

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Yvette Varner, Grace Bjorklund, Jeff Gutzmer, and Elina Kuusisto were present. Joe Peterson and Darren Peterson Absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Ryan Haass – Police, Mindy Havlish, Mark Burandt, Curt Millermon, and Pat Kytola. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspapers were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kuusisto/Bjorklund to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the minutes of Village Board Meeting, September 6, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 14, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Gutzmer/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 14, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve minutes of the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 28, 2022. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. No other comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Discussion was held regarding a proposed request for a 3 way stop at the intersection of West Avenue and Second Street by the Dresser Elementary School. St Croix Falls School District, Mark Burandt District Administrator was present. Burandt stated we got notice of the street project that is proposed. Myself and Nate came and looked at project. We didn’t see really any changes except that we have the issue of vehicles running fast in front of the school. We have checked and the correct speed zones are posted. We are looking for ways to slow the traffic down in front of the school. We are proposing a 3 way stop at the corners of West Ave and 2nd Street and wanted to find out if the Village Board would consider this. Raddatz asked if Haass or Public Works had any comments. Haass stated the main issue I see is the safety issue. Right now, there are kids and adults crossing between vehicles. I would like to see more of a change in design of the drop off instead of stop signs. If you put stop signs on West Avenue you will now have in front of the school cars parked on each side of the street plus the stopped vehicles waiting to get thru the stop sign. People and kids are going to be crossing between all of them. In the winter this area becomes even more narrow when snow is piled. Bjorklund asked is there any possibility of changing the drop off area? Burandt stated we drop off on the west side of the school. To use the south side, you would have to extend the sidewalks or change the main entrance of the school. Raddatz questioned are the vehicles facing north when on the west side of the road. Koch stated I have seen that the bus comes to the east side of the building and backs into that parking area to let off kids. I think they are doing it to stop the congestion. What about no parking on west side of the street. Polk County Housing residents park there. There is also no cross walk. They are just walking between the vehicles. Raddatz asked what if you did a cross walk. Haass stated that would be hard since it doesn’t go anywhere there is no sidewalk on the west side of the street. Varner stated the middle school has one way in and one way out. Bjorklund asked how many kids are we talking about. Burandt stated around 80 and ½ get dropped off and picked up by parents. There is a fair amount of traffic at pick up and drop off times Burandt stated. Haass you also have that it is starting to be

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dark out in the morning. Raddatz stated this is hard – people have been doing pickup and drop off for so long that it is hard to change behavior. The safety issue is the adults and kids crossing the street. Even at 15 mph a car looks like it is going fast. Varner asked are there any people outside to monitor things. Burandt stated no there is not. Raddatz asked is there any option of that? Burandt stated with the young kids the teachers are getting the kids dressed to catch the bus and go home. In the morning they have the kids that have already arrived in their classrooms. We also don't have a custodian in the morning. That person works in St Croix Falls also. We have current job postings and nobody to fill the positions. Raddatz, have you gotten any input from the school board? Raddatz continued we are not opposed to doing anything. Kuusisto asked what are the parents seeing. The complaints are coming from the citizens/parents. Kuusisto agreed I think it would be nice to have some input from the school board. How do we get people to break habits? Haass stated you do have new parents every year. Burandt asked are we just transferring the problem. Does an area get signed No Drop Off Zone. Burandt stated we looked at extending the cut-out area, but this would just put more cars right there. It would not cure the problem. Raddatz agreed and if you extend that area, you would still have to extend the sidewalk. Raddatz stated I would like to see what the school board thinks on this issue. We are proposing a November 1st Board Meeting – we can put you on that agenda and keep this conversation going. Things are fresh in our minds and let's see what the school board thinks. Thank you for coming.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve the request from Allied Emergency Services Station #1 for a donation in the amount of \$300.00 for the annual Halloween Party to be held on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6PM to 8PM at the Dresser Community Hall. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Raddatz/Gutzmer to approve the request from the Osceola & St Croix Valley Railway & the MN Transportation Museum for assistance with the annual Pumpkin Express event to be held October 21, 22, 23 2022 at the Dresser Depot. Kytola stated they would really like some help to unload the pumpkins from the truck. There will be other people to set the pumpkins. The driveway on the north is really rutted. Koch stated we have planned to smooth out the driveway and we can bring the loader to unload the pumpkins. Bjorklund stated they are asking for chairs and cones. No problem. The Lion's club is working on tables. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve paying the J&S Invoices totaling \$17,357.00 for Sidewalk and Catch Basin improvements done in 2022. Bjorklund stated when we originally reviewed the estimates for all of this work last spring we didn't have the estimate for the additional \$3,800.00. I have reworked all of the numbers and we have revenue of \$8,130.00 for Sidewalks, \$9,000.00 for Catch Basins, \$1,875.00 from Community Foundation Grant and after talking to the library they are willing to contribute \$3,500.00. The library has agreed to pay ½ of the total project in front of the library. We would still have money in the assigned funds. We have the money to pay these invoices. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Varner to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to use the remaining ARPA Funds totaling \$27,354.96 for sewer main lining. Raddatz stated at this point it is just a formality. No further discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

