

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

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 7, 2013, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan Beseler, Village President called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Bryan Beseler, Kristi Scheet, Wayne Moberg, Neil Gustafson, Richard Durand, Jim Rochford Jr. and Darron Nelson(arrived late) were all present. Also present was Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi Gilbert-Clerk, Ryan Haass – Police Officer, Tiffany Meyer – Library Director, Scott McCurdy, and Rick Demulling. The Standard Press and the Osceola Sun Newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Rochford/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion Carried. Motion Scheet/Rochford to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, September 3, 2013. Motion Carried. Motion Rochford/Beseler to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, September 16, 2013. Motion Carried. Motion Beseler/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, October 2, 2013. Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** No citizen comments. Beseler stated for the record there are 4 citizen comments regarding the street sweeping item that is later on the agenda. We have received several phone calls and a couple of emails.

**PREREGISTERED:** Representatives from the MN Transportation Museum arrived late to the meeting – Pumpkin Train Event to be held at the Depot on Oct 18 – 20, 2013. Discussion was held regarding request from the MN Transportation Museum for help from the Public Works Department to move picnic tables and to unload pumpkins. Beseler went forth with discussion before representatives arrived. The event will be held on Oct 18-20<sup>th</sup>. We have helped in the past. The big things are to move picnic tables and unload pumpkins. Village residents can purchase a walk up ticket to participate in the onsite activities. This helps to draw people to the area. Motion Scheet/Durand to approve the Public Works Department to help move picnic tables and to unload pumpkins for the Pumpkin Train Event to be held on Oct 18-20<sup>th</sup>. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried. When the representatives arrived the following conversation took place. Beseler stated we are excited to host the event. It is great what you offer Dresser. Due to other issues affecting the area boats/parks I would think you would see quite an increase in people this year. Scheet stated this is a great fun thing. In the past the volunteers didn't seem to know much about the tickets. Bill Pfannes is usually around. The tickets are for walk up activities and not to ride the train. People can buy tickets for the train separately.

Bren Nel Ward was not present at the meeting for discussion regarding electricity installation at So Line Park. Beseler stated I believe the committee had some questions. Sheet stated I was hoping to get something in writing from excel that we would only be charged during the months we would be using the service. We also wanted verification on who is going to turn the lights on and off. Gilbert had some questions. Beseler stated we should have something in writing what would satisfy the committees request or call Bren Nel. Jodi right now has been the in between, so how about Kristi you call Bren Nel. Motion Beseler/Durand to table this until next month and if we have no answers at that time let it go. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Scott McCurdy – Cedar Corporation – Introduction/Services provided by Cedar Corporation. McCurdy stated I thought I would reintroduce myself to the new board members. Cedar Corporation is located out of Menomonie. We have been on different projects working as the Village Engineer in the past. Since the last time we were here we now have offices in Madison and Green Bay. We can answer any questions regarding water/sewer, planning, environmental, structural etc. Thank you.

