

VILLAGE OF DRESSER VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Darren Peterson, Joe Peterson, Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto, Yvette Varner and Jeff Gutzmer were present. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert -Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Ryan Haass - Police, Brock Geyen, and Sarah Kobs. Absent - the Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES: Discussion was held regarding the appointment of committees. Raddatz stated the only major change is for the Zoning Board of Appeals we moved Mark Kuhl from alternate to the committee and Amy Lumsden has agreed to be the alternate. The only other change is we moved Matt Koch to the sidewalk inspector and Luke Loescher is the weed commissioner. Everything else stayed the same. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve all 2022 Committee and Board/Commission Appointments as presented. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, April 4, 2022. Darren Peterson abstained because he said he was absent from that meeting. All other board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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

PREREGISTERED: The 2021 Audit Results were presented by Brock Geyen – CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The Audit Report Notations were reviewed. 1. Auditor’s Report. A new series of audit standards has changed the presentation. So, the report will look different. The report is our unmodified opinion. Good News. Reminder – special paragraph – you participate in WRS and that detail will no longer be put in the report. For the Management Letter we listed the 3 Material Weaknesses which have been the same as in the past – CliftonLarsonAllen drafted the books, we have put together the material audit adjustments, and there is a lack of segregation of duties. 2. General Fund. The change in fund balance is (\$74,026) which is not really a good thing. There was a lot more activity in 2021. Revenues were up due to the insurance recovery on the dump truck and you then had the purchase of the new payloader. What is the impact of the negative change in fund balance? The fund balance is made up of three categories - Nonspendable which is at \$106,900, the Assigned at \$182,809, and the Unassigned at \$627,745. That is what is left over. You are at 74.2% of Unassigned Fund Balance to General Fund Expenditures. That is a healthy number even though it is down from last year. It doesn’t hurt you – you are still in good shape. 3. Special Revenue Funds. You have the CDBG Housing Rehab Fund and the Library Fund. Both of these are positive. 4. Debt Service Funds. Balance 12/31/2021 is zero. 5. Capital Project Fund. Balance 12/31/2021 is zero. 6. Enterprise Fund. Water Utility. Change in net position is \$33,487. Last year you had the water tower rehab project to account for. You are back to a normal year and you had a positive result even though you did not cash flow. You are borrowing from the General Fund to pay the Water Utility Bills. You have the State Trust Fund Loan Payment for the Water Tower. Next you have the Sewer Utility. Cash is zero. You have had some rate changes. There is a

change in net position of a positive \$55,818. This is a good sign. Expenses were up – the amount you are paying the Village of Osceola for treatment plays a big part in this. 7. Long Term Obligations. You have no new debt. You did pay down principal. You do have a significant debt load at this time. Any questions regarding the report. Raddatz stated this report is much simpler to look at. We are at 50.4% of our debt limit. The PSC is requiring the Water Utility to do another full rate increase in 2023. Do we need to look at the Sewer Rates? We are looking at the charges from Osceola with the review of the contract. Geyen stated your cash is down but you did pay down the amount owed to the general fund. Raddatz stated it is a lot nicer to do smaller increases on the rates instead of a big increase. If we wait too far into the future then it will have to be a big one. Bjorklund stated we should look to do another 3-step increase for the sewer utility like we have done in the past. Do it maybe in another year when we are looking at the water rates. The residents will see an increase in fire protection next year. Geyen stated you don't want to get behind. Do a little bit at a time. Raddatz asked if there was anything else for Brock and Sarah. Bjorklund asked when we do the full rate increase who is going to do it? Raddatz stated Brock can you help us with that again – get us a proposal to do that work. Brock stated yes, a full rate increase is more intense than the simplified increases. Raddatz stated we will have to look at how we are going to pay for this. It is a water expense. At this point we wait for an estimate from Brock and then bring it back to the board.

PUBLIC WORKS: Update was given on the work completed at the Dresser Community Hall. Bjorklund stated the window and floor grates are completed and put back, the paneling on the kitchen island is done, and the painting on the two doors is done. I plan to wait until everything is done to figure out the expenses. The Microwave and Blind are waiting until we figure out the cost of the flooring.

