

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, November 6, 2023 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Grace Bjorklund, Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz, Jeff Gutzmer, Mark Kuhl, Joe Peterson, and Darren Peterson were present. Elina Kuusisto Absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert- Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass – Police Chief, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, and Carrie & Kristopher Krentz. Eric Barclay arrived late. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, October 2, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve the minutes of the Public Welfare Committee Meeting, October 4 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Minutes of the Plan Commission Meeting, October 5 2023 were Tabled. Minutes of the Closed Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, October 11, 2023 were Tabled. Minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, October 11, 2023 were Tabled. Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, October 25, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, October 30, 2023 Tabled.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called a second time for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called a third time for any Citizen Comments. No comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Introduction of Kristopher J Krentz. The Multi-Jurisdictional Judge is a 4-year term. We are appointing a Judge to fill the vacancy until the Spring 2024 Election. Mr. Krentz will be filing and running for Judge – putting his name on the Spring Ballot. Whoever is elected will be in office 3 years to fill the remainder of the term. It was asked when do you start? Krentz stated there are a couple of court dates that Judge Danielson is still doing. I will start after that. I have been a lawyer for 20 years. I have no plan to leave and I feel it would be good to help. I hope to run with this. Raddatz stated this should be good. Krentz stated I work from home for the most part. Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to accept the appointment of Kristopher J Krentz as Judge for the Village of Osceola and Dresser Municipal Court. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to approve the Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Mariah Lemieux. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to accept the resignation of Mindy Havlish, part time office assistant, effective October 29 2023. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding the hiring a new employee for the Village Office. Raddatz stated we have discussed it and are looking for board input. For the position of office assistant do you do part time or full time? We really need to get someone in the door. Part time is cheaper than a full-time employee. Havlish was looking for part time when she came to us. Let's blend the two for a Ad. Raddatz stated the first Ad is simple. 20-30 hours. Joe Peterson stated under the desired qualifications at the bottom take out local government work experience. Just take it all out - no desired qualifications. Joe Peterson stated this way you may get a pool of

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people to look at. The 2nd paragraph is good. The 3rd paragraph is good. The 4th paragraph take off hours. The 5th paragraph take out application date and put until filled. Application can be found online. Raddatz can review the final version. Where does the board want to advertise? Post/Web Page/The Sun/Inter County Leader. Run for a couple of weeks. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to move forward with the hiring of a new employee either part time or full time for the Village Office and to advertise for 2 weeks in the local newspaper. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Eric Barclay arrived at 6:45 PM.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to hire part-time personnel as listed. Hiring is contingent upon back ground check. Starting wage is \$15.00/hour. Mike & Laura Loescher – Garden Planting/Maintenance, David Brian – Clearing of Snow from Village Sidewalks/Miscellaneous Public Works as needed, Bruce Fillipi – cleaning of Community Hall, Watering flowers/trees, Grass Cutting, and Miscellaneous Public Works Duties as needed. Raddatz stated everybody is interested. Having all of these part timers to get the job done is great. They would have a start date of today. Kuhl questioned whether public works was OK with this. Public works was involved and met with them already. They have showed them around and they are still interested in the job. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Adjustment of Dresser Water Rates by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin – Public Hearing to be held November 28 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to approve the following 2023 Budget Amendment:

Decrease the following account:

\$4,500.00 – Part-Time Clerk 10-51430-110
\$1,500.00 – Buildings and Grounds 10-53270-210
\$6,000.00 – Part-Time Public Works 10-53415-110
\$2,640.00 – Spray Patching Capital Outlay 10-57000-460
\$3,778.36 – Catch Basin Capital Outlay 10-57000-610

Total = \$18,418.36

Increase the following account:

\$4,500.00 – Attorney 10-51310-210
\$1,500.00 – Snow & Ice Control Operating Supplies 10-53411-270
\$6,000.00 – Machinery & Equipment Operating Fuel 10-53240-350
\$2,640.00 – Crack Seal Rock Capital Outlay 10-57000-510
\$805.00 – Police Vehicle Maintenance/Repair Tires 10-52100-340
\$1,662.00 – Machinery & Equipment Tires 10-53240-340
\$1,000.00 – Municipal Garage Tools 10-53230-280
\$311.36 – Bulk Fluids 10-53240-330

Total = \$18,418.36

Raddatz asked if anyone had any concerns with this. Bjorklund stated that currently the fuel account was over budget. The Attorney account was used. This will clean it all up. Thank you to Grace and Jodi for putting this together. No other discussion took place. Roll Call Vote was called for. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the authorization to move funds to the Local Government Investment Pool as follows: Machinery Replacement 10-53240-360 \$10,000.00, Police Squad Car Replacement 10-52100-380 \$6,000.00, Municipal Building #1 Library 10-51610-820 \$1,000.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the purchase of the following items as estimated from the 2023 Budget: Police Car Tires \$805.00, One-Ton Tires \$1,362.00, Ranger Front Tires \$300.00, Tools \$1,000.00, and Bulk Fluids \$311.36. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #42513-#42591 - Payroll \$17,028.31 plus Vouchers \$247,202.08 for a Total of \$264,230.39. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

2024 Proposed Budget public hearing date is set – Public Hearing to be held November 27 2023 at 6:30 PM.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the October 9, 2023 meeting were presented to the board.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for October 2023 was presented to the board. 13 Permits have been issued.

Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to approve the purchase of the Police Officer Body Armor at an estimated cost of \$1,300.00. Bjorklund stated it is ordered to size and hopefully it will get here before the end of the year. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Police Department October 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. The new police office computer has been received. Haass stated I will be working with the State to install their programming on both the office computer and the squad laptop.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Meeting that was held October 19, 2023. The Allied Fire board will be asking the Village of Dresser to take out a State Trust Fund loan for the new truck they are buying. This will be happening next summer and borrowing the money would be after September 2024.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Ordinance #258-2023 An Ordinance Repealing & Recreating A Part of the Orderly Conduct Code Relating to Cigarettes, Nicotine Products, Tobacco Products and Vaping Products. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to amend the rules waiving two readings 2.10(b). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to amend the rules to allow an immediate vote 2.10(2). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to pass and approve Ordinance #258-2023. Any discussion – Officer Haass stated that he was OK with the Ordinance. Attorney Mahler drafted it. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote (3/4 roll call vote of board members required). All board members present voted Yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #259-2023 An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating a Part of the Fire Protection Code. Motion Darren Peterson/Gutzmer to amend the rules waiving two readings 2.10(b). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to amend the rules to allow an immediate vote 2.10(2). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Ordinance #259-2023. Raddatz called for discussion. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for Roll Call Vote (3/4 roll call vote of board members required). All board members present voted Yes. Motion Carried.

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Ordinance #260-2023 An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating a Part of the Orderly Conduct Code. Motion Gutzmer/Joe Peterson to amend the rules waiving two readings 2.10(b). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to amend the rules to allow an immediate vote 2.10(2). All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Gutzmer/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Ordinance #260-2023. Raddatz called for any discussion. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for Roll Call Vote (3/4 roll call vote of board members required). All board members present voted Yes. Motion Carried.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Discussion took place regarding contract with Eric Anderson – Deer Lake Gardens for Yard Waste Disposal. The contract that the Village had with Kent Muschinske was reviewed and edited. Contract should be retyped and sent to the Village Attorney for his review and then sent to Eric Anderson for his review. Once all changes are made bring it back to board for their vote.

Public Works Monthly Report – October 2023. Report was reviewed. Public Works did plow snow in October. We now have the equipment to do our own leaf pick up in the Fall in the parks.

Eric Barclay – Project Manager with MSA was present to discuss the bids for the 1st and 2nd Street Reconstruction Project. Barclay stated we had 5 good bids that were submitted. The lowest bid was from Albrightson Excavating at \$1,646,648.30. When we talked about the storm sewer, we had discussed concrete versus plastic. They bid plastic and did a bid alternate for reinforced concrete on the bottom of the spreadsheet. You can see the difference in price. For all the bid alternates is an increase of \$38,961.75. It is up to the Village whether you want all concrete storm sewer or plastic. Barclay there is a difference by the school - height. Darren Peterson stated use the plastic. Next step is to sign the Notice of Award after you have awarded the project. Notice of Award would be sent to them and then sent back to the Village. This completes the contracting process. Contractor can submit products and we hope to schedule a pre con meeting late February or early March. Unless they want to start cutting trees, which is up to them. The start date is set by the contractor. Will depend on when frost goes out. The end date is firm with substantial completion by September 6th. We hope to have the street open by the time school starts. The intersections will be open first - final completion is October 18th. I suspect we will be done before that. Bjorklund asked is there a penalty if not finish. Barclay stated yes. There are liquid damages. In the contract it is around \$2,500.00 a day. Raddatz stated I did talk to Matt at St Croix Falls and they did a project with this contractor. It was fine. They had some issues with an engineering firm. Albrightson was OK. Barclay stated MSA has worked with them. Darren Peterson stated you will have the inspector on site. The product in the end was good. MSA has done the design and will have someone on site making sure all is done by specs put out by MSA. Construction itself will all be done by Albrightson. We will do weekly meetings. We can do these on site or in the office. This can be determined during the preconstruction meeting. Bjorklund stated people will have access to their property. At the end of every day the road would be passable – people will be able to get into their driveways. It will be nice that a lot people currently use the alleys. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to award the contract for the 1st and 2nd Street Project to Albrightson Excavating in the amount of \$1,646,648.30 and to have the Village President sign the Notice of Award. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted Yes. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to have the Village of Dresser give a letter of support for the grant application for Lakeland Communications. Lakeland going around the Village of Dresser and then going to the schools. They are applying for a grant. With the Village Board approval there is no money exchanged since they plan to go around the Village. Where are they going thru to get to the school? Bjorklund stated we should support them. Darren Peterson stated we can't stop them. Raddatz is more of a blessing. We need to have something on village letter head. They have our blessing to apply for the grant. This will not cost us anything. They want the support. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Spring Election to be held on April 2 2024. Nomination papers for Village Trustee positions can be circulated starting on December 1 2023. Papers can be obtained from the Village Clerk Office. Jeff Gutzmer, Elina Kuusisto, and Darren Peterson are up for reelection. Notification of Noncandidacy Form due December 22 2023

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Raddatz stated I have nothing.

DECEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM – Cancelled and Rescheduled for Wednesday November 8 2023 9:30 AM

Special Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Village of Dresser Holiday Gathering December 16 2023

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 7:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.