The Public Works Monthly Report for September 2022 was presented to the Board by Loescher. Loescher read the report that was submitted to the Board. Loescher stated that he has attended classes for his water certification. Raddatz asked how do you like the new mower. Loescher

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stated I like it. Is it a time saver. Koch agreed. Raddatz asked are you happy with the way the Mack Plow Truck drives. We have no issues.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee and to hire Mindy Havlish for help in the Village Office – part time at \$20.00 per hour and WI Retirement. Introductions were done. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Village of Dresser applied for and received a 2022 Safety Equipment Grant from the League of WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$146.00.

Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve renewing the Village's Property Insurance with Municipal Property Insurance Company with a \$1,000.00 deductible and an annual premium of \$6,909.00. This was in line with past increases. Not a lot of choices. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update – Employee Dental Insurance with Guardian and Employee STD/Life Insurance with Met Life are renewing with no plan changes and no change in premiums.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to approve renewing the employee Health Insurance with Medica – Medica Choice Passport WI 500-45-30% with a 4.42% increase. The employee pays 10% of the total premiums and to grandfather Officer Ryan Haass to receive reimbursement up to \$500.00 on the employee deductible only. Raddatz stated this is what we have been doing. Bjorklund stated the increase is doable. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #41476-#41550 Payroll \$16,374.15 plus Vouchers \$59,006.58 for a Total of \$75,380.73. No further discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for September 2022 was presented to the board. Bjorklund stated it is nice to see the new building at Andrie Electric on there. No other questions or concerns were stated.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to appoint Jessica Buberl as the Joint Dresser/Osceola Municipal Court Judge. This position is up for reelection at the Spring General Election to be held April 4, 2023. The Village of Osceola did approve appointing her to the position already. It is great to see someone local. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Police Department September 2022 report was presented to the Village Board. Raddatz stated it was in your packet and are there any questions or concerns. Nothing was stated.

Update was given from the Allied Emergency Services Budget/Board meeting that was held September 22 2022. The fire budget was approved and there is a slight increase in the levy. That will go to finance for the 2023 Budget.

LIBRARY: Presentation of the Library Board Minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting was done by Kuusisto. Visitation and circulation at the library are on par. Little story time is starting to pick up. The patrons love the new sidewalk it is good. A new library aide was hired to replace Linda Bowitz. We will be working on updating some policies.

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PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion Varner/Kuusisto to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee and to approve having a joint event Dresser Holiday Open House/Dresser Lion’s Club Breakfast with Santa on December 10th from 11 – 2 with the Dresser Lion’s Club serving pancakes and to give them the additional \$200.00 set aside for the Open House to cover expenses. Bjorklund stated I did attend the Lions Club meeting. They will continue to serve pancakes during the whole event. Barb Williamson and myself plan on attending their meeting next week to finalize the plans. We need to have the flyer in November and plan to view it ahead of time. They are awesome to work with and are having their meetings back at the Dresser Hall. Bjorklund continued the last two years we put together a Holiday Newsletter in place of the open house. We are now having an open house, so do we still want to do the newsletter? Raddatz stated it could go in with the holiday mailing. I liked it – it keeps people up to date on what is happening. Direction from the board? Kuusisto stated I think a simple one-page deal would be great. The departments can write up something. We do have 2 new employees. Get it done. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Fall General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Dresser Community Hall Polls Open 7AM to 8 PM – If you need to register to vote or obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Village Office or go to www.MyVote.wi.gov.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. I have nothing this month.

Motion Bjorklund/Varner to cancel the regularly scheduled Village Board Meeting, Monday November 7, 2022 due to the conflict with the general election and to call a special Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM with the purpose of conducting regular monthly business. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to call a special Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM with the purpose of holding a public hearing for the 2023 Budget and to adopt the 2023 Budget. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Public Welfare Committee Meeting, Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Special Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting with Auditors to Finalize 2023 Budget, Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Special Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Kuusisto/Varner to adjourn at 7:14 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.