

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Jodi Gilbert, Clerk/Treasurer called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Gilbert called for nominations to appoint a chairperson for tonight's meeting since Village President Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz was not physically in attendance. Motion Kuusisto/Varner to nominate Grace Bjorklund to chair the meeting. Gilbert called for any other nominations to chair the Board Meeting. No other nominations were made – Gilbert closed the nominations. Gilbert called for a roll call vote to appoint Grace Bjorklund as chairperson for tonight's Board Meeting. Bjorklund – yes, Varner – yes, Joe Peterson – yes, Kuusisto – yes, Gutzmer – yes, Raddatz – yes. Darren Peterson was absent. Motion Carried. Grace Bjorklund is Chair for tonight's Board Meeting.

Bjorklund called for Roll Call at 6:31 PM: Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz(attended meeting by phone), Grace Bjorklund, Jeff Gutzmer, Yvette Varner, Elina Kuusisto and Joe Peterson were present. Darren Peterson was absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Ryan Haass – Police Chief, Leann French – Library Director, Mark Kuhl, Deb Rose and Kianna Lindh from MSA Professional Services. The Osceola Sun Newspaper was present – Rick Raffesberger reporter and the Inter County Leader Newspaper was absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Kuusisto/Varner to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, February 6, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: MSA Professional Services, Kianna Lindh was present to discuss the next steps for the CDBG Application for First Street and Second Street (West Ave to East Ave) Project. Lindh stated the first Resolution is a commitment of matching funds that is required for the CDBG application even though it is not scored. You have to show it to be eligible for the grant. Let's review the bottom of the Resolution. I took 1 million off the top of the total project cost leaving \$981,505.00 of match required. You have already paid \$98,705.00 in MSA bills and I have showed the \$52,800.00 from the Business Loan to help pay for engineering. The rest will be from a bank letter. Last year 100% was in the bank letter. This year we are showing the breakdown. Any questions on the matching funds Resolution. Nothing was stated.

Resolution #02-2023 Authorizing Resolution to Commit Match Funds & Certification of Match Funds Secured. Motion Kuusisto/Joe Peterson to move Resolution #02-2023 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Varner/Kuusisto to pass and approve Resolution #02-2023. Bjorklund call for any other discussion. No other discussion took place. Bjorklund called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried. Lindh stated for the record – the \$830,000.00 from the interim bank financing may be less since we are applying for the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water programs and there may be possible principal forgiveness. The loan amount hopefully will go down.

Lindh discussed Resolution #03-2023 – you did this same Resolution last year. This is authorizing the submission of the 2023 CDBG application and allows Raddatz to sign all documents needed for the grant application.

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Resolution #03-2023 Authorizing Resolution For The Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application. Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to move Resolution #03-2023 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Varner/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Resolution #03-2023. Bjorklund called for any other discussion. Bjorklund stated this is saying we are reapplying for a CDBG Grant for First and Second Street from West Ave to East Ave. No other discussion took place. Bjorklund called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Dresser Public Library Annual Report for 2022 by Leann French, Director. Bjorklund stated this report is very impressive. French stated libraries in the State of WI are required to annually submit this information. All of the information is required by State Statute. It is submitted by the end of February for the prior year. The report is used for planning purposes and requesting funds for the coming year. It is a very important document. Since the overall report is 12-14 pages long, I put together an info graphic showing the highlights. We are the Geraldine E. Anderson Village Library, Dresser. Geraldine's mother started the library in 1935. It is amazing we have a public library for the size of our community. It is awesome. Circulation was 9,090 all materials in 2022. We are still suffering from covid but numbers are up from the previous year. Out of the total circulation 5,172 were children's materials. Due to this fact I make sure that I continue to buy children's materials. At the end of 2022 we have 6,796 books, 1,625 videos, and 173,888 E-Books. E-Books are a very significant portion of our circulation. We continue to remove non circulating materials and materials that are just worn out - they need to go. The library has 3 computers for public use. We have 24/7 Wi-Fi access. People were logging in at midnight this past year. We had 3,406 visits to our website this past year and is up from 2021. People are going to our web site for information. The library provided 29 programs that served 46 adults. People are not lingering in the library like they use to. For the school age kids we partnered with the Little Saints Child Care program, the St Croix Falls public library and the Village. We had 380 children attend our summer program and this was possible by using the community hall, the parks, and the St Croix Falls library provided half the staffing. They also paid for half of the supplies. Our report shows 190 children served because they provided the other half of the support and reported 190 themselves. We were open 44 hours a week/52 weeks during the year. We had no limitations for covid. We purchased 808 items books in print in 2022. Audio visual is down slightly. Books on CD are not being used as much because of the Libby App. There is also more streaming going on, but not everyone has access to internet so we need to keep providing the items. Are there any questions for Leann? Keep up the good work. French made one more comment. We are anticipating having 400 children for this year's summer program and we continue to participate in other events in the community like Breakfast with Santa.

Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the February 13, 2023 meeting was done by Kuusisto. We have been going over some old policies and have some more to review. The Library Mission & Goals Statement was reviewed along with the Materials Selection Policy. The open knitting group has been great on Tuesdays. Littles story time has had variable attendance. No other issues with the ceiling at this point, but we may have to do something with it. French has also been hosting a weekly Zoom gathering with other Library Directors.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer 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 as shown on the flyer. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to approve the estimates from Turf Management for fertilizing/treating Village Green Areas totaling \$1,090.00. Bjorklund stated he does an excellent job keeping the green areas looking nice. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – February 2023 was read by Loescher. Bjorklund asked have the water temps changed since the last meeting. Loescher stated they are still in the upper 30's. Joe Peterson asked is there any procedure for clearing off storm drains. Loescher stated with the sun a lot of times they clear themselves, but we are keeping an eye on them and if something starts to pool, we try to open them up. Bjorklund asked from the last board meeting we approved the Community Hall Stage Project. Do you have any idea when you will start working on this project? Loescher stated not yet. Bjorklund stated with spring coming you may get really busy with outside stuff. Let Jodi know when you want to be in the Hall and she can reserve the Hall for you guys to work. I understand this project may have to be done in stages, so it would be good to get started.

Motion Raddatz/Joe Peterson to approve the request from Allied Emergency Services Inc. to close part of the third lane on State St/Cty 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 15, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: Motion Gutzmer/Joe Peterson to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Dresser Lion’s Club for the sale of fermented malt beverages at the Allied Emergency Services Inc. Spaghetti Dinner to be held on April 15, 2023 at the Dresser Fire Station #1. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Varner to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #41888-#41975 - Payroll \$18,449.99 plus Vouchers \$558,525.62 for a Total of \$576,975.61. No discussion took place. Bjorklund called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: There was no Building Inspector Report for February 2023.

The Police Department February 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated you have the monthly numbers and my certificate from training. This past month’s numbers are based on 3 weeks since I was at training for 1 week. I have firearms and driving training left for this coming year to complete. There will be no more cost for training. The training year runs July to June. I have to have 24 hours every year.

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 – Who will be taking the training in 2023? Gilbert stated there is already one training class to attend and there may be more. I am also looking to purchase the 2023 Video for Training that can be done at home. Bjorklund stated I will volunteer to do it. It is really interesting.

Reminder that all dog owners are to license their dogs by March 31 2023. Form available on the Village of Dresser web page or in the Clerk’s Office.

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Spring Election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Polls Open 7 AM to 8 PM.

Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to proclaim Arbor Day as Friday, April 28, 2023 – Program to be held at the Dresser Elementary School. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Dresser Community Wide Garage Sales to be held May 11, 12, & 13 2023.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz thanked Bjorklund for running the meeting.

APRIL AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2023-6:00 PM Alden

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Joe Peterson/Varner to adjourn at 7:06 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.