

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 2015, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Beseler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Cathy Frandsen, Elina Kuusisto, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Grace Bjorklund, and Bryan Beseler were all present. Darron Nelson Absent. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk, Attorney Tim Laux, Steve Jacobs-Public Works Supervisor, and Ryan Haass-Police. Jim Rochford Sr., and Dean & Sharon 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 Bjorklund/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Moberg/Kuusisto to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, September 14, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 21, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler:

1. Village is currently short staff – you all saw the message that Barb’s husband was injured in a fall a week ago. Barb is out still this week. We are staying in touch with her. Lee has a 2nd surgery tomorrow. Mike continues to be out with the surgery he had on his ankle. Mike is doing his best to follow doctor’s orders by staying off the ankle. Mike is anxious to get back to work but needs to follow doctor’s orders.
2. When we went through Steve’s goals cross connection inspections were discussed. We encouraged him to find out what a 3rd party would cost to complete these inspections. We may see some requests from Steve on that.
3. One of the other goals that were talked about is in relation to minutes. Right now we have very precise minutes and this compares differently to the statutory requirements of minutes. We would like to alleviate some of that work from Jodi. We have asked to have the contents of the minutes reduced. So if you want something recorded for the minutes you will have to ask to have it noted for the record and make sure the comments are recorded. Bjorklund stated also when you so move on an item. You need to state the motion that you are making. You can’t just say so moved. Beseler stated so we will all see some changes in the minutes.

Update was given from the Cooperative Boundary Committee meeting that was held on September 21, 2015. Moberg stated we are trying to line up a meeting with the Department of Administration.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Sharon Sievers stated we submitted a letter Monday to the Board. Beseler stated you can make comments, but we can’t have a conversation. Sievers asked so you can’t speak to us. No comments were made. Sievers stated I am assuming you are aware that our claim was rejected from the insurance company. The Sievers left the meeting.

PREREGISTERED:

ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS: The September 2015 Public Works Report was reviewed by the board. Jacobs stated under jobs completed the ditch in front of the public works building was redone so the water doesn’t flow across the road. The public works sign was redone. I didn’t chip last month – instead I hauled it away. I will chip this coming month with Ryan. The East Ave blacktop is done. The water/sewer was installed on the fireworks building. They still need to do their part. Intercom – has 2 roads left in the Village. No complaints as of right now. Next month I will be mowing ditches. Looking to install the snow equipment and make sure it is ready to go. Flush hydrants – turn over the water in the water tower – working on it.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve the monthly Vouchers #34784 - #34850 totaling \$31,681.36. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance #248-2015 An Ordinance Amending a Part of the Village Board Code Relating to Salaries of Trustees and the Village President. Motion Durand/Kuusisto to amend the rules waiving two readings 2.10(b). No discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to amend the rules to allow an immediate vote 2.10(2). Beseler stated I will be voting against. No other discussion. All in Favor. Roll Call Vote was taken. Frandsen-No, Kuusisto-Yes, Bjorklund-Yes, Durand-Yes, Moberg-Yes, Beseler-No. Laux stated you need 2/3 of the members present. 4 out of 6 does pass. Motion Bjorklund/Beseler to pass and approve Ordinance #248-2015. Discussion took place. Beseler stated at the finance committee we took a look at Village Board pay and looked at different routes. We decided on increasing the pay \$10 per meeting. You can't vote for a raise for yourself. For next years budget this won't affect anything. The last raise was in 2008. It would take the monthly meeting charge of \$65 and change it to \$75. One other item – we thought the Board and the Village President were at the same rate per hour. The Village President is already at \$75 so do we leave the Village President at \$75 or amend it to \$85 for the Village President. Beseler stated someone could make motion to strike and amend. Beseler continued with the work load of the President I make a motion to amend the Ordinance to include a \$10 more per month to \$85 with a max to \$4,320. Durand seconded. Any further discussion to the amendment. Vote was taken on the amendment. All in Favor. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote (3/4 roll call vote of board members required). Beseler called for any further discussion to the amended Ordinance. Nothing was stated. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Frandsen to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Jenea Erslund. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated Christine Brings has resigned from the Library Board because they are moving. We are searching for a new board member and looking for any suggestions. When the pumpkin train comes to town Usborne Books will be doing a sale and the Library will have an open house during that time.

Christine Brings has resigned from the Dresser Library Board – search for a new board member has begun – Beseler stated that the Library has given me a few names to review.

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

The Police Department September 2015 Report was presented to the board. Haass stated it has been a quiet month. The new computer has arrived. I am waiting for Polk County to get us hooked up. Beseler commented we don't have a part time officer at this time. Haass stated we are searching for another part timer at this time.

Update from the DOG Fire Budget Meeting that was held on September 29, 2015. Beseler stated I was there – good news our levy amount for next year went down again. We did see an increase in equalized value but the others seen larger increases. The Alden Plans are moving forward.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Draft Ordinance – Criminal History Record Information Search Authorization. Attorney Laux stated this is not necessary. I know where it came from and in short if the Village Board under its home rule powers wants to require a criminal history report it can do it. The State Statute mandate is not necessary. If they pay an amount – you don't have a need for this.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing Stated.

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NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS: 2016 Budget Hearing.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Finance/Personnel Budget Meeting with Auditor, Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 2015

Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Cooperative Boundary Committee Meeting date yet to be determined

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to adjourn at 7:05 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.