stated the minimum fine would be \$114.00 if the action continues. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – May 2023. Loescher read the report presented to the Board. We can still haul to Kent Muschinskes. We are spray patching roads. Kuhl asked for clarification – you haul the mulch out of town? No, the chips/mulch can be used by residents. We haul the leaves and grass clippings out to the compost pile.

**FINANCE:** Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve all License Applications for July 1 2023 through June 30 2024 as presented to the Board. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #42131-#42214 - Payroll \$18,581.84 plus Vouchers \$56,109.19 for a Total of \$74,691.03. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board Minutes from the May 11, 2023 meeting were in the board’s packet. The Summer Reading Program started today at the park/hall.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Building Inspector Report for May 2023 was presented to the board. Permit has been pulled for one new house.

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Update was given on the Osceola/Dresser Joint Municipal Court. Raddatz stated we are working to combine the City of St Croix Falls Municipal Court with ours. This will cost us more but will be good for the long run. Future costs will be divided by population and number of citations. Attorney Paul Mahler is working on drawing up an agreement.

The Police Department May 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated this month the numbers are little lower, but when you look overall this year, we have already hit the total for all of 2022 for incidences.

Update from Osceola Ambulance Meeting held May 11 2023. Raddatz stated runs are way up. We budget for 400 runs and we have already had 175. The Board Officers stayed the same for the committee. The irrigation issue has been resolved.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Nothing on the agenda.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Informational – League Mutual Insurance Annual Report for 2022 was presented to the board.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve renewing the Village’s Liability/Auto and Workers Comp Insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance Company. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The board should have a quorum for July 3<sup>rd</sup> so the regularly scheduled meeting will not be canceled and rescheduled.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to change the date of the regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting – Monday, September 4, 2023(Labor Day) to Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz stated nothing new.

**JULY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:** Nothing was stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, July 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Garfield

Osceola Ambulance Budget Mtg. Friday, August 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to adjourn at 7:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.