

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 4, 2013, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Rick Flandrena, Village President called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Roll Call: Rick Flandrena, Greg Andrie, Jim Rochford Jr., Jim Thanig, Darron Nelson, Kristi Scheet(Arrived at 6:35), and Rusty Norlander. Also present: Attorney Tim Laux, Clerk Jodi A. Gilbert, Tiffany Meyer – Library Director, Tanya Borg, Cassie Peterson, and Bryan Beseler. The Standard Press and The Osceola Sun Newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Rochford/Nelson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion Carried. Motion Rochford/Andrie to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, February 4, 2013. Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** No comments were made.

**PREREGISTERED:** Tanya Borg – Farm, Feral, and Stray Program. Request for the donated use of the Dresser Community Hall on March 16, 2013 for a fundraising event. Flandrena turned the floor over to Borg. Borg stated you may remember that I was here about 6 months ago and I talked about the program. Up to this point we have done 52 cats since the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in the area. The Village of Roberts did offer their community hall to be used for a fundraiser. We are trying to raise funds for vet bills for the cats. We are hoping that we would be able to utilize the Community Center here in Dresser. We have several families here in Dresser that are asking for help. There are many stray cats in the area. A lady just called me this morning and has had cats dropped off at her door many times. To cut down on the nuisances we need to take care of them. We are asking to be able to utilize the Community Hall on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Flandrena asked did Roberts charge you any fees on use of their Hall. Borg stated no. We did everything and cleaned up after ourselves. Flandrena stated we have a policy on local nonprofits using the hall. This is where we turn this over to the board and see if they want to waive the fees for a good cause, but before we do would you be able to pay \$75.00, which is the cleaning fee and small % of the utilities. Borg stated we are a non profit and would prefer a donation. Flandrena stated lets see what the board's feelings are on this. Andrie stated I would like to stick with the clean up fee – there is a lot of overhead on that building. Flandrena commented that is why I mentioned the utility costs. Norlander stated I go along with the clean up fee. Motion Flandrena/Norlander to reduce the fees on the Dresser Community Hall to \$75.00 for a fundraising event to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup> by the Farm, Feral, and Stray Program. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Discussion was held regarding a letter received from the Town of St Croix Falls regarding Summit Road. Flandrena stated I received this letter and they are concerned with liability issues on it. They want to get together with a committee or board and discuss any alternatives we can agree upon, since this is a joint operation for this little piece of road. Steve asked if we could get this resolved prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> but I told him that would not happen. We should look into options and I would like to leave it at that. All of the information I received from Steve is in your packet and I would like to turn this over to the public welfare committee. Andrie stated I think you should explain the situation. Most people don't understand the history. Flandrena stated this is an informational packet. My administration ends April 1<sup>st</sup> and a new board will need to deal with it. Andrie stated there is a lot of history there. Flandrena agreed. There is no reason why we can't look into this and furnish Brian with the information. Flandrena looked to Brian Beseler and told him that he would invite him to the meeting. With that said Flandrena continued lets turn this over to the public welfare committee and I will set a date prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

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Presentation of the inspection results completed by Lane Tank on October 22, 2012 on the Dresser Elevated Water Storage Tank. Flandrena asked did everybody have a chance to look at the inspection. Andrie stated I was glad to see the results. Good news. Flandrena stated they did have one suggestion and Dan and Mike will be looking into that. We are sitting pretty well.

Presentation of letter received from Ken Scherer, P.E. Department of Natural Resources regarding Dresser's municipal water supply system. Flandrena stated we annually receive this letter from the DNR. The letter is talking about cross connection controls and we need to look into developing a plan. The letter is also encouraging us to chlorinate. Flandrena stated the last time we chlorinated I had a lot of complaints on the taste of the water. Flandrena continued - I will talk with Dan and Mike on this and lump this into the public welfare committee meeting and we will get some wording started on this. Flandrena stated I will keep you informed and get this on the April 1<sup>st</sup> agenda.

**FINANCE:** Motion Rochford/Scheet to approve the monthly Vouchers #32130-32215 totaling \$530,438.22. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Presentation of Employee Dental Insurance Renewal effective April 1, 2013. Flandrena stated you have in your packet the dental renewal. The big thing to note is that there is no increase in premiums. The dead line for changes is April 1<sup>st</sup>. The no increase says it all. Motion Flandrena/Nelson to approve the Dental Insurance Renewal effective April 1, 2013. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Rochford/Flandrena to approve a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License for the Dresser Lion's Club for the sale of fermented malt beverages at the DOG Fire Annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on April 20, 2013. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Scheet/Rochford to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Mary Beth Eckstrom and Celina Marie Roberson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The building inspector report for January 2013 was presented to the board.

