

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Beseler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Darron Nelson, Cathy Frandsen, Elina Kuusisto, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Grace Bjorklund, and Bryan Beseler were all present. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk, Attorney Tim Laux, Steve Jacobs-Public Works Supervisor, Ryan Haass-Police, and Dean Sievers from the public were present. The Standard Press/Ledger, The InterCounty Leader, and The Osceola Sun Newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Nelson/Bjorklund to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Kuusisto/Durand to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, October 5, 2015. Beseler stated on Page 2 – Ordinance #248-2015 when discussing the amendment. I believe Bjorklund made the motion to amend not myself. Motion Beseler/Frandsen to amend the October 5, 2015 minutes striking Beseler and inserting Bjorklund. No further discussion took place. All in Favor of the amendment. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Back to the original motion on the floor. All in Favor to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes with the amendment. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Finance Budget Meeting, October 6, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Nelson to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, October 20, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Closed Public Works Committee Meeting, October 20, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting, October 26, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2016 VILLAGE BUDGET

1. Beseler announced that the proceedings will be tape recorded.
2. Beseler called to order the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM – Roll Call was taken: Cathy Frandsen, Darron Nelson, Elina Kuusisto, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Wayne Moberg, and Bryan Beseler.
3. Announcement of Publication – Standard Press October 15, 2015. Posted on October 16, 2015.
4. Presentation of the 2016 Budget – Nothing was stated.
5. Beseler called for public comments. No public comments were given.
6. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to adopt the 2016 Budget and set the Levy at \$466,473.00
7. Beseler called for any discussion. Gilbert explained that the 2016 proposed budget was published. The Village in the meantime received their Final Statement of Assessment and the Expenditure Restraint Percentage. These two numbers required the Village to cut \$3,285.00 out of the budget in order to meet all requirements for future funding. Suggested changes to the 2016 budget have been highlighted for you.
8. Beseler stated I propose an amendment to the proposed numbers. Let me first hash out my final numbers. The fact is we need to cut \$3,285.00 from the budget. I am not in agreement where the cuts should come from. I would propose a motion to amend the budget striking Line #539 Municipal Office Carpet in the amount of \$3,200.00. I do believe we can make it another year with the carpet in the office and those that know me know that I am looking to the long term and the possibility of a new joint office/library building. It is also hard to stomach cutting police hours in lieu of getting new carpet. Motion Beseler/Durand to amend the budget striking Line #539 Municipal Office Carpet in the amount of \$3,200.00. Bjorklund stated we discussed in the finance committee meeting for the long term the current carpet can't be cleaned any more. We are only proposing to do this front part. We need to have some pride in our office/buildings – this is the first thing you see when you walk in the office is the carpet. I have also talked to Officer Haass about cutting the part time police budget and because he would still have funds in that account he was perfectly happy to release the change to his budget. Right now we have no part time officer. No further discussion took place. Beseler called for a Roll Call Vote:

Frandsen –yes, Nelson – yes, Kuusisto – yes, Bjorklund – no, Durand – yes, Moberg – yes, and Beseler – yes. Amendment Carries. Beseler stated I now have \$3,200.00 to reallocate. Motion Beseler/Nelson to reinstate Line #314 part time police officer salary increasing it \$1,150.00. Kuusisto stated she has heard that people would like more officer time. Durand stated I hear that too. All in Favor. Motion Carried. We some of the long term plans we have I think funds should be available for engineering. Motion Beseler/Nelson to amend the budget and add \$1,000.00 to Line Item #540 Engineering Services. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Kuusisto to add \$1,050.00 to Line Item #194 Part Time Office Assistant Salary. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Beseler stated I believe we now have a balanced budget.

9. Beseler called for a Roll Call Vote to approve the 2016 Budget and to set the Levy at \$466,473.00. All members of the board present voted yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
10. Beseler adjourned the public hearing at 7:05 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Beseler called for any citizen comments. Dean Sievers some of you went and took a look at the property. Jodi gave us no information. I was wondering what was going on. If you are looking to get an engineer you are spending money for nothing. Are we going to get our money or do we have to go to court? Beseler stated I believe there is a future agenda item on this topic. Beseler gave him a copy of the minutes from the public works committee meeting.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on Agenda