Discussion was held regarding the Catch Basins and Sidewalk improvements totaling \$12,465.00. Koch stated Grace typed this all up for you. Everything is covered in the budget. Bjorklund stated with the sidewalks we will be using some of the assigned funds. There will be new sidewalk in the park to connect to the current sidewalk along Central Avenue. I think this is all doable. We will be using the community fund grant money for this project. The library is paying half of their sidewalk as originally agreed upon. The Public Works guys did check all of the catch basins and they think they have included all that need repair right now. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to approve the Catch Basins and Sidewalk Improvements as outlined the amount of \$12,465.00. Work to be completed by J&S Contracting. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a new Sprinkler to be installation in the Memorial Park. We got two quotes. One from Sunrise Lawns and one from WaterWorks Irrigation. Sunrise Lawns is an awesome company. WaterWorks has proposed to donate the whole project. Raddatz stated he does work for other communities. I also questioned the yearly maintenance of blowing it out and the startup cost. They will donate that also. I received a text message from the owner stating we will start up and winterize for free also. Joe Peterson stated both companies are fantastic. This is nothing against Sunrise, but we can't beat free and zero operating costs. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to accept the proposal from WaterWorks Irrigation to install a 4-zone irrigation system in the park at no charge to the Village. Plus, free Spring and Fall Maintenance. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Bjorklund stated we need to send him a letter of thanks. Maybe do some pictures when putting it in. Maybe the press would do a write up on the park project.

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The Public Works Monthly Report April 2022 was presented to the Board by Koch. Koch stated the generator is having some issues right now. I wouldn't run the Well – Greg Andrie has been there and tested it. I haven't had a chance to pull it apart yet. A Matador Maple tree was planted at the school for Arbor Day. Next month we will be working on the annual CMAR report for the sewer utility and Ryan with RVS will be coming tomorrow to clean up the parks. We have an issue with the Black Top on East Avenue out by Trap Rock. I got a quote to patch East Ave that came in at \$13,000 for I think 130 feet. We did two small patches last year. The big equipment from Trap Rock is tearing it up. Darren Peterson stated there is no point in patching it. It may have to be pushed off until next year. Koch stated at that point you will have a gravel road.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve having Gilbert request the funds from the St Croix Valley Foundation – Dresser Endowment Fund - Money to Grant in the amount of \$1,875.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Gutzmer to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Kevin Alvarado Gonzalez. There are no issues. Background check has been done. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LICENSE RENEWALS: Schedule of License Applications presented to the Board for review.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #41076-#41162 Payroll \$24,488.06 plus Vouchers \$54,268.72 for a Total of \$78,756.78. No other discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for April 2022 was presented to the board. We have one new permit.

The Police Department April 2022 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated the numbers are in the packet. Since the first of the year, I have had several criminal cases and have had to increase the hours investigating time so that has reduced the traffic time. I did training in Balsam Lake – policies and procedures regarding probation and social services. I am following up on dog licensing. 80% are the same people as last year. I might try to do it earlier next year.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Meeting that was held on April 21, 2022. Raddatz stated it was a long meeting. They will be doing boiler replacement at the Dresser Station #1. The current boiler is not big enough. Once the new boiler is installed hopefully it will recover OK. Kevin Christenson is now the Fire Chief and also the Financial Officer for the Fire Department. Bjorklund stated it looks like you are getting the new Ranger. Raddatz stated that Polaris offered the Ranger to Allied for \$17,500.00. New it is probably worth over \$40,000.00. Raddatz stated you will see in the minutes that there was money left at the end of the fiscal year. This will be carried over for the Boiler, parking lot repairs at the Dresser Station and the Ranger. The Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser was awesome. Raddatz stated they are busy I believe they are already over 130 runs.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the April 11, 2022 meeting was done by Kuusisto. Book Club is moving to Wednesday Morning at 9:00 AM since that works better for the people attending. The first Wednesday of each month. Saturday morning will be story time. They are finalizing the summer reading program that will be held at the park and the

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Dresser Community Hall. There is a new program – Explore More 2022 is a passport program – if you do activities at each library, you get a code/stamp and then can enter your passport into a drawing for prizes. We are working with Interstate Park to create backpacks with park discovery materials and a park pass would be included for a family to check out.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Thank you was received from Dave & Carmen Brian – Easter Egg Hunt. It was cold, but no snow. Darren Peterson stated they still had a lot of eggs left over at the end to be picked up. It was really cold.

Allied Emergency Services is having the 40th Annual Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast on May 8th from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Garfield Station #2 Fire Hall in Wanderoos. Raddatz stated they do a good job.

Open Book is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022 10AM – Noon. Residents can meet with Gene Johnson, Assessor to discuss property values.

Dresser Community Wide Garage Sales to be held June 23, 24, & 25.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Welcome Luke to the Village. Arbor Day was great and we planted a tree.

JUNE AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Board of Review, Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM at Alden

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 7:24 PM. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.