

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 4, 2019, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Raddatz called for Roll Call: Elina Kuusisto, Karen Andrie, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Wayne Moberg, and Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz were present. Jeff Gutzmer was absent. Also present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Thompson, Matt Koch, and Bonnie McDonnell. The InterCounty Leader, The Osceola Sun and The Standard Press newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kuusisto/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, February 4, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, February 11, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Andrie/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, February 11, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, February 13, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, February 13, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting, February 18, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for citizen comments three times. Nothing was stated. Raddatz closed citizen comments.

PREREGISTERED: Discussion was held regarding letter from Bonnie McDonnell – 123 Main Street regarding frozen water meter and nuisance laws. McDonnell asked did you see the letter that I wrote. The Board stated yes. McDonnell stated I want to call your attention to a couple of things. For one thing it was a complete shock to me to receive this. I have lived here for 20 years and my meter has never frozen. The basement is approximately 15x20 and it is not heated. The water line comes in along the floor, which is a bad spot. The meter is located next to the water heater. When this happened it was 40 to 50 degrees below zero and not much snow cover. I woke up to no water. So upon checking it and finally getting the water running again I realized that the small plastic meter had frozen and broke. In my mind I don’t understand why I am being cited for negligence and why I am being fined. Raddatz stated you are being charged for the meter. McDonnell stated I don’t look at it as this is my negligence. It was put in by the guys that were hired to put it in and I turned around and something was hanging on my water line. It is in a very vulnerable spot. Raddatz stated I read the PSC notice. Do you believe it was the Village’s problem? McDonnell stated it is in a bad spot. Raddatz stated then you would have to move it. McDonnell stated I don’t want to pay to move it – I found that Shannon and Arik did not hold me responsible. Thank you for having Shannon and Arik available to me and taking care of things on the spot. They were not accusative and now I get a bill. It was unforeseeable. Bjorklund stated that the PSC gives us a packet of papers that is our responsibility to follow. We need to follow the rules as the PSC has given them to us. They make these rules in Madison. Bjorklund continued the basement was not heated – yes it was maybe 60 degrees below zero and unfortunately your meter froze. It cost the utility \$125.00. You could make payments to take care of the bill. McDonnell stated I am on social security and this will take me 5 work days to just get it paid. Raddatz stated you were charged no labor.

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McDonnell stated there are a lot of things that are on the books and not enforced. I live on Main Street and I don't know when the shift happened, but I have had problems the last couple of years every time it snows and I don't get plowed out. I have to be at work at 8:00 AM and I have to shovel myself out. I have tried talking to the guys and I am 80 years old. I am talking about all of the cars parked on the road. We have no control over when the snow falls and the parking thing says Midnight to 5:00 AM or something like that, but that is not when the plow is out and that is variable. It creates a hardship so I shovel. I have to shovel by hand. A car was parked for 8 months and is it junk – inoperable? It was finally towed away after pleading with the plow guys. McDonnell clarified that her car is not on the street. My neighbors have a choice between the alley and the street. I built myself a parking place at my expense. Thank you Jodi for helping me with that. This is a chronic condition that happens every snow fall. The plow driver last time beeped his horn and some did move their cars. The cars get moved to the back and sit there being disabled/junk/flat tires. I have talked to Ryan and that is another whole issue. One got towed to the back yard. The explanation that I get is that it is currently licensed and it is operable. Now you get into schematics. The car that was hauled to the back has not moved for years. It is left unaddressed all the time. One morning I am out shoveling to go to work and everyone ignores me including the police officer. The Ordinance says between 12 and 6 but nobody is out plowing at that time. McDonnell continues also in the neighborhood there is litter all over the yard. There should be fines for all of these things. I plant flowers; I mow my grass, and shovel my snow. OK another petty thing that is not enforced. There are some dogs up at the top of the hill and they bark when I walk past them. It is frightening to walk by this house. The barking dog ordinance is not enforced. Raddatz asked why walk there if it bothers you. McDonnell stated the owner of the dog in an insulting manner told me the same thing. I am insulted a lot in this Village. I am a tax paying citizen, I park my car along my house and I comply with all of the rules and those rules are not enforced on other citizens. Do any of you have any reply? Andrie stated I understand some of what you are going through. If a person is being told to do something – everyone else should also have to do it. The car was moved finally after there was some action by the plow guys. The whole street is full of those cars. Those cars will still be there and I don't get plowed out and I am tired of being insulted. Do any other of you have any reaction? Raddatz asked have you been filing complaints. McDonnell stated I talk to Ryan. No other comments were made by the board. McDonnell left the meeting.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the Microsoft Office(Word) upgrade to the Village Office Computers in an amount of \$543.00. Raddatz stated I was shocked that it was that much. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Durand to approve monthly Vouchers/Payroll Checks #38123-#38186 Payroll \$17,587.39 plus Vouchers \$430,807.48 for a Total of \$448,394.87. No other discussion took place. Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding running power to the two Welcome to Dresser Signs for the purpose of lighting up the signs, flags, and decorations. Raddatz stated Rob & I met with Larry from Xcel. We had an onsite meeting. They will run power for free. They will bore under the road/Highway 35 to get power to them. They will provide this service. On the quote from Andrie Electric we have to put in the top half, which is a cost of \$2,650.00. I asked him to get us a price for those two locations. At this time there is nothing budgeted for this project. This is food for thought. Any ideas on where to get the money from. Raddatz stated I am confused a little on the second part for

