

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Special Village Board meeting was held on Monday, November 30, 2020. In order to comply with social distancing rules, the meeting was moved from the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street to the Dresser Community Hall, 115 W Main Street. Clerk Jodi A Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Gilbert called for nominations to appoint a chairperson for tonight's meeting since Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz was not physically in attendance. Motion Durand/Peterson to nominate Grace Bjorklund as chairperson for tonight's meeting. Peterson called for nominations to be closed. Gilbert called for a Roll Call Vote. Raddatz – yes. Moberg – yes. Peterson – yes. Gutzmer – yes. Bjorklund – yes. Durand – yes. Kuusisto – absent. Motion Carried. Grace Bjorklund to chair the meeting. Roll Call: Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Elina Kuusisto – arrived late, Jeff Gutzmer, Darren Peterson, and Wayne Moberg were physically present. Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz was present via telephone. There is a quorum. No Attorney present at this meeting. Also present Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Robert Thompson-Public Works, Matt Koch-Public Works, and Greg Marsten Inter County Leader arrived late. No other public or press in attendance. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Durand/Gutzmer to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Gutzmer/Peterson to approve the minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, October 14, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, October 26, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Peterson/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting, October 28, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Greg Marsten Inter County Leader Arrived. Motion Peterson/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, November 9, 2020. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Bjorklund called for Citizen Comments. No Citizen's present and no comments were made. Bjorklund closed Citizen Comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2021 VILLAGE BUDGET

Bjorklund called the public hearing on the Proposed 2021 Village Budget to order and announcement was made that the proceedings will be taped. Roll Call was taken. Present: Grace Bjorklund, Darren Peterson, Jeff Gutzmer, Wayne Moberg, and Richard Durand. Bryan Raddatz was present via telephone. Elina Kuusisto was absent. Announcement of Publication – Inter County Leader November 11, 2020 and Posted/Web Page on November 10, 2020. Bjorklund stated these publications/postings are required by law. Presentation of the 2021 Budget was done by Bjorklund – there is an updated handout on the table. Revenues are on the top. The expenses – normally all of the categories have a 3% increase added for inflation. The new position – Clerk/Deputy Treasurer with full time benefits was figured in. There are funds in 2020 budget that will be carried forward to fund this position also. Police Department - IT Trac for \$700 was the only major change. Greg Marsten from the press was given a copy of the handout. Ambulance asked for an increase of \$1.00 per ½ of our capita and that was figured in. Garbage service is now included in the budget. We are funding the replacement accounts. Now that the roof is done, we will be painting the Community Hall ceiling and bathrooms. Public Works Department will be implementing GIS mapping. Some of those costs will go to water and sewer. Elina Kuusisto has arrived at 5:44 PM. We will be doing extensive work on State Street out to County Road F. We are planning on replacing the furnace/air conditioning at the Municipal Office. There is some money for engineering for a LRIP project. The Library funding came in the same as last year. New this year – we have a Capital Projects Fund in the

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amount of \$20,000.00. We did this by recommendation from our accountants who helped us to balance this budget. We will be doing a short term borrowing of \$20,000.00 and that borrowing will be used for Street repairs. The reason for the debt borrowing is that it doesn't count against us on the Levy Limit worksheet and we won't lose the Expenditure Restraint revenue. We will possibly borrow locally. We really worked hard on this budget, we had to cut \$64,000.00 from the original numbers to get everything to balance. We did a lot of analyzing and came up with the presented 2021 budget that I believe will work for us. Bjorklund called for any Public Comments – Are there any public comments. Nothing was stated and there was nothing submitted in writing to the Clerk's Office. Marsten asked for clarification on the one sheet handout. That is showing highlights of the 2021 budget not net changes. Motion Gutzmer/Moberg to adopt the 2021 Budget and set the Levy at \$494,393.00. Is there any other discussion on the proposed 2021 budget? Nothing was stated. Bjorklund continued – are there any amendments/changes to the 2021 budget? Nothing was stated. Bjorklund called for a Roll Call Vote to adopt the 2021 budget and set the levy at \$494,393.00. Bjorklund – yes. Peterson – yes. Kuusisto – yes. Gutzmer – yes. Moberg – yes. Durand – yes. Raddatz can't vote since he was attending via telephone. Motion Carried. Motion Kuusisto/Peterson to adjourn the Public Hearing for the 2021 Budget at 5:52 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to approve placement of all delinquent utility accounts and special charges in the amount of \$11,932.49 on the 2020 Tax Roll. Bjorklund stated on each of these accounts a 10% penalty is added to the bill. This allows the Clerk to send these amounts to the Tax Roll. Gilbert stated there are no special charges this year. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Peterson/Durand to set the 2020 Village of Dresser Mill Rate at .009421423. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding retirement letter from Attorney Tim Laux. Bjorklund stated you have a copy of his letter and it is effective December 31, 2020. Our business tonight is to consider a motion to accept his retirement letter and if you see at the bottom of the first page there is a paragraph regarding Dresser files. Does he deliver them to us or shred them? It is in the best interest of the Village that we get those files returned to us. Gilbert agreed that the documents should be returned back to the Village Office. The board consensus was to return the documents by December 31, 2020. Bjorklund stated thanks for doing our legal counsel for the last 31 years. Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to accept the resignation of Attorney Tim Laux effective December 31, 2020 – I make the motion regretfully. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Bjorklund asked what is our next step to obtain new legal counsel for the Village – Raddatz stated I have attempted to contact four attorneys. I have a proposal right now from one. I got calls into the others. I am hoping to have proposals this week. I will bring them to the December 7th board meeting.

Spring Election to be held on April 6, 2021. Nomination papers for Village Trustee positions can be circulated starting on December 1, 2020. Papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, and Wayne Moberg are up for reelection. Notification of NonCandidacy Form due December 25, 2020. Gilbert stated Richard Durand and Wayne Moberg have just filed their Notification of NonCandidacy Forms and will not be running for the board again.

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Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz stated thank you for your service Richard and Wayne. Remember you are not done yet. We do need to get more people involved.

DECEMBER/JANUARY AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Village Board Meeting, Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Service, Inc Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to adjourn at 6:05 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.