

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Village Board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Elina Kuusisto, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Grace Bjorklund and Bryan Beseler were all present. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz was present via telephone. Raddatz can participate in the meeting but is not allowed to vote. Cathy Frandsen Absent. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Gene & Sharon Hendricks, Karen Andrie, Jeff Gutzmer, Jim Longhenry, Heather Bear, Amanda & Robert Keopple, Monica & Chris Bernd, The Inter-County Leader, The Standard Press/Ledger, and The Osceola Sun newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Beseler called for citizen comments. Karen Andrie, Sharon Hendricks, Monica Bernd, and Jeff Gutzmer all made comments, but nothing was submitted in writing for the official records of the Village. Beseler closed citizen comments.

**FINANCE:** Purpose of meeting was the resignation of Bryan Beseler as Village President – term to expire April 2019. Beseler read the following letter: “ To the Dresser Village Board of Trustees, Residents, and Employees: It is with a heavy heart, extreme sadness and regret that I hereby submit my Resignation as Village President, Village of Dresser, to be effective Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Serving you has been an extreme honor and privilege, one of which I have never taken lightly. I appreciate all of the support I have been given over the years. The last year has been a difficult one for us all and your kind words, thoughts, and support have not gone unnoticed. I encourage you all to continue to remain positive in the light of challenge, see the good in all we offer, and remember why we are here...to serve the public. To look back on the last five years and all we accomplished together I am confident in the direction the Village is going and the plans we have in place to achieve future goals. We didn’t all start this adventure together and there is much left for you all to achieve. I wish you all the best and again appreciate each of you publicly and privately. Please accept this resignation, again to be effective Thursday March 29, 2018 at 3:00 pm. If there is anything I can do to assist in a smooth and seamless transition know that I am here in whatever capacity I am wanted. Sincerest of Thanks and Kindest Regards Bryan Beseler”. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to accept the resignation of Bryan Beseler as Village President effective March 29, 2018 at 3:00 PM. Beseler called for any other discussion. Beseler commented for the record I can’t vote on this motion and I can’t vote on a replacement. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a current Village Trustee to serve remainder of term as Village President. Beseler stated I would like to encourage the board to take action. At 3:00 PM tomorrow payroll can’t be cut, contracts not signed, bills not paid etc... without a Village President. Yes there is an election on April 3<sup>rd</sup> but the new members don’t take office until April 17<sup>th</sup>. This could mean a 3 week opening with no president. Laux read parts of State Statue 17.24 Sub Section 1 and Sub Section 2 regarding the filling of a vacancy. There are choices. Under Sub Section 1 a vacancy may be filled by an appointment by the majority of the board. Sub Section 2 describes the circumstances where a vacancy would be filled by an election. In these circumstances that election would coincide with the Fall General Election in November. There is nothing in the statutes about the practical issues and what you do in the mean time. There is no prohibition even in a special election for the appointment of an individual to serve in capacity from the date of the resignation to the date of the special election. It is very practical to have someone in authority to be in place to sign payroll, bills etc... duties of the office. Does the current board have any questions? Bjorklund stated next fall is too long of a time to be without a Village President. We know how important it is to have someone as a President on a daily basis to be contacted, to conduct meetings and I feel the remaining term should be appointed as per the agenda. Bjorklund stated we have all had some time to think about this since we received the agenda. Beseler called for any other discussion. Nothing was stated. I entertain a Motion to move forward with an appointment. If that passes then I will open up the floor for nominations to fill the vacancy.

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Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to move forward with an appointment of a current trustee to fill the Village President position with the term to expire April 2019. Beseler abstained. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

I open up the floor for nominations for a Village Trustee to serve as Village President. Kuusisto stated I nominate Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Beseler called for any further nominations .... any further nominations .... any further nominations. Nominations are closed. Motion Durand/Bjorklund to appoint current Village Trustee Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz to serve as Village President effective March 29, 2018 at 3:00 PM with the term to expire April 2019. Any further discussion. Nothing stated. All in Favor. Beseler and Raddatz did not vote. Motion Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Nothing was stated.

**APRIL AGENDA BUSINESS:** Nothing was stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Village Board Meeting, Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM  
Spring Election, Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – Polls Open 7AM – 8PM  
Library Board Meeting, Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM  
Special Board Meeting, Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM  
DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, April 19, 2018  
Arbor Day Program, Friday, April 27, 2018  
Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Durand/Moberg to adjourn at 5:20 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

*These minutes have not been approved.*