

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Darren Peterson, Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Luke Loescher, Joe Peterson, Mike Havlish, and Margaret Setter. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass – Police, Don Burrows – Polk County Sheriff Candidate, and Gene and Sharon Hendricks. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given. Introduction of new Village Board Members took place – Mike Havlish and Margaret Setter.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES: Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve all Committee and Board/Commission Appointments made by Village President Darren Peterson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Froehlich/Loescher to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – April 6, 2026. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, April 14, 2026. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to approve minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, April 14, 2026. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Darren Peterson called for Citizen Comments. Don Burrows addressed the Village Board. I am running for Polk County Sheriff and wanted to introduce myself. I am from Osceola. For the last 8 years I have worked as a supervisor for Polk County. I would like to keep things going that have already been started. Sheriff Waak is retiring. Thank you. Darren Peterson called for any additional Citizen Comments. No other citizen comments were made. Darren Peterson Closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nobody was preregistered for this meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS: Update – the 2025 Consumer Confidence Report for Dresser Waterworks has been completed. Gilbert explained that the report has been mailed to all residents, it has been delivered to places that serve multiple people like Polk County Housing, Trollhaugen etc.... The report has also been posted to the Village of Dresser Web Page. Once this was all done, we have to send a copy of the report and how we have distributed it to the WI DNR.

Update was given regarding the 2026 Municipal Office Maintenance – Stucco work with Rock Solid Construction. Dan Nelson moved the estimated start date to May 11, 2026.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new Flag Pole for the North Welcome to Dresser Sign. Darren Peterson stated last summer during a storm it was really windy and the pole got bent. We put money in this year's budget to replace the Flag Pole. Jesse Vlasnik, Public Works pulled together three estimates for the new Flag Pole. One of the major differences is the cost for shipping. Public Works can install. The current base will be used. Kuhl asked is a new Flag included with the pole or who provides that. Gilbert stated that the Flags are provided by the Village. We budget so much every year to replace the flags as needed. Kuhl stated he talked with Lee Williamson and they had heard of a Veteran Organization that would buy and put up flag poles. Joe Peterson was looking at the height of the flag pole – 27 feet. Kuhl stated that Lee seemed to think that there are Veterans who want to put up poles at a reduced rate. Darren Peterson stated maybe we look at that option in the future if we need to

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put up another pole. With American Flagpole & Flag Co Gilbert stated that Jesse Vlasnik was considering whether we could save on the shipping and just pick it up. Darren Peterson stated the estimate from American Flags Express is cheaper even if it is shipped and due to having only one public works employee I think we just pay the shipping and get it here. The sales tax would come off since we are tax exempt. American Flags Express is also a WI company. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to accept the estimate in the amount of \$2,318.90 from American Flags Express for a new Flag Pole for the North Welcome to Dresser Sign. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a replacement 4-inch Meter for Trollhaugen. The new meter has a 20-year warranty on it. Darren Peterson stated that Jesse Vlasnik called me a week ago and the meter at Trollhaugen is no longer reading. The Village is responsible for providing the meters. Ridgeline Utility Company will do the installation. Do we look at our rates to cover this expense. Gilbert explained that the Public Service Commission sets all of our rates including the meter costs. In order to make any changes we would have to go out for a rate change with the PSC. All large meters are tested every 2 years. Kuhl stated that is good since anything tied to revenue, we want to make sure it is calibrated correctly. Motion Froehlich/Kuhl to approve the purchase of a new 4-inch water meter from Core & Main. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: April 2026. Darren Peterson stated that Jesse Vlasnik had a family event tonight so he is not present. Have any of the pot holes been filled? Haass stated I had him fill one that was very deep.

FINANCE: LICENSE RENEWALS: A schedule of License Applications was presented to the Board for them to review. Applications will all be submitted, background checks are completed and then the list comes back to you at the June meeting for your approval.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #44928-#45012 Payroll \$37,349.89 plus Vouchers \$75,999.45 for a Total of \$113,349.34. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Update was given on the hiring for the open full time Public Works position. Gilbert stated we have received one applicant who did not submit all of the required information. The Ad will run in the Osceola Sun, InterCounty Leader and the Tri County Newspapers the next couple of weeks. Froehlich asked about using any type of social media. The Village does not have a Facebook page. You can run a sponsored Ad. Darren Peterson asked if a PDF copy could be sent out to all board members so that they could share with others.

