

VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

*Village Board Members met at 6:30 PM at the “Welcome to Dresser” sign, to have photos taken, before the start of the Village Board Meeting. Although there was a quorum, no business was discussed.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 29, 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. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Wayne Moberg, Elina Kuusisto, Darren Peterson, and Jeff Gutzmer were present. Village Attorney, Paul Mahler of Bakke Norman absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Jacki Owens-Clerk/Deputy Treasurer, Matt Koch-Public Works, Rob Thompson-Public Works, Ryan Haass-Police Chief, Dave Rasmussen – MSA Professional Services, Kevin Christensen, Mary Lou Durand, Barb and Lee Williamson, and Greg Marsten – InterCounty Leader. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting, March 1, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Peterson/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Finance/Personnel Meeting, March 15, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Kevin Christensen came to thank Richard Durand and Wayne Moberg publicly for their service being on the Fire Board for so many years. Greg Marsten, from the InterCounty Leader, stated this will be his last meeting. He’s going to be editor for the Burnett County Sentinel. Barb Williamson said thanks to Wayne and Richard for serving on the Board. They will be missed. No other comments. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the Agenda

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding hiring MSA Professional Services in the amount of \$1,600.00 to put cost estimates to the projects on the Dresser 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Dave Rasmussen spoke about meeting with Public Works, Jodi Gilbert and Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. They looked at a list of projects to put funding to. Being prepared is essential and putting costs together to use for possible CDBG money and Stimulus money is the first step. There may be more funding available than we thought. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz stated that it will be nice not to be scrambling. Richard Durand thanked Dave for the assistance. Grace Bjorklund stated it was a good plan. No other discussion. Motion Bjorklund/Peterson to approve hiring MSA Professional Services in the amount of \$1,600.00 to put cost estimates to the projects on the Dresser 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding quotes for calibrating water meters with recommendation from Public Works to use WM Metering Technology for this project. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz stated that looking in the packet, there are different requirements for different sized meters. Are they doing the Wastewater meter? Rob Thompson had talked with Osceola Public Works and they are pleased with WM Metering and they are also cheaper. WM has a 4-year schedule that includes the wastewater meter. Richard Durand stated it’s best to use WM Metering. Motion Durand/Peterson to approve using WM Metering Technology to calibrate water meters. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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Discussion was held regarding the purchase of locating equipment from Subsurface Solutions in the amount of \$5,258.82, split 50/50 water/sewer at \$2,629.41 per utility. Bryan “Fatboy” stated that he did some research, after the Finance meeting, on locating equipment and the price differences. The 5-watt transmitter can get deeper, for use on finding sewer lines, making it more expensive. The sales rep from Subsurface Solutions is very knowledgeable. Grace stated the recommendation was from the Finance committee meeting. Motion Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the purchase of locating equipment from Subsurface Solutions in the amount of \$5,258.82, split 50/50 water/sewer at \$2,629.41 per utility. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Discussion was held regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts proposal from Lee Sports Surfacing, LLC for \$15,900.00 plus additional \$100.00 for incidentals and to transfer \$16,000.00 from the LGIP Play Ground equipment assigned funds to the General Fund to pay for this expense. Grace stated that from the Finance committee meeting that there has not been enough money in the General Fund budget to do this work, but it is possible to use the Playground Equipment Funds for this project. Rob Thompson stated that Pickle Ball lines will be included in the cost. He will get that added to the quote. Motion Kuusisto/Peterson to approve resurfacing of the tennis courts proposal (with included Pickle Balls lines) from Lee Sports Surfacing, LLC for \$15,900.00 plus additional \$100.00 for incidentals and to transfer \$16,000.00 from the LGIP Play Ground equipment assigned funds to the General Fund to pay for this expense. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Discussion was held regarding Spring / Fall Clean-up options for Village residents. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz stated that an e-mail was sent to Waste Management regarding this service and if it could continue without a Village contract with them. No contract, no clean-up. Grace stated that you can take stuff to Waterman Sanitation in Amery for a fee. We don’t want our workers manning dumpsters here. No clean-up for Spring? Possibly in the Fall. There’s money in the budget for this. Elina Kuusisto asked what the average amount is. We don’t have that information tonight. Dresser has issued over 100 permits per clean-up. Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to have Grace Bjorklund research options for providing Spring/Fall Clean-up to Village Residents and to bring a proposal to the May Board meeting. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Discussion was held regarding the Free Brush Chipping to residents during the 3rd week of each month from April through October and free use of the Dresser Public Works Compost Transfer Site for leaves and grass clippings. Richard Durand asked how many loads were hauled out. Rob Thompson stated 45 dump-truck loads of compost. Any issues with bags? Not much, mostly with new residents, who didn’t know they can’t leave the bags. Need to educate residents on this. Grace noted that residents can also take woodchips for their own use. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to provide Free Brush Chipping to residents during the 3rd week of each month from April through October and free use of the Dresser Public Works Compost Transfer Site for leaves and grass clippings. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Discussion was held regarding the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report for Dresser Waterworks. Richard Durand stated good work and Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz stated there were no red flags. Report had been submitted to the DNR. Motion Moberg/Bjorklund to accept the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report for Dresser Waterworks. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Public Works Monthly Report: Rob Thompson presented the report. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz stated that the Village Community Halls looks very nice since painting was completed. Rob also added that as of Friday, all water that had been running, due to freezing, had been turned off.