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: The 2015 Fall Clean Up/Waste Management Report was presented to the Village Board. Beseler stated there were 80 permits pulled. It keeps the neighborhoods clean.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to have the Village Board consider having an Engineering Firm analyze and propose alternative actions to address the long term concerns regarding the Village's drainage easement in Silver Ridge. Moberg stated after looking at the property our main concern was long term. We want to have an engineer look at the area and correct the drainage problem – fixing the area then his problem goes away. We want to help insure a long term resolution to that issue. Bjorklund asked are you going to go out for bids or how are you going to pick a firm. Beseler asked Jacobs if he had any suggestions. Jacobs stated I have only worked with Cedar in the past and I am familiar with them. Beseler stated I believe traditionally we have dealt with Cedar on these types of issues. I would be comfortable seeking a bid from them. Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to take action on the public works committee recommendation and move forward and solicit a bid/information from Cedar Corporation on the drainage easement in Silver Ridge. Beseler stated I know this is not the answers that the Sievers are looking for, but from what you looked at a long term solution would be good for the Village. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Laux stated you are seeking an estimate of charges to look into a project. Yes.

The October 2015 Public Works Report was reviewed by the board. Jacobs stated the report is in your packet. I had hauled 12 dump truck loads of yard waste and today I added 11 more. I was able to finally get out into the field. The roof on the park shelter on Third Street will be done on Wednesday. The one by the hall the roof will be torn off and hopefully get it all done the same day. WI Gas is done. I have done inspections of the areas and had 2 areas where I removed some rocks. No other complaints have come in. Beseler asked now that the yard waste area has concrete how is that working out. Jacobs stated the rain runs right out and the pile can now be deeper. Last year we hauled 67 loads. Now we may be doing 32 loads. That would be a savings on the loads. Beseler stated you had brought up the Cross Connections and talked about seeking an outside bid in lieu of the staff shortage. Jacobs stated it would cost \$67.00 per house to have it done. Right now I am at 50% on the residential. At this point I should be able to get through the residential. I still need to get with the Commercial

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and Industrial to have them complete theirs. They will have to hire someone. I will be dropping off letters for them to do that. I had to rebuild a Fire Hydrant on Clark Road and it now works just fine. Nothing else was stated. Beseler stated I would just like to thank you and recognize you as a one man crew. We appreciate you for that. Hopefully your help will be back within 2 weeks.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve the monthly Vouchers #34851 - #34924 totaling \$38,024.02. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve a 2015 Budget Amendment to cover the costs of State St/240th Street Culvert Repair. The decrease/increase is as follows: DECREASE: 10-57000-500 Capital Outlay Street Sweeping Osceola \$2700.00. INCREASE: 10-57000-540 Capital Outlay State Street Stripping \$2700.00. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Beseler/Frandsen to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Denise Hatella. Haass has completed background check. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to accept the resignation of Barb Williamson effective October 22, 2015. Beseler stated Barb gave me a call 3 weeks ago. Due to the long term care that Lee will need she is resigning the position. Once we have accepted the resignation the Finance Committee can move forward with replacement. I would like it noted that the acceptance of the resignation is with regret. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated the board discussed the Oct 24th program. We also talked about the open house during the pumpkin train. We also reviewed some of the new information Susan brought to us regarding a Tech Act Grant. We will also be looking at reviews once she gets settled in. Beseler stated FYI – since Christine Brings resigned from the Library board I now have a name for her replacement. Laura Rochford has agreed to be on the Library Board. That will come to the next board meeting for approval.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for October 2015 was presented to the board.

The Police Department October 2015 Report was presented to the board. Haass stated it was a good month with a good Halloween. We did have some mail thefts that are ongoing in the area. Things have happened over the past 2 months. Information was shared with the St Croix Falls Police and we are working with the postal service on this. I ask that people just pay attention to their mail boxes. They seem to be taking the mail out of boxes and people are finding it down the street. If you see any cars at mail boxes please call it in. If someone experiences identity theft let the authorities know. There is help when police reports are filed. Beseler commented - Thank you for helping Jacobs with several public works projects while Mike has been off.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on October 13, 2015-Kuusisto stated nothing new.

Update from the DOG Fire Meeting that was held on October 15, 2015-Beseler stated nothing new.

PUBLIC WELFARE:
PLAN COMMISSION:

OTHER BUSINESS: Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler-Beseler stated nothing new.

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Spring Election to be held on April 5, 2016. Nomination papers for Village Trustee positions can be circulated starting on December 1, 2015. Papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Elina Kuusisto, Cathy Frandsen, and Darron Nelson are up for election. If you are not running you have to file a notification of noncandidacy so that the public knows.

DECEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS: Nothing Stated

NEXT MEETINGS:

Public Hearing – PSC Water Rate Increase – Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Cooperative Boundary Committee Meeting, November 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2016

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Nelson/Moberg to adjourn at 7:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.