

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Village Board meeting was held on Monday, July 24, 2017, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Cathy Frandsen, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto and Bryan Beseler were all present. Absent Attorney Tim Laux. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer and Officer Ryan Haass. Public present: Shelly Andrewson, Jeff Gutzmer, Sharon and Gene Hendricks, and Karen Andrie. The Osceola Sun and the InterCounty Leader newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Beseler stated before I call for citizen comments I just wanted to give everyone an update. I have reviewed the Ordinance on citizen comments. If the board does agree with what I am saying they need to speak up. Time limit for citizen comments is 3 minutes unless a 2/3 vote takes place. If comments are not relevant or abusing in order to maintain order citizens may be asked to leave or other steps taken. The goal is not to hinder, but it needs to be done in a manner to conduct business. If a request for modification is made by another a board member can challenge – you would challenge the board chair make a motion and a 2nd. I would request a 2nd. This is a non-debatable motion. Does everyone understand the process? Nothing was stated. I open this meeting to citizen comments:

Sharon Hendricks – I want to make some comments regarding the contents of Steve Jacob's letter of resignation – Sharon read a statement – the statement was not submitted to the Village Clerk for entry into the minutes. Hendricks continued Steve has done a wonderful job and taken on extra projects when he was asked to do so. The Board Members should unseat themselves. Jeff Gutzmer – I piggy back off of what Sharon just stated. Steve's letter is very disturbing. The actions of the board last Friday – exclusion of the public works supervisor in hiring a co worker. That is mind boggling. The person supervising is not involved and at the June meeting he was told that he could be involved. This tells the residents something is going on. A boundary agreement has been entered into that gives the Village away. We continued to be the front page of the newspaper. What are we doing – it is no secret that projects have been done in the past. I have contacted my State Representatives – I will see that the Attorney General looks at these actions. There are criminal activities taking place. Karen Andrie – I grew up in this town and moved away and was gone for many years and then came back to this friendly town and I wish that I would not have moved back due to what I hear and what I seen on Steve's resignation letter – you lost a wonderful person. The sink hole by my house – the village truck drove by many times – the maintenance person before him didn't do anything and not until Steve came did it get fixed. This was supposed to be a friendly town and this board is not pursuing growth and friendliness. Shelly Andrewson – I have lived in Dresser my whole life – we finally get a worker who works for the Village of Dresser – Dresser workers do nothing. Now we have nobody that works and relatives are being hired. I avoid coming to the office because our clerk is being hostile – I am treated with sarcasm – if my husband comes down here it is because I don't want to deal with that. I shouldn't be treated like that. Beseler call for any other citizen comments. I call Citizen Comments Closed.

FINANCE: Discussion was held in regards to Steve Jacob's letter of resignation as Dresser Public Works Supervisor effective July 21 2017. Motion Bjorklund/Beseler to accept Steve Jacob's letter of resignation as Dresser Public Works Supervisor effective July 21 2017. Beseler stated everyone has received a copy of the letter of resignation. I was aware 45 minutes prior to his email. He gave me his keys and his garage door opener. He did inform me that he was emailing the letter out. I did make some phone calls to assure that things would be taken care of over the weekend. Any other discussion? Beseler stated I would add to the letter of resignation that as a Village Resident/President – the concerns in this letter should not have been brought to light in this manner. There is a process – the personnel committee would have followed up on any formal complaint but no formal complaint was ever filed. Beseler stated there is a motion on the floor to accept Steve Jacobs's resignation and I do so with regret. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Notice is Hereby Given that the Village of Dresser Board of Trustees may move to convene into Closed Session: Pursuant to WSS 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion Raddatz/Kuusisto to convene into Closed Session at 7:15 PM. No further discussion took place. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried. The public left the meeting. The Village Trustees and Village Clerk were present for the Closed Session.

Motion Raddatz/Frandsen to convene back into Open Session at 7:50 PM. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

The board let the public know that they were now back in open session. All members of the public returned. The press had left. Beseler stated a motion was made in closed session and it will stay that way. We did accept Steve's resignation. Mike Qualle – the other public works employee just retired. We currently have no employees in public works. When I heard about his resignation my first phone call was to Officer Haass since he has the ability to cover rounds. He has agreed to do rounds. Last month we took some action regarding Officer Haass when he was working as a public works employee versus a police officer. The wages will be kept separate. Haass may not be available for 7 day coverage so we do have our emergency agreement with the Village of Osceola and we will need some help. We will be calling Osceola. We want to ensure that our drinking water is good and the sewer is flowing. Scheduled personnel recommendations may come to the August meeting. Negotiating for hiring is done in closed session for the sake of the candidates. That is standard protocol. We have done that for all positions. The Finance/Personnel Committee is meeting on July 27th.

AUGUST AGENDA BUSINESS: Nothing Stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Plan Commission Meeting, Monday, July 31, 2017

Village Board Meeting, Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Kuusisto/Raddatz to adjourn at 7:58 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.