Motion Setter/Kuhl to approve having Officer Ryan Haass help public works with weekend rounds for water and sewer, chipping, or other duties as needed until a replacement public works employee can be found. His rate of pay would be his over-time rate. Darren Peterson stated there are just certain things that you need two people to do for safety reasons. Also, this will allow Jesse to have a break on the weekends. We have done this in the past. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuhl/Joe Peterson to approve giving Colleen Steffen a .50 cent per hour raise upon the completion of a very positive 6-month review – raise would be effective on May 1, 2026. Darren Peterson stated that Colleen is doing an excellent job and the office morale is great. Gilbert agreed Colleen is doing a great job and there is money allocated in the 2026 budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting was done by Froehlich. There is not a lot going on. Leann continues to talk to Paul Anderson who is an architect on possible changes to the library. Leann doesn't want to see the library closed, but wants the building to be completely ADA compliant. Leann has also attended a Library conference in the twin cities area and is helping the Clear Lake Library who has a new Library Director.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Resolution #01-2026 A Resolution Establishing Building Permit Fees. Darren Peterson stated that the building inspector has not asked for a rate change since 2018. I feel the rates are very manageable and fair. At the last board meeting we accepted the rates and we now need to put it into a Resolution format. Motion Loescher/Kuhl to move Resolution #01-2026 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Froehlich to pass and approve Resolution #01-2026. Darren Peterson called for any other discussion on this. Gilbert stated that the Resolution was sent to Paul Mahler the Village Attorney for review and he has responded that he has no issues with Resolution. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

The Building Inspector Report for April 2026 was presented to the board. A few permits have been pulled.

The Police Department April 2026 Report was presented to the Village Board. No comments were made.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Meeting that was held on April 16, 2026. Kuhl stated things going well. Kevin Christenson the Fire Chief does a great job. They did have an election for officer positions and an installation of officers was done. The Spaghetti Dinner was a great success, but they didn't have the final numbers at the meeting. They are starting to talk about their long-range planning, which will involve a Fire Hall to replace Garfield/Station #2. There are many moving parts to this project that need to fall into place.

Allied Emergency Services Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast to be held on May 10, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Garfield Station #2 Fire Hall. This is one of the three fund raisers that Allied Fire does during the year.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Update – The Village of Dresser has been named a Tree City USA. Gilbert explained that there is an application that has to be sent in with supporting documents. The Village has to spend \$2.00 per capita on tree related things like planting, cutting down, chipping etc. in order to qualify to be a Tree City.

Update – Property Assessment – Board of Review to be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (Board Members are required to attend).

Discussion was held regarding the St Croix Valley Foundation – Dresser Area Community Fund – Available to Grant dollars in the amount of \$3,987.00. Darren Peterson stated I believe we need to do something with it or roll it over. Joe Peterson stated just roll it over. We have no firm project. Darren Peterson stated items that I was thinking about were: 1. Chip seal the Tennis Court. 2. Chip seal the Basketball Court. It would be nice to keep up with the maintenance to these areas. I was thinking a

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concrete pad in the park, but I'm not sure if it is needed. We could just roll it over and use it next year. Kuhl stated what about the walking trail – does more trap rock need to be put down so we don't have mud. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to roll over to next year the St Croix Valley Foundation available to grant dollars. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Dresser Community Wide Garage Sales will be held May 7, 8, & 9 – 2026. Carmen Brian is putting together a map of the garage sales happening.

A thank you was received from the Dresser Lion's Club for our donation to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Discussion was held regarding the July 6 2026 Board Meeting and the 4th of July. Gilbert asked everyone to check their calendars to see if they would be available for the July 6th meeting. Several board members were pretty sure they would still be out of town. July 13th was proposed as an alternate date for the meeting. Gilbert will bring back on the June Agenda so the board could act on a meeting date change.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. Darren Peterson stated we planted a tree at the school for Arbor Day. A thank you is in the window from the kids. Jesse did a great job planting the big tree. The weather was beautiful this year so were all outside. It was a great turn out.

JUNE AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thurs, July 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Froehlich/Loescher to adjourn at 7:15 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.