

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 2, 2026 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Darren Peterson, Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Joe Peterson, Luke Loescher, Lee Williamson, and Dalton Spry. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer, Colleen Steffen – Office Assistant, Jesse Vlasnik - Public Works, Jack Gaffney - Public Works, Ryan Haass – Police, Leann French – Library Director, and Mitch Egge. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – February 2, 2026. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: Mitch Egge – 206 South Street W – Discussion was held regarding Storm Water Run Off. Darren Peterson turned the meeting over to Mitch Egge to explain the issues. Egge stated there are two issues. First of all, the sand from the hills has washed down into the easement area. This has caused the elevation to go up over a foot, and samplings are growing in there. So now instead of the water staying in the easement and running down that section to the pipe it runs into my yard. The second issue is that the pipe that catches all the storm water is not big enough for some of the big rain falls. I have walked in water over my knees in this area. The pipe can't take care of the water. I have fixed some issues at my house, so right now things are not necessarily an issue for me. I have been trying to grow grass, and I had to reseed the yard around 6 times last summer. The rain comes and then the water. Darren Peterson stated I met last Fall with Egge. Some estimates were brought back to the Board to fix a pipe and to pull out the sand in that area. We did put money into the budget. Egge stated I did take the door out of the basement and changed the walk out basement to just a look out with a window. I have raised the yard. Darren Peterson stated I remember that there was a berm between the yard and the easement area. The berm has been removed it was only catching some of the water. At this point the water can't get to my house. I think the fixes you are talking about - that extra pipe and cleaning out the area will help. Need to keep the water in the easement area. Darren Peterson stated I am glad you put in a window. Egge stated I think I have solved my issue for the time being. Darren Peterson stated we have money budgeted for this issue. Kuhl asked how big is the existing pipe? Darren Peterson stated I believe it is a 15-inch pipe. To upsize the pipe, you would have to get an engineer involved. Darren Peterson stated I am happy you did the look out window. Egge agreed it was a good thing - there were times I was out there with a pump keeping the water away from the house. Darren Peterson stated we have budgeted to fix the area and take down a couple of trees in that area. Kuhl asked what are you proposing? The two estimates we have are old – do you think the Board can act on the two estimates now or have them updated and brought back to the April Board meeting. Darren Peterson stated we should send the estimates back out and get them revised. Loescher stated this easement area has just filled in again. We did have St Croix Falls Public Works come with their HydroVac to pull some of the sand out of there. At this point a backhoe needs to be used to get the material out of there. Egge stated that the culvert across from there also needs to be cleaned out. Darren Peterson asked Vlasnik and Gaffney to send the estimates back for revisions and then bring back to the April Board Meeting. Also to check out the catch basin. We just need to keep the water in the easement. Egge asked about the rock wall and whether it would be disturbed. Darren Peterson stated it should not be an issue.

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LIBRARY: Presentation of the Geraldine E Anderson Dresser Public Library Annual Report for 2025 was given by Leann French, Director. You have a couple of documents in front of you. The long report is the annual report. I then summarized it on this one-page flyer. I also pulled out last year's report for a comparison. French thanked Dresser for supporting the library. People like our library – we have very friendly personnel. When you look at the funding part you have the building and operating. Other libraries are paying rent and utilities. We are so fortunate that you guys take care of those items. Thank you – I really appreciate that. For 2025 at the end of the year on our shelves, we had 8,562 Physical Items. We have 7,133 Books and 1,394 Videos. There is a process we follow of ongoing cleaning things out and bringing new items in. We take out the items people are not using, items that are irrelevant and buy new to replace. Circulation is counted by the number of checkouts of physical things that go across our desk. In 2025 we had Circulation of 11,581 items. Most libraries are discouraged that circulation is down. We look at why people stop checking items out. We are seeing that people are checking out more electronic items. Library Visits were at 5,368. There are 383 Registered Users/Card Holders and out of those 224 are Village of Dresser Residents. We had 173 Reference Transactions which are Q&A in one of three areas: Reader's Advisory, Reference, and Tech Help. Youth programs are offered: 31 preschool programs and 7 school age programs. With some of the programming I have planned St Croix Falls Library has helped me with staff/materials, so they were able to report half of the numbers on their annual report. We have Public Computers and 1,455 people used WIFI. Our printer is color and we do charge a small amount for copies. Color is helping bring people in to use the equipment. Electronic Content – available thru WI digital library. We don't provide this. The State does provide this. Your Dresser Library Card allows you to use. There were 3,642 total check outs. Magazines not being used very much anymore in the library, but they are being used online. This is a summary of what we provide. Our total operating cost last year was \$93,035. The Village appropriated \$54,439 for Fund 23 and Fund 10 the Building was at \$4,403. County funds are at \$34,193. That is my summary of the report. Any questions. Darren Peterson stated there is a lot of information in the report. Kuhl stated that AI is a hot topic right now. A lot of us are looking for more information on AI. Is there anything in the library to help us? French stated I was just in a meeting and they talked about AI. I actually use AI every week when I write my article for the local paper. We don't have any books on AI because things are changing way too fast. You can use the library to get answers from a reputable source.

Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the February 9, 2026 meeting. French stated we have not had a lot of success with story time. Circulation in January was 1,017. We have caught no more mice. I met with Geraldine Anderson's son Paul Anderson to discuss future options for expanding the library and making things all ADA compliant. At this time this is just a pipe dream. I have attended a Web Conference. I am mentoring the new Clear Lake Library Director. The Annual Report was done. We are still having struggles with Igram the new book company. Baker & Taylor went out of business with no notice. We continue to work with Laura from the St Croix Falls Library on Collaborative Programming.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Darren Peterson/Froehlich to approve offering 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. This is the same thing we have been doing. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the estimates from Turf Management for fertilizing/treating Village Green Areas twice a year totaling \$1,220.00. Joe Peterson stated this is almost same amount as last year. We have put the money into the budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Froehlich/Spry to allow Public Works to spend up to \$5,000.00 for Spray Patching 2026 Street Maintenance – Account 10-57000-460. Darren Peterson stated this is another 2026 budgeted line item. Kuhl asked now that winter is almost over will this dollar amount be enough to get the work done? Vlasnik stated that it should be good. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the 2026 Municipal Office Maintenance – Signage/Letters. Gilbert stated that Board has a couple of options: put up actual signs on the building, have new letters made, or to use the existing letters. Vlasnik took one of the letters off. By using some good paint, we could use the existing letters. Joe Peterson stated we should try to reuse. Let's take down the rest of the letters sooner than later. If they come off all OK and paint up nice, we reuse them. If they don't, we can look at other options.

Update – Dresser Well #3 – Water Tower – possible electrical issue that is being addressed. Vlasnik stated that Xcel came and put a voltage monitor on the well. It was put on the end of February, and they only left it on for a week. As soon as they took it off then we had another issue with the well. Xcel came back and put the voltage monitor back on and once we have had 3 issues, we are to contact them to review the data. Darren Peterson stated if this is not electrical then we may have to talk to an engineer.

Update – Jesse Vlasnik has passed one of two tests required for his Water Operator License – GroundWater Grade T expires 1/1/2029. Vlasnik stated I passed one of the two tests. I missed the one test by 2 ½ points. Got the groundwater one done which is supposed to be harder. The distribution test has been rescheduled for May. Darren Peterson asked Gaffney how his CDL license was going. Gaffney stated I have been checking into where I can take the test. New Richmond is where I will get signed up to complete the requirements for the test.

Public Works Monthly Report: February 2026. Vlasnik read the report that was presented to the Board. We didn't have to plow. Any questions? Where was the training? Chetek.

FINANCE: Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to hire Barb & Lee Williamson to work part-time in the Parks maintaining the Gardens/Trees and to set their hourly wage at \$16.70/hour. Lee will be done on the Village Board and will be going back to work. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Spry/Loescher to approve the renewal of a Chicken License for Sarah & Darren Filides at 103 E Dresser Street. There have been no complaints. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to approve the request from Allied Emergency Services Inc. to close part of the third lane on State Street/County Road F and to use Tables from the Community Hall and Chairs from Cold Storage if needed during their annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on April 11, 2026. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Dresser Lion’s Club for the sale of fermented malt beverages and wine at the Allied Emergency Services Inc. Spaghetti Dinner to be held on April 11, 2026 at the Dresser Fire Station #1. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to approve the request from the Polk County Economic Development Corporation for a 2026 Contribution in the amount of \$935.00. Joe Peterson stated that this is the same

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as last year. They work to bring businesses to Polk County. Don't they usually come to a meeting? We could invite them to a meeting for an update. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #44780-#44859 Payroll \$19,470.14 plus Vouchers \$550,836.26 plus Deposit Tickets \$223.07 for a Total of \$570,529.47. A question was asked about deferred compensation. This was approved by the Board in the past that an employee can opt into this program. The employee can ask the Village to take money out of their paycheck and submit it into the program. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for February 2026 was presented to the board. There was one permit issued.

The Police Department February 2026 Report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated it was a very quiet month. It allowed me to get caught up. This year Trollhaugen put in a new camera system. Due to the new camera system, the thefts at Trollhaugen are very low. We are retrieving the snow boards that are stolen. They invested in good equipment, and it is helping to catch these people. The same people that are committing crimes at Trollhaugen also go to Wild Mountain, so it is good to be able to identify these people.

Reminder that all Dog Owners are to license their Dogs by March 31, 2026 – Form is available on the Village of Dresser Web Page or in the Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Board of Review – WI Statutes 70.46(4) – One voting member from each local Board of Review must attend a training session approved by the WI Department of Revenue each year before the Board's first meeting. Gilbert asked who on the Board is willing to take the training for 2026. I believe it will be some type of videos to watch with a test like last year but have not seen the options yet. Nikki Froehlich went thru the training last year and said that she would do it again.

Discussion was held regarding St Croix Valley Foundation – Dresser Area Community Fund – Available to Grant dollars in the amount of \$3,987.00. Gilbert asked the Board if they had any projects they would like to use the money for. The money could be used for new lettering on the Municipal Building or upgrades at the Fish Pond. Is there any work that needs to be done on the Gazebo? Darren Peterson stated let's take the letters off the building and try painting them to see what they turn out like then we can discuss options for the money.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to designate the Official Newspaper for the Village of Dresser as The Osceola Sun. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update was given on the Polk County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. Steffen stated back in October I attended a meeting. They were going over how to make bike and pedestrian trails more accessible. They are not asking for money. There is a map showing our area in your packet. Green is where the trails will access Dresser. We are not required to put any money towards this. There is a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at Polk County if anyone is interested in attending.

Update St Peter's Cemetery is now owned by Peace Lutheran Church of Dresser LTD. This change is listed in the Assessment Roll for the Village of Dresser.

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The Dresser Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Dresser Community Hall.

Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Polls open at 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There is one Open Position for the Village Board that someone could conduct a write in campaign.

Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to proclaim Arbor Day in the Village of Dresser as Friday, April 24, 2026 – Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School. No discussion took place. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. Nothing else to add. Hope the nice weather continues.

APRIL AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Election of Officers March 23, 2026 7PM Alden -Thanks Mark

Village Board Meeting, Monday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thurs, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM–Alden Sta#3

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Froehlich/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 7:42 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.