

VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 2, 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, Elina Kuusisto, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Mark Kuhl, Joe Peterson, and Darren Peterson were present. Jeff Gutzmer was 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 Jean Measner. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, September 11, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, September 13, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the minutes of the Finance Personnel Committee Meeting, September 27, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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: Jean Measner – Secretary Dresser Lion’s Club was present to discuss the annual Santa Day event. Raddatz stated with all the costs going up it is nice you are only asking for the same amount. Measner stated we do a meat raffle at Wards to give extra funds for the events we do. Santa Day will be from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and we are doing the pancakes and sausage breakfast again this year. Hopefully we can get the library involved again this year. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the request from the Dresser Lion’s Club for a donation in the amount of \$300.00 for the annual Santa Day to be held at the Dresser Community Hall on Saturday, December 9, 2023. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Update was given on the 1st/2nd Street Project. The project is being Bid out at this time. We have heard that 7 planholders “prime contractors” have asked for information and may submit a bid. By giving them time and that the project is not until next spring hopefully we will get multiple bids.

Update was given on the repairs being completed by Municipal Well & Pump for Municipal Well No. 2. Koch stated they have been back several times. The way the pump was originally installed it does not spin backwards. They made a modification so it would now do that. With the new pump it is not pumping any sand. Koch stated I have not seen the video of the casing and not sure if there was build up there. With the old pump we were getting 380 gallons per minute. With the new it is now 490 gallons per minute. He said usually after 30 days they can put the balls back in, which would keep it from not spinning backwards. This new motor is so sensitive. Bjorklund asked are we going to continue to have the same problem. Koch stated we are now 4 days out. Darren Peterson stated is it bad to spin backwards. Koch stated they can’t find anything wrong with it. There is a timer that keeps it from starting back up. We have not gotten the bill and when we do then it will get checked all over again. Bjorklund asked how many times have they been back. Koch stated twice. Kuhl stated so right now we are under 500 gallons per minute. Does the recharge happen quickly? At 54 feet we are hitting water but we are at 80 feet. Raddatz asked if anyone had any other questions. Nothing was stated.

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Motion Kuhl/Joe Peterson to accept the recommendation from the Finance Personnel Committee to trade in and purchase a new Zero Turn Lawn Mower every 2 years. Raddatz stated we had the discussion and by doing this we stay with a full warranty. We are putting away \$2,500.00 a year, which will allow us to do this. You can see the trade in value. They want them at a certain age and hours. If we stick to every 2 years, they have no problem with resale. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to give permission to the Public Works Department to purchase Street Signs up to the 2023 Budget dollars set aside of \$2,500.00. Koch stated those signs listed are in the system. There are several others I have to take pictures and customize the signs. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – September 2023. Raddatz stated 2 things from the list for next month. I can't believe we are talking about snow already. Did the one issue with the tree along the street get taken care of? Koch stated that tree is not the Village's responsibility. Bjorklund asked if the sewer cleaner has been taken out yet this year. Koch stated we haven't gotten that far.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to accept the resignation of Barb & Lee Williamson effective October 1 2023. Bjorklund stated they have finished everything off. With regrets we have to accept it. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Raddatz stated we appreciate their years of service to the Village.

Motion Kuusisto/Joe Peterson to approve the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to hire part-time personnel as needed to fill the following job duties – Garden Planting/Maintenance, Parks/Watering, Cleaning Community Hall, and Snow Removal Sidewalks. Raddatz stated currently we have spent just under \$13,000.00 at \$14.76/hour. Raddatz stated let's leave it open and see if we can hire someone. Bjorklund stated there are a few people who are interested already, but we needed approval before we talk to them. Raddatz stated this will still come back to the board to hire. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Resolution #05-2023 A Resolution Establishing the Schedule of Wastewater Service Charges for All Users of the Dresser Sewer Utility. Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to move Resolution #05-2023 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to pass and approve Resolution #05-2023. Raddatz called for any discussion. This is what we talked about last month. Bjorklund stated we first looked at .50 cents but that won't meet our expenses. The board decided to do \$1.00 for the next 3 years and 3% on the base effective in November. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #42463-#42512 - Payroll \$16,941.64 plus Vouchers \$28,639.06 for a Total of \$45,580.70. No discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Police Department Office Estimated cost \$734.96 – Payment from Acct 10-57000-240 Office Equipment and remaining balance from Office Equipment Assigned Funds. None of this cost will come out of the Police Budget. We have the Office Equipment account for these types of purchases. The current computer was purchased in 2009. We had a grant for the new laptop in

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the squad. Kuhl asked do you have to buy a license from Microsoft 365 and if so, do you maintain that license? Haass stated you purchase it and you have it for several years. That expense would be a police department yearly expense. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the renewal with Medica for the Employee Health Insurance. Raddatz stated this is a 3.8% increase. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Kuusisto to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to renew the Employee Life/Short Term Disability Insurance with MetLife. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to switch to Delta Dental for the Employee Dental Insurance Coverage. Bjorklund stated this is a switch from Guardian. Delta has some coverages for ortho and the cost is a little cheaper. The employees are OK with it. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to renew the Property Insurance with Municipal Property Insurance Company - \$1,000.00 Deductible and an annual premium of \$7,829.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Kuusisto stated I just got to the meeting at the end. Things are looking good. The summer reading program is concluded. Open knitting is doing well.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for September 2023 was presented to the board. We are up to 10 permits for the year.

Update on the Village of Osceola and Dresser Municipal Court - Municipal Judge Vacancy. At this time nobody has come forward about the position. The 10th Judicial District may appoint if we do not find someone.

The Police Department September 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated the report was on the table. It was a quiet month and I took a vacation. No other questions were asked.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Budget/Board Meeting held September 26, 2023. The levy for the fire department is going up 2.55%.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Kid Halloween Party to be held at the Dresser Community Hall on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to call a special Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM with the purpose of holding public hearing for the 2024 Budget and to adopt the 2024 Budget. No discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to have a Village of Dresser Open House at the Dresser Community Hall on Saturday, December 16, 2023 and to use funds from Acct#10-56720-320 Holiday Open House and Assigned Funds Advertising and Promotion. Bjorklund stated we have carried forward funds. No estimated costs at this time. I do have a committee together – so we can do a flyer. Doing this with Santa Day last year did not work. We appreciated the Lion’s – but want to go back to our own event on December 16th. The Hall is booked. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. The weather has been so nice so sad we have to worry about snow. Hope everyone has a great Halloween.

NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Public Welfare Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 5:00 PM
Plan Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM
1st/2nd Street Project Bid Opening, Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM
Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, October 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM – Finalize 2024 Budget
Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM
Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 7:02 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert - Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.