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Rick Demulling, Dresser Trap Rock – Discussion was held regarding the request from Dresser Trap Rock to replace the current scale office with a new building that would be possibly served by municipal water and sewer or the installation of a well and a septic holding tank. Beseler turned the discussion over to Demulling. Demulling stated we would like to construct a scale office to replace the trailer office that is there. We would be building a 24 X 42 office building on a foundation. One of the major concerns to us is due to the lack of availability of water/sewer we would like to drill a well and install a septic tank. There are two people in the office daily. That would be the occupants. We got a cost estimate from J&S to run water and sewer out across the property and it came in around \$80,000. We can't use the existing water line due to the cost – issues with the railroad tracks. The total cost of the project is around \$200,000. It would cost us \$6,000 - \$8,000 to install a well and a holding tank. The cost of the building is around \$120,000. We would be bringing final plans to the Plan Commission on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Beseler stated this is on the agenda as a potential motion. Laux can get me a written opinion by the end of the week regarding the Ordinances and the installation of a private water/sewer system. If the board is against a well and septic now would be the time to express those concerns. The Plan Commission will recommend back to board on this project and could take into consideration any concerns this board may have. Durand stated I am OK with it. Gilbert asked if there are any concerns with our Well Head Protection Ordinance. Beseler stated from what I can see there is no public benefit to running water and sewer. The property is zoned RD - Rural Development. To run water and sewer it would be about a ¼ mile. Laux agreed the Well Head Protection Ordinance should be reviewed. The Village may want an engineering firm to take a look. These are all good reasons to go to Plan Commission. Laux continued there is no reason to guess on these items. Beseler stated as soon as I get Tim's opinions on the Ordinances myself or Jodi will forward them to you so you can have a firm set of plans for the Plan Commission. Demulling stated we are not planning to do anything until the end of November or the beginning of December. Any site information that would all go to the Plan Commission - correct. The new office would sit adjacent west of the current building. It actually would sit where the first trailer house had set for years. Durand stated where people park. Yes. Right now we have a satellite and portable water. There are of course other options. We may just update the trailer house if need be. We have found that the cost of a portable is slightly more than a stick build Demulling stated. McCurdy asked for the \$80,000 what size line are you looking at. Demulling stated 6 inch. McCurdy stated so you will have a 6 inch line - over a ¼ mile of dead water to serve just two people. From an engineering point of view also there would be no loop on that. Correct. You will never be able to keep that water fresh. Beseler asked if there were any other questions. Laux asked how deep would you have to go for water. Demulling stated 40 feet. Well requirements are 60 feet. Right where the trailer sits there is 80-100 feet of sand before we hit trap rock. Beseler stated we will be in touch with a legal opinion and then see you October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **ACTIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Motion Rochford/Moberg to approve the request from Frandsen Bank & Trust to hold their annual Holiday Lunch at the Dresser Community Hall on December 13, 2013 with a reduction in the hall rental fee to \$150.00 as long as the clean up is completed. If there is additional clean up needed it would be an additional \$50.00. Beseler stated this is the same rate as last year. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Rochford/Gustafson to approve the purchase of 9 Office Chairs from Quill at an approximate cost of \$300.00 a piece. Beseler stated we picked out a chair to accommodate the big and tall people who may sit in the chairs. No further discussion. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Rochford/Nelson to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to renew the Village Employee Health Insurance with Medica at the current plan of MIC PP WI 1000-25-75% with the employee continuing to pay 10% of the premiums and that the Village will reimburse up to \$500.00 of the deductible if the insurance deductible is used. No discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Rochford/Scheet to approve the monthly Vouchers #32653-32733 Totaling \$50,996.87. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Update on the 2014 Village Budget. Beseler passed out a handout showing the 2014 proposed mill rate based on the proposed budget. The final numbers will be set at the public hearing. As for the highlights you will see a 2.18% increase on the tax levy. The change in mill rate is 2.10%. The Finance Committee eliminated the part time police officer budget moving that money to the LRIP Road Project. The Machinery Replacement account was zeroed out. We currently have an amount that could be used to purchase a piece of equipment. The remaining items the Village will need to replace are quite large and the length of time on how long it would take to build up the fund didn't make sense. We would be better off to borrow. We did increase the Police Car Replacement Fund to \$4,000. This puts us back into a 5 year rotation. We will be buying a new vehicle in January 2014. Rochford clarified that the Machinery Replacement Fund money is also going into the LRIP Project. There is 2.5% figured into the budget for possible raises for the Village employees. All raises have to be approved by the board. For the Library the doors are proposed to be done in 2014 and paint the following year. When we did our tours the roof at the shop needs to be painted. We are moving that forward and there is money in the 2014 budget to get that repainted next year. Scheet asked do we still qualify for the expenditure restraint. Beseler stated yes with \$1,200 to spare and we are way under the levy limit. We are still in a good position. We tried our best with the funds we have already. Tried to use the money in a more creative way. Any other questions on that. If you don't want the proposed mill rate please let me or Jodi know.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Motion Scheet/Durand to approve the Street Sweeping of the loose rock in the Silver Ridge Development that occurred after the chip sealing of the roads. Beseler stated it had been brought to my attention earlier and traditionally we have not swept the roads after chip sealing. We have received 4 complaints over the past 10 days. The estimated cost to sweep is \$175/hr \* 3hrs = \$525. Scheet stated this could affect the storm drains in the area also. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding a Local Road Improvement Project. Beseler stated we would like to take advantage of the LRIP Funds available to us and we need to submit a plan by November 1<sup>st</sup>. After consulting with the finance committee and looking at the road