The Police Department February 2013 Report was presented to the Village Board. Officer Haass was not present. Flandrena stated Haass has typed up his regular report and if anybody has any questions please call him.

Tabled item from February 4, 2013 Board Meeting – Update from Municipal Court Meeting that was held on January 9, 2013. Flandrena stated I was going to have Ryan touch base on this. This is pretty self explanatory and if you have any questions please call Ryan.

Tabled item from the February 4, 2013 Board Meeting – Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on January 17, 2013. Flandrena stated this is where I put Rusty on the hot spot. Norlander stated that meeting lasted only about 10 minutes. We went over financials and the director talked about bowing out of minimum wage. They are working on that. The next meeting is March 21. Any other questions? Nothing stated.

Update from the DOG Fire Meeting that was held on February 6, 2013. Flandrena stated essentially the Town of Alden was approved to work with us and it will be about a 10 year plan to bring them into the Association. They have made a financial commitment for 5 years. This will be going to a special committee. We have to work out how to get employees, equipment, and a location. If after all of the committee meetings we find out that it is not feasible we will return their money and it just won't happen. With that said we will be taking baby

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steps with this. It would be a good marriage to the DOG Fire Department if the financials and the probabilities all work out. It will take about 10 years. Right now Alden is served by 4 different Fire Departments and they want to get away from that. Being a member of the association they would have a vote and maybe their own fire hall/employees. We are not jumping into it before fully investigating it. It is going to take a while. If someone wants to see notes let me know. Flandrena concluded - It would work out good for us if the financial picture looks good.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board Minutes from the February 11, 2013 meeting were presented to the board. Nelson stated you see what is printed. The 3 programs in February took place. The new shelves were installed. The shelving will be moved in the Children's room when we paint, but the shelving in the other rooms will stay put during the painting. Flandrena asked Tiffany if she had anything to add. Tiffany stated we did programs in February and had the shelving installed like Darron said. We were going to do some programs in March, but want to concentrate on painting here in March so we are ready for the summer programs.

The 2012 Library Annual Report was included in the board packets, but not brought up at the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding painting/flooring at the Library. Flandrena asked what kind of flooring. Tiffany stated in the kid's room it will be carpeting and in the bathroom it will be linoleum. Flandrena stated it sorely needs it. If you haven't been in their lately it is pretty dated. Motion Flandrena/Norlander to approve the use of \$1,500.00 from the Library Building Capital Improvement account to be used for painting the inside of the Library and the installation of new flooring. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Motion Flandrena/Norlander to designate the Standard Press/Ledger as the Official Newspaper for the Village of Dresser for the coming year. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Flandrena/Rochford to proclaim Arbor Day as Friday, April 26, 2013 – Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Reminder that all Dog Owners are to license their Dogs by March 31, 2013 – Forms available in Clerk's Office if needed. Flandrena stated I believe Jodi has already sent out information on this.

Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013

**APRIL AGENDA BUSINESS:** Flandrena stated as we add to it you will see.

Scheet commented can I ask a question about the spring election. Since nobody is on the ballot and if there is a list of write in candidates is a list available on Election Day or posted. No nothing can be posted or available. It is up to the people running a write in campaign to get the word out. Flandrena stated I believe it has been publicized who the write in candidates are. If not enough people are elected and there are positions open to be filled it will be up to Brian to appoint. This has happened over the years per Flandrena and it works out. Gilbert stated there are officially 4 write in candidates for the Spring Election. A list is available in the Clerk's Office.

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM

DOG Fire Committee Meeting, Monday, March 28, 2013

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, March 21, 2013

Village Board Meeting, Monday, April 1, 2013 at 6:30 PM

DOG Fire Meeting, Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM

DOG Fire Meeting, Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM

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Rusty stated if we get a lot of snow are the guys going to get out earlier. I am not happy. Flandrena stated I will give them a call. Rusty continued they need to wake up and get out and plow. Flandrena stated they are well aware of it. Rusty stated they don't care. I can't believe that Fatboy hasn't been in screaming Rusty commented.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Flandrena/Rochford to adjourn at 7:02 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.  
Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk *These minutes have not been approved.*