

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, May 3, 2021. In order to comply with social distancing rules, the meeting was moved from the Municipal Office, 102 W Main Street to the Dresser Community Hall, 115 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto, Darren Peterson, Jeff Gutzmer, Joe Peterson, and Yvette Varner were present. Village Attorney, Paul Mahler of Bakke Norman absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch-Public Works, Rob Thompson-Public Works, Ryan Haass-Police Chief, Eric Barclay – MSA Professional Services, Brock Geyen and Sarah Kobs – Clifton Larson Allen LLP, Hannah Peterson, and Reagan Hoverman – InterCounty Leader. Salute to the Flag was given. Raddatz introduced the two new Board Members – Joe Peterson and Yvette Varner.

**2021 BOARD OF REVIEW:**

1. The 2021 Board of Review was called to order by Village President Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz.
2. Raddatz did roll call - Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto, Darren Peterson, Jeff Gutzmer, Joe Peterson, and Yvette Varner were present.
3. Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to adjourn Board of Review to Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Raddatz stated we don’t have everything back at this time. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
4. Open Book dates are yet to be determined – pending revaluation numbers.
5. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to recess the 2021 Board of Review to Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM. No further discussion took place. 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 Gutzmer/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting, March 29, 2021. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:** Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to approve all Committee and Board/Commission Appointments as presented. Bjorklund stated I think it looks good. Raddatz stated I did spend some time on this. We have new people this year. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

**PREREGISTERED:** The 2020 Audit Results were presented by Brock Geyen and Sarah Kobs – Clifton Larson Allen LLP. The board received a 3-page handout – Audit Report Notations. Geyen stated if you have any questions as we go along, please let me know. The final Audit Book is approximately 70 pages long so this is a summary of the numbers. Item #1. Your reports have been issued and the financial statements are fairly stated. The Wisconsin Retirement System about 5 years ago put new rules into place bringing new amounts into the booklet. If anything, it affects your Utilities, but overall doesn’t really change anything. You pay like you always have. You are a small portion of a very complicated report. Since you are so small it is not worth taking the time to compute so we are not doing it at this time. In our Management Letter there is nothing new – same Material Weaknesses: 1. We drafted the report and propose adjustment to your books. 2. Segregated duties - you are aware of those and mitigate control at the board level. Item #2. General Fund – This shows you the full balance sheet. Look at the

change in Fund Balance. This is the operational results for the year. The Village is at a positive \$207,367 and the cash is also up. In 2020 the General Fund came out ahead. There were some new federal dollars and on the expense side you saw a savings due the fact that the deputy clerk position was not filled. Finalizing the Horsman/Peterson Project that a Bond Issue was taken out to finance after all of the ins and outs there is additional debt proceeds. This Fund 22 has excess funds of \$164,000.00. Some options for this money. Right now, we have closed out the fund and moved the money to the General Fund. It could be used to pay down debt. The water and sewer utilities are not in the best condition – you could forgive some of the interfund borrowing. Could use for capital projects. When you look at your reserves – nonspendable is at \$190,963 – this amount can't be spent it was lent to other utilities. Assigned – is at \$230,600 – this is your carry overs. Your % of unassigned fund balance to general fund expenditures is at 93.4% . Last year you were low at 51.9%. Expenses were high in 2019 which drove that % down. These numbers are healthy. Not in excess. Once spent it is hard to build back up. Item #3. Special Revenue Funds – you have your CDBG Housing Rehab Fund which is money lent out for housing rehab and you have your Library Fund that has a carry forward balance of \$12,933.00 which is a pretty healthy balance. 4. Debt Service Funds – This account now should be at zero. In 2018 this was used for the DOG Fire Truck loan and that is now paid off. 5. Capital Project Fund – This was the Horsmann/Peterson project that is now closed out and has a zero balance. Item #6 – Enterprise Fund - Water Utility. The accounting is different for these funds. It is accrual-based accounting. We look at them a little different. First look at the change in net position. The Water Utility is at a big negative – (-\$649,755) mainly due to the Water Tower Project. You took out debt of \$599,000 for the tank painting and rehab. When you take out debt it is then capitalized. Maintenance with tanks is an expense in the year it is done. Next year you won't have this charge. It was a full hit in 2020, which looks bad on paper. It happens every 20 to 25 years. That was a big chunk of that negative number. If you took the tank out you would still have been at a loss. The Village has submitted a full rate case to the PSC. It has been taking almost a year to get a full rate case finalized. The PSC regulates your rates. You submitted an application and they propose adjustments to your rates. They build your rates to meet operations. Right now, we are waiting to hear from them. The other Enterprise Fund is the Sewer Utility. Again, based on your operational results determines what you charge your customers. Change in net position is a positive number - \$51,757. Last year you took a charge for the Osceola billings for sewer flow from the past. This fund is not cash flowing. It does owe the General Fund. You did a rate increase again just recently. Primarily paid down some of your liabilities. Use resources to pay down those bills. Item #7 - Long Term Obligations. Your statute limit – General Obligation Debt – notes increased this year. You took out a State Trust Fund loan for the water tower. You are meeting all of your payments/interest. Where you are at based on equalized value - you are at 57%. Overall, some funds are doing well others are not but you are aware where the issues are. Raddatz asked does the board have to take action on the \$164,487. Geyen stated yes, the board should take some action and give some guidance for the 2021 books. Thank you.

