

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 6, 2025 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Darren Peterson, Joe Peterson, Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Dalton Spry, Luke Loescher, and Lee Williamson. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Jesse Vlasnik-Public Works, Ryan Haass–Police, Josh Hoaby, Laurie Hanel, and Gloria Vollmer. No other persons from the public were present. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Froehlich/Spry to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – September 8, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – September 10, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Spry/Joe Peterson to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – September 10, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – September 24, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to approve the minutes of the Open Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting – September 24, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Darren Peterson called for Citizen Comments. No citizen comments were made. Darren Peterson Closed Citizen Comments.

**PREREGISTERED:**

Discussion was held regarding a request from the Osceola & St Croix Valley Railway & the MN Transportation Museum for assistance with the annual Pumpkin Express event to be held October 17, 18, 19 2025. Josh Hoaby stated we are excited to be here. We are expecting record numbers. We have improved our processes - set up and take down procedures. We will work to get things cleaned up better this year; there was some issues last year. We encourage people to walk around the Village. What do you need from the Village? Help unloading the pumpkins on Oct 15 or Oct 16 – fork lift to get them out of the semi-truck. The Fire Dept for EMS purposes. Darren Peterson stated we have always helped in the past. Vlasnik stated I can unload the pumpkins with no problem. Allied Emergency Services has been contacted. Motion Spry/Joe Peterson to approve Dresser Public Works to help unload pumpkins for the Pumpkin Express Event October 17, 18, & 19, 2025. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a request from the St Croix Falls Alano Society for a waiver of the hall rental fees to use the Dresser Community Hall on November 15, 2025 for a fund raiser. Laurie and Hanel and Gloria Vollmer presented to the Board. We are looking to do a fundraiser. We are a nonprofit who owns the building in St Croix Falls where the 12-step process happens. We are responsible for all of the maintenance of the building. We serve the whole area. We are planning for 150 to 200 people. We will be serving spaghetti, playing bingo, and having music. We have some funding to help buy the supplies. Darren Peterson asked would you set up and take down on the 15<sup>th</sup>? Yes - the event is from 1 PM to 5 PM and we would have clean up afterwards. Joe Peterson asked why are you not using your own building. The building is too small and we don't have a full kitchen. We have used the building in St Croix Falls for 50 years and it has served us well. Darren Peterson stated I like it. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to waive the community hall rental fees for November 15, 2025 for a fundraiser for the St Croix Falls Alano Society. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding a request from the Women Leaders of Polaris – Osceola Ambassadors for a reduction or donation of the hall rental fees to use the Dresser Community Hall on November 8, 2025 for a fund raiser – “WLP’s Pound for Pink”. Joe Peterson asked why are they not doing this at Polaris. Nobody was available to come to the meeting to answer questions. It is not a nonprofit organization, not a school etc.. Joe Peterson stated. I don’t want to start opening the Hall up to everyone for free. Kuhl stated they are not a nonprofit. Spry stated this may have been different if someone would have come to the meeting. They are not located in Dresser either. Brandi Strasser does live here in the Village. Joe Peterson stated I think they should pay full price since they are not a nonprofit, they don’t have anything to do with kids/school, they are not located in our area. Darren Peterson asked would you do a reduced rate? Joe Peterson stated I don’t want to give it away. Darren Peterson stated we do still have to clean it. No action was taken on the request.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to accept the proposal from KLM Engineering to enter into a service agreement for the Water Tower contingent upon the approval from the Village Attorney. Vlasnik stated Nate from WI Rural Water thought it was a good idea. They will help to make sure the work is done right. Darren Peterson stated there is a portion of this we can’t do regardless. Gilbert stated I have sent the contract to the Village Attorney to review. This is \$1,000.00 a year for 10 years. We could cancel at any time and they are the company that painted the water tower. They have the expertise to take care of things for the water tower. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a quote from WWGoetsch for an Aurora Impeller Replacement and Wear Plates at the State Street Main Sewer Lift Station in the amount of \$11,449.00 plus freight. Joe Peterson asked did we check and see what is the warranty on the pumps. Darren Peterson stated there is significant amount of grit going thru the pumps. I wanted to see the price on a new pump. The question is how do we get less grit into the system. We would need to start televising our sewer system. Not sure if we have issues from the First and Second Street – did flow rates go up. Vlasnik stated I looked at both impellers and they are both junk. Could there be manufacturing issues. We have had dirt and sand getting in there. The last pumps were 20 years old. We need to start televising the old lines. Sanitary line cleaning you may see debris in the lines. Also have issues with things people are flushing. You can powder for longevity of the propeller. Vlasnik stated the pumps now already plug up and it takes time to clean them out. Wipes take the seals out not an impeller – dirt and gravel take out the impellers. Darren Peterson stated unfortunately it is cheaper than a pump. Dan from WW stated that we must have grit coming from somewhere. You could have lateral issues versus main issues. Darren Peterson you could have leaking manholes and/or mains. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to accept the quote from WWGoetsch for an Aurora Impeller Replacement and Wear Plates for the State Street Main Sewer Lift Station in the amount of \$11,449.00 plus freight. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Loescher to send a letter of support for a National Water College that Wisconsin Rural Water Association is working on. Darren Peterson stated they have done a lot for us over the years. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: September 2025. Vlasnik read the report that was presented to the Board. Vlasnik has gotten he CDL. October 14<sup>th</sup> I take the water test down in LaCrosse. This was the closest option. No other questions were asked.

Update was given on the hiring process for the Public Works Position. Darren Peterson stated we have not found anybody to interview. Gilbert stated there is one more to talk about on Wednesday at the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting.

Update – Per Resolution #05-2023 – Sewer Rates are changing November 21, 2025.

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**FINANCE:** Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #44426-#44496 Payroll \$16,304.19 plus Vouchers \$107,299.73 for a Total of \$123,603.92. No discussion took place. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board Minutes from the September 9, 2025 meeting were presented to the Board. Froehlich stated it was a good summer. There were a lot of kids participating in the summer reading program plus the passport program. Polk County is going to continue to fund the libraries at 95%. We are updating the internet access and computer use policies.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** There was no Building Inspector Report for September 2025.

The Police Department September 2025 Report was presented to the Village Board. What is the ticket cost for school bus running is \$124.00. Haass stated my tickets are cheaper because we go thru municipal court. Circuit court is higher. Those on the report are reported cases where citations have not been issued. Things will pick up with ski season.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting, September 10, 2025. Froehlich stated we are looking into the billing company and how it works. We also discussed the Osceola Friends of the Ambulance and the purpose - how they help the ambulance.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Nothing on the agenda.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to call a Special Village Board Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of holding a public hearing for the 2026 Budget and to adopt the 2026 Budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. Loescher will be working Vlasnik on the snow plow.

**NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:** Nothing was stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM – Garfield Station  
(Allied Budget Meeting 10/16/25 at 6:00 PM)

Tentative – Joint Municipal Court Meeting, Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM (Kuhl, Loescher, and Haass will be attending)

Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Froehlich/Joe Peterson to adjourn at 7:22 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

*Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer*

*These minutes have not been approved.*