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lighting up the flags. Up to this point we haven't had them lit. We need to come up with the money for the meter sockets. Bjorklund stated originally Andrie/Trap Rock donated the solar lights that are there right now to light up the flags. Raddatz stated I have spoke with the Dresser Lion's Club and they are going to see what they might be able to do. They may give \$500.00 towards this. Does anybody know where we could come up with the money for the electricity installation for the signs? Is there anywhere in the budget we can scrape up some money. Maybe we can twist Andrie's arm. There is a couple of different ways of doing this. This proposal is less labor and is more self contained. It will give us a cleaner enclosed look. Basically it is a box. This is open for thoughts/comments. Durand stated we should keep this going so we make progress on it. Do we put this on the May agenda? Where do we think we can get some money for this? Andrie stated I can go back to Nate and see what he thinks – maybe if Andrie Electric gets their name on the project some how. Is the board interested in pursuing this? Andrie stated yes we want to do this. Raddatz stated I think the cleaner look is important. Keep in mind we were paying per bulb on the Christmas Decorations and now there will be a monthly meter charge. Having power there is going to cost us more money. Andrie stated we had solar lights there before. How good were they? Bjorklund stated Greg gave us the quote for them. Solar could work. Raddatz stated solar won't work for Xmas decorations. Bjorklund stated the current solar lights were put in while Steve was here so not that long ago. The cold kills the solar and only having 8 hours of day light does help. Some Solar can work with the electric. We could check with Xcel and see if they have something solar that works with electric. The Village cost right now is \$2,650.00 for both combined.

Introduction of Matthew Koch as the new Public Works Employee to the Village Board. Koch stated I live in Dresser. I have a couple of kids and I am married. We have lived here since 2006. I am also on the Fire Department. Andrie stated I heard that you came in on your off day and went around on the water main break. That is pretty nice. Durand asked what do you think of the job so far. This has only been day one. I cut my drive by 2 blocks. Welcome to Dresser.

The Public Works Monthly Report for February 2019 was presented to the board. Thompson read the report as presented. I want to thank Dan and Mike for helping with the updates to the water sewer map. We will be clearing snow from the 82 hydrants and catch basins. Matt and I will be attending two training in March. Thank you to Mike Qualle for plowing snow while I was alone and on vacation.

PUBLIC SAFETY: There was no Building Inspector Report for February 2019. There were no inspections done.

The Police Department February 2019 Report was presented to the board in their packets. No questions.

Reminder that all Dog Owners are to license their Dogs by March 31, 2019 – Form available on the Village of Dresser Web Page or in the Clerk's Office. 60 dogs out of 146 dogs have been licensed.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the February 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the board. Kuusisto stated I was not able to attend. It was a short meeting. Circulation numbers are up. John is doing a good job.