Discussion was held regarding cost estimates for the Dresser 5-year Capital Improvement Plan prepared by Eric Barclay, MSA Professional Services. Barclay stated back in February we met with you guys regarding your 5-year plan that was approved in 2018. For reference purposes I called each project the same as you had done. There are costs for each of these projects as if they were built in 2021. Covid has messed up supply changes, but I don't expect costs to go down probably only go up. We are seeing a PVC Pipe shortage. There are 7 projects we put costs to. Some of them have two cost estimates like on Polk Ave and East Avenue. When you have done the 5-year plan you said that the water and sewer were fine but down the road you

may change your mind so I gave you those costs also. So, there is an option with water and sewer. Also, the costs are based on the quantities listed on the 5-year plan. Any questions? On East Avenue does that project take it to the Village Boundary. Koch stated I believe that is just to the gravel. It doesn't go as far as the south end of the big parcel on the west side. Raddatz stated but it does give us a really good idea. We will need to prioritize and see what grants are out there. Barclay stated you are already familiar with the CDBG grant program. There is also safe drinking water and clean water which is a sanitary program. Depends on where Dresser falls there may be some principal forgiveness. Bjorklund asked what about the American Rescue Plan? Barclay stated those monies will only apply to water and sewer projects. We are looking into right now if blacktop will be covered through the American Rescue Plan if you do a sewer project. We are at the mercy of the Federal Government. Raddatz stated Polk and South Street are storm water issues. Doing one of those would solve some of the storm water problems. Raddatz stated I think we should send back to the public works committee. Barclay stated when looking at East Ave you may want to do an easement on the storm water pipe through the local real estate. Is there anything else for Barclay? Bjorklund stated thanks for the great report. Let's send this to public works to figure out the priority.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Discussion was held regarding Clean-Up Program options for Village Residents. You have the report. One option is to do nothing or do a new clean-up program. The two sanitation places that we have contacted to do a similar program like in the past don't want to work with us. We have come up with a proposal for a new clean-up program. We would be placing a dumpster in the Municipal Garage so we have control of what is dumped in it. There would be a time set up for dumping at the garage. We are looking at 4 days. Matt and Rob would split hours so there would be no overtime. We thought May 24<sup>th</sup> was the earliest this could be done in order to get mailers out and have residents get a permit and set up appointments. What is the cost of the 20-yard dumpster? We researched 5 roll off companies. I do have all of costs. As a group we felt that Racey Roll Off out of Somerset was the best price for us. They are part of Olson Sanitation from Somerset. There is a list of nonallowed items. Mostly the same as in the past. 30-yard dumpster – \$500.00 included everything. Some places had charges for extra stuff. Racey won't charge us anything extra for such things as a mattress and box spring. So tonight, we either approve the proposed program or do nothing. There has been a lot of calls to the office on clean up. If we approved the program, we could contact Racey and set the dates. There is a draft flyer that would be mailed out to residents. This has been already looked at with maintenance. It is not interfering with their fire training. Based on past clean ups and the number of residents and tons that were dumped gave us a starting point for number of days. Raddatz asked if we go over a certain weight limit is there a charge? Yes. Darren Peterson stated I see that the budget for clean-up is \$3,400.00. There are approximately 330 residents in the Village. Raddatz asked are we ready for a motion. Varner stated I believe it is a good thing. Motion Varner/Bjorklund to support a new 2021 clean-up program for Dresser residents using 30-yard dumpsters at the Dresser Public Works Building with the dates to be determined. No further discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. Bjorklund – yes, Joe Peterson – no, Varner – yes, Kuusisto – yes, Darren Peterson – no, Gutzmer – yes, Raddatz – no. 4 yes votes and 3 no votes. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Gutzmer to approve hiring RVS for Spring/Fall leaf cleanup per contract of \$450.00 for Spring and \$900.00 for Fall to be paid from Buildings and Grounds Lawn Care – 10-53270-210. This is same as last year. Summer came a month early this year. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve hiring Turf Management, Brent Liggett to apply two sprayings to Village Parks/green areas for a total of \$950.00 – estimate #3144 for \$285.00 x 2, #3145 for \$190.00 x 2 to be paid from account 10-55200-430 – Park Weed Spraying. We have been doing this in the past and it keeps things looking better. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to approve the purchase of a picnic table from National Outdoor Furniture for a total of \$1,234.00 to be paid from account 10-57000-720 Parks Picnic Tables. Bjorklund stated this was budgeted for and the table is maintenance free. It matches the ones that are there already. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson approve the quote from Seal King to seal coat the basketball court in the amount of \$861.00 to be paid for from account 10-57000-100 – Basketball Court Maintenance. The court is not striped at this time. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the quote from Monarch Paving to repair a portion of State Street W near the lift station with our portion being \$2,594.63 to be paid from remaining Road Maintenance Funds. This section of road is shared with the Town of Osceola and they will be paying for their share. Raddatz stated it is great to see intergovernmental cooperation. The asphalt in this area has gone bad. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to approve the quote from Monarch Paving to patch 2 areas on East Ave N (north of Clark Road) 20'x5' patch at \$1,207.11 and 20'x12' patch at \$1,622.39 for a total of \$2,829.50 to be paid from remaining Road Maintenance Funds plus \$1,367.18 from account 10-57000-460. Bjorklund agreed there should be budget money to cover this maintenance. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to authorize Public Works employees to schedule repairs to Catch Basins as needed – cost to not exceed the 2021 budget of \$4,500.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a natural gas-powered generator owned by Allied Emergency Services Fire Department. Koch stated it was brought to my attention that they have a generator that they are looking to sell. They have all of the records for the generator. It would meet our needs at the State Street Lift Station. The generator we have right now we share between the sewer utility (lift stations) and the water utility (wells). Raddatz stated right now if there is a power outage what happens. We pump the sewer lift station for so long and then have to move the generator and use it to pump water. It runs on natural gas and would be handy to have. Bjorklund stated this would be a water and sewer expense. Koch stated we don't know all of the numbers at this point. The question is – is the board interested in the generator? Darren Peterson stated we should not do it. Get something portable. Less maintenance and other expenses. The current generator sits in the shop and once a year it is used. Raddatz stated we need a recommendation from the board. Do we get numbers on a portable one? Darren Peterson stated actually how many times is it used. Thompson stated we have to test it quarterly and I know of one time for sure since I have been here that it has been used. It is used during an emergency. Koch stated if you have a major outage in this area there could be issues if it is for any length of time. Darren Peterson stated I am not opposed to having two, but with all of the