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FINANCE: Discussion was held regarding the payment for purchase of a 2021 John Deere 524P Pay Loader out of the Machinery Replacement fund in the amount of \$195,615.00. Grace stated this was recommended by the Finance Committee to use the Machinery Replacement fund money. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz stated that the 2021 Machinery Replacement money is not included in the LGIP balance. The auditor was good with using these funds. No debt is good. Motion Peterson/Moberg to approve payment for purchase of a 2021 John Deere 524P Pay Loader out of the Machinery Replacement fund in the amount of \$195,615.00. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding changes recommended by the Finance Personnel Committee to the Employee Handbook section XXI Cleanliness / Dress Code – Public Works Clothing - as outlined by Attorney Paul Mahler. Grace stated that the boots and jackets amounts needed to be updated to be more in line with today’s costs. We want to give employees the option to purchase uniforms (with reimbursement) or to rent them. Richard Durand asked if the guys were happy with that change? Yes. Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to approve changes recommended by the Finance Personnel Committee to the Employee Handbook section XXI Cleanliness / Dress Code – Public Works Clothing - as outlined by Attorney Paul Mahler. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Discussion was held to approve Operator’s License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquids for Elizabeth Brown. Officer Haass ran a background check, there were no red flags. Motion Peterson/Moberg to approve Operator’s License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquids for Elizabeth Brown. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Peterson/Kuusisto to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #40058 - #40133 Payroll \$16,900.59 plus Vouchers \$206,235.89 for a Total of \$223,136.48. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for March 2021 was not available. Raddatz stated there will be March and April to go through for May meeting.

Police Department March 2021 Report. Report was on the table. Nothing exciting in the report.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services meeting that was held on March 2, 2021. Raddatz stated they got a deal on a Grass Rig. It was approved and purchased. There were extra accessories that are not needed, and are being sold. Kevin Christenson stated there is an offer on the plow and a sander still to sell.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting. Kuusisto gave presentation stating not much is going on. Users are getting tired of just having screen-time and want more in-person options. The Library is beginning to open up with limited people inside and extending open hours.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Reminder that the Drive-through Easter Egg Event at the Village Hall will be on April 3, 2021 from 9am – 11am.

Spring Election is to be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Polls open 7AM to 8PM.

Allied Emergency Services Annual Spaghetti Feed drive-through fund-raiser will be held April 10, 2021 at the Village Hall from 3pm – 7pm.

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Resolution #01-2021 Resolution of Thanks to Richard Durand

1. Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to move Resolution #01-2021 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
2. Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to pass and approve Resolution #01-2021
3. Discussion. Raddatz read the Resolution. Grace stated she will miss him.
4. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Resolution #02-2021 Resolution of Thanks to Wayne Moberg

1. Motion Durand/Peterson to move Resolution #02-2021 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
2. Motion Bjorklund/Peterson to pass and approve Resolution #02-2021
3. Discussion. Raddatz read the Resolution. Durand thanked him for his service. Raddatz stated he enjoyed the fun banter and getting to know him and enjoyed the holiday phone calls.
4. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Thanks to Jodi and Jacki for setting up everything for Richard Durand’s and Wayne Moberg’s last meeting. The photos taken out at the sign will be sent to Jodi. I attended a Zoom meeting, put on by the Osceola Chamber, that included many attending from around the county – contractors, realtors, employers...Terry Hauer at Polk County EDC spoke on how to create workforce housing. It was very interesting on how to get investors and companies and workers to come to our area. Met with Ken Valdivia from Sweet Additions (F&A Dairy site). He is expecting to be operational around June – July of this year. As production ramps up, they will be hiring more workers. The plan is to use the wastewater ponds, but on a much more limited bases than the previous owner. Sweet Additions has facilities in Cameron, WI and in South Florida.

MAY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: 2020 Audit Results will be presented by Brock Geyen – Clifton Larson Allen LLP. Grace Bjorklund to present Spring/Fall Clean-up proposals and plans for the use of the St. Croix Valley Community Funds.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Joint Municipal Court Meeting, Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Service Board Mtg, Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM - Alden Station

Village Board Meeting, Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Durand/Moberg to adjourn at 7:38 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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