

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 3, 2025 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, Dalton Spry, Grace Bjorklund, Lee Williamson, and Joe Peterson. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch–Public Works, Wyatt Kuenkel – Public Works, Cait Haas–Village Office, Ryan Haass–Police, Leann French-Library Director, and Gene & Sharon Hendricks. No other persons from the public were present. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – January 6, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – January 6, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting - January 13, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – January 13, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – January 15, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Kuhl/Froehlich to approve minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – January 15, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting - January 20, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to approve minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting - January 20, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Froehlich to approve minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting – January 23, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – February 3, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion took place regarding the Emergency Back Up Generator. Koch stated the last time we ran the Generator it killed power. We had Andrie Electric come take a look and they tested and stated that no power was coming out. Today we had Fabick Cat look at the generator and it ran just fine. They did find one loose wire which could have caused it to shut down. We let it run today for a good ½ hour and it ran well. Fabick Cat was scheduled to go to Polk County so we shouldn't see any mileage charge for coming out from Eau Claire. It is a diesel unit with low hours. Kuhl asked how long do you run it for? Koch stated it really depends on what else we are doing. We may start it up and go do something else and then come back and turn it off. If it acts up again, we may have to look at a new one. It has only around 224 hours on it but it is 25 years old. Bjorklund stated this is a critical piece of equipment when it is needed. Koch stated we did check into the one that Star Prairie has and the plug is different. We will continue to test quarterly and if there are issues, we will let you know.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to accept the estimate from EverLast Rehab for repair to 5 Sanitary Manholes in the amount of \$2,875.00. This is a Fund 62-Sewer expense. The manholes will be re-mudded and a flex seal put on the inside. They get damaged mostly from the winter road salt. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a hot water power washer from Menards – estimated cost is \$4,399.00. Kuhl asked what will you be using this for? Koch stated we will use it in the winter to wash equipment. We have borrowed a similar unit when we had graffiti to remove in the Village. So, it could be used in the future for cleanup of graffiti. Bjorklund stated we have \$5,500.00 in the budget. Koch stated right now we have a regular pressure washer and when it is used, we empty the hot water tank and have to wait for the water to warm back up. This will get used a lot to clean equipment. Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to approve the purchase of a hot water power washer from Menards along with the needed accessories with a cost not to exceed the \$5,500.00 in the 2025 budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to approve offering Free Brush Chipping to residents during the 3rd week of each month from April to October and Free use of the Dresser Public Works Compost Transfer Site for leaves and grass clippings. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: February 2025. Kuenkel read thru the report that was prepared. Bjorklund asked when will you take down the Christmas Lights at the Welcome to Dresser Signs? It is now March.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson 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 12, 2025 at the Dresser Fire Station #1. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to approve the request from Allied Emergency Service 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 12, 2025. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Froehlich to approve the Operator’s License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Maxwell Bridge. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #43850-#43937 Payroll \$17,212.90 plus Vouchers \$657,265.89 for a Total of \$674,478.79. No discussion took place. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Geraldine E Anderson Dresser Public Library Annual Report for 2024 was given by Leann French, Director. French stated you should have the 2024 annual report and a 1-page summary of report in your packet. I would first like to thank you the Village Trustees for supporting the library. It is so great that for a Village our size we have such a wonderful library. In terms of our collection: overall we went down 431 items in 2024. Audio Books on CD have not been used the last couple of years. In the process of eliminating that collection. Will retain some of the children’s items. There are other technologies such as physical video. You may ask what do libraries do to keep their collection healthy and the guideline is after 3 years and an item is not used, they are pretty much removed unless they are classics and in good condition. We continue to bring in fresh new things and make room by removing the stale things for the new things. Our budget was a little slim last year. You then have Inter-Library loan items and we belong to the MORE system. Our use is right in line with other libraries. We seen a nice jump in circulation. Overall things are rebounding from the past couple of years. Children items especially were up. Other items we lend out could be tubs,

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pamphlets, books with CD's that category is up from the previous year. We do get to count E-Books. Those numbers were up. Reference Transactions are where people need help. Help me find an item or how to do something etc... all those questions are answered by the staff and the staff needs to record the transaction. Library visits is down but the number of items being checked out is up. Computer usage is up. WIFI is down slightly. Programs stayed about the same. The Village contributed \$52,853.00 in 2024 plus Fund 10 and Capital Improvements. Total revenues from the Village were \$60,002.00. Our total expenditures were \$99,572.00. You then have all the items loaned out to non-Dresser residents. Those items get reimbursed back from the counties as the ACT 150 monies. Our overall cost per item is lower from last year, we are operating more efficient. Any questions for me. Non-Dresser residents are like people from the Town of Osceola. We get a lot of people using the library especially if they are home schooling and they check out a lot of items. Bjorklund stated thanks for the good report.

The Library Board minutes from the February 10, 2025 meeting were presented to the Board. French gave the report this month since she was in attendance. Story time had no attendees in January and the library was closed in February when it was scheduled. We are going to start story time weekly and begin that on April 1st. This will be on the first Monday in April and hope to offer weekly to increase attendance. We are a much smaller library than others but we have an excellent kid selection. We have received some of the Act 150 monies for 2025. The annual report was done. I did have a problem with my laptop, but it turned out to be minor and for \$100.00 got it fixed and back. It was the docking station that was the issue and not the computer. French continued I am on the committee for the Polk County services plan. There are 10 people and we have been working to prepare a presentation for the county on a plan that will cover the next 5 years. We will be presenting March 18 at the County Meeting. I am also writing a column for the Osceola Sun newspaper. Kuhl stated I compliment you on the article for the newspaper.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for February 2025 was not available. No permits have been issued per Gilbert.

The Police Department February 2025 Report was presented to the Village Board. It was on the table. Are there any questions for Officer Haass? Nothing was stated. Haass stated I was gone for a week for training. Kuhl asked how is the new car coming along? Haass stated the electronics all need to be measured and installed. The graphics are done. Whiplash out of Somerset does the graphics.

Update was given from the Joint Municipal Court Meeting that was held on February 12 2025. The minutes from the meeting are in the packet. We will see an updated contract with some minor changes. Gilbert questioned whether the term for the judge will be included. We will have to look at it. Haass stated the court is supposed to submit a budget in September so how that works will be spelled out better. Also, the annual bill will be submitted by January 15 so it can get paid on the correct year. That will also be followed going forward. The current Clerk of Courts may be going full time with the Village of Osceola Utilities so we may be looking for a new Clerk of Court. Wait and see what happens.

Update was given from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on February 27, 2025. Froehlich stated we looked at a power lift chair and we approved the trade in for a new one. I am not sure when it is coming. It is very easy to use. We are paying for that power lift chair with donations that have been received by the Ambulance. Darren Peterson asked if there was any value on the trade in? Froehlich stated I am not sure on the amount but believe there was some.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to designate the Official Newspaper for the Village of Dresser as the Osceola Sun for another year. This is done annually. Lately we have no reporters at our meetings. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Reminder that all dog owners are to license their dogs by March 31, 2025. Form available on the Village of Dresser web page or in the Clerk's office. We do not license cats.

Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to support Darren Peterson's proclamation and set Arbor Day as Friday, April 25, 2025 in the Village of Dresser. Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Informational – Allied Emergency Services Annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held at the Dresser Station on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

The Spring General Election is to be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Polls open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. We must have at least one board member go thru the Board of Review training. Gilbert stated it is a video that you can watch from home. Really all board members should listen to it. Froehlich and Kuhl agreed to go thru the training. Darren Peterson stated that the Dresser Pickup Truck is on the auction site if you know anybody looking for a truck have them take a look.

APRIL AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS: Library Board Meeting, Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Osceola Ambulance Services Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Village Board Meeting, Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Osceola Ambulance Services Board Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Froehlich/Bjorklund to adjourn at 7:20 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer *These minutes have not been approved.*