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extra costs we should look at all options. Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to have public works come up with costs on the natural gas-powered generator and a portable generator. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding foundation issues at the Dresser Community Hall. Raddatz stated this is ugly. We have walls that are going bad on this building. We met and discussed multiple things that can happen. If you start tearing out walls, where do you start and end. If you get too much freeze/melting and water behind the foundation then what happens. One option is to have Lite House Construction jack it up and support it with that cost estimated at \$6,800.00 and that doesn't fix anything. Raddatz continued another option was to have J&S take a look at it. Do we band aid it or budget for it? You should look at the outside. We can do some prevention and keep water away from the building. The J&S proposal is a quick fix and would buy us some time. There is day light when you go downstairs and this happened a long time ago. You can go look. Bjorklund stated so this is a repair job – fix on the outside. Varner asked is this only a temporary fix. Raddatz stated hopefully it would hold up for a few years. There are a few spots where water has gotten in – the wall downstairs has water coming in. Darren Peterson stated where do we get the money. Bjorklund stated we have a finance meeting in June if we are looking to do it then we could discuss the financial side then. Raddatz stated it has to be done by Fall. It is only going to continue to get worse. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve Estimate #8872 from J&S General Contracting to do the repairs to the Dresser Community Hall in the amount of \$4,450.00 and to send this to the Finance Committee. All in Favor. Six board members voted yes. Darren Peterson abstained from the vote. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report April 2021. Koch read the report as presented to the Village Board. No questions for the guys. Work on getting numbers for the generator.

**FINANCE:** Motion Kuusisto/Varner to approve the appointment of Amy Brown as the new Agent for Dresser Food and Liquor's fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor license. The background check was good. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding approval of Operator License's – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Madyson Beyer and Taylor Mallin. Raddatz stated Beyer did not fill in the answer to the question regarding the class, but there is a copy of her certification attached and Mallin has a misdemeanor conviction for drug paraphernalia in 2014 and did not disclose that on his application. Kuusisto stated it was a long time ago, but not disclosed. Gutzmer stated I don't believe the drug charge is a reason for denying, but because he did not disclose it, we should deny his request. Motion Kuusisto/Bjorklund to approve an operator's License for Madyson Beyer and to deny an operator's license for Taylor Mallin for not disclosing the record. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Gilbert should send a letter telling him that it was denied because of not disclosing the record.

License Renewals – schedule of License Applications was presented to the Board for review. At this time the list is informational. It will come back at the June meeting for approval.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve moving the remaining designated Playground monies in the amount of \$1,735.00 from the LGIP Acct 84-8116-4 to Parks Operating 10-55200-270. Bjorklund stated we looked at the benches by the playground. They are old and warped. The \$1,735.00 is what is remaining after the Tennis Court is done, so if you move that to parks operating then we can purchase two new benches and slide will be fixed. In order to do both projects the cost will be \$1,872.00 so \$132.00 will come from parks operating repairs. Maybe

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the old benches can be used over at the Depot. Raddatz stated if something happens to the playground we will have to come up with money from somewhere else. We can also talk more about this at budget time. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Varner to approve the purchase of two park benches to be placed in the park by the Playground Equipment from Tapco in the amount of \$1,510.000 to be paid for from Parks Operating Funds. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to approve the requesting of funds in the amount of \$1,761.00(amount available to grant) from the St Croix Valley Foundation. Bjorklund stated one of the projects will be to refinished all of the tables here at the Hall. Two tables have already been done and you can see them over there. Ray Gunderson and Micky Nelson will do all of the tables. The sample really turned out nice. These tables are sturdy and they all have new protectors on the legs. Tables are very expensive if we have to buy new. Some of the money will be used on the Third Ave picnic shelter – it is in need of some repairs and staining. We are planning to upgrade/redo the lights in the kitchen more energy efficient lighting with Koch doing the work. We have already repainted the kitchen and installed a new mirror and clock. It is looking good. We have a plan for the money. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Darren Peterson to approve the proposal for use of the \$1,761.00 St Croix Valley Foundation Grant Monies as presented to the board. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the lending out of tables from the Dresser Community Hall to Village of Dresser residents. Bjorklund stated since we are putting this much money into the tables I was thinking that maybe the tables should not leave the Hall. The new chairs are not lent out – we lend out the old chairs that are in Cold Storage. Gutzmer stated I think we should continue to lend out tables to Village of Dresser residents. Darren Peterson stated it is only \$20 to refinish a table, if need be, they can be done again. Let people use them for garage sales and the Fire Department uses them once a year. Motion Bjorklund to eliminate lending out tables from the Dresser Community Hall – there was no 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Motion Fails.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to authorize Village President, Bryan Raddatz and Clerk/Treasurer Jodi Gilbert to obtain short term financing in the amount of \$20,000.00 from First National Community Bank to meet the 2021 Road Maintenance Budget and to give them the authority to sign all loan documents on behalf of the Village. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #40134 - #40222 Payroll \$24,986.99 plus Vouchers \$70,819.83 for a Total of \$95,806.82. Bjorklund asked on the Billable Services have we heard anything on collecting on that bill that we sent out regarding the broken pipe at Bernicks? Gilbert stated no response at this time. A 2<sup>nd</sup> notice has been mailed. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Building Inspector Report for March and April 2021 was presented to the Board. Dresser Food & Liquor is replacing their current sign.

Police Department April 2021 Report was presented to the Village Board. No questions were asked.

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Update was given from the Joint Municipal Court meeting that was held on April 12, 2021. Bjorklund stated you have the minutes – the biggest thing is that the judge advised us she is moving out of the Village of Osceola. An appointment will need to be made. They billed us for our portion \$7,533.62 of previous year's court expenses. The Finance Committee will be discussing this bill at the meeting in June. The current budget for the Court is in the office. Raddatz stated so we haven't paid for 2018, 2019, and 2020. The invoice was just sent after this court meeting that was held on April 12, 2021. The Finance Committee needs to set a date to meet in June.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services meeting that was held on April 15, 2021. Raddatz stated not too much exciting is happening. It was Richard and Wayne's last meeting which was bitter sweet.

**LIBRARY:** Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the April 12, 2021 meeting. Kuusisto stated it is summer story time again and people are more inside Library then they have been. We are adding some in person programming and bean stock like last year. Joyful Morning is giving us discounts on Gift Certificates for prizes.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Nothing on the agenda.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Thank you was received from the Dresser Easter Egg Hunt Committee. It was nice weather. Bjorklund stated I believe this may have been Carmen Brian's last year and they may be passing the event onto another group of people. I believe they have done this for 12 years. We thank them for donating their time to such a great event for the kids in Dresser and the surrounding area.

Allied Emergency Services is having the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 1PM at the Garfield Fire Hall Station #2 in Wanderoos.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. I attended a meeting on going over the housing needs in Polk County again. There was like 30 of us. We had a good discussion on work force housing. How do we get people to stay and live in this area.

**JUNE AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:** Nothing stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Library Board Meeting, Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
Village Board Meeting, Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 PM  
Allied Emergency Service Board Mtg, Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM - Dresser Station  
Board of Review (All Board Members Required to Attend), Tues., Sept. 21, 2021 at 5:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to adjourn at 8:15 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer  
These minutes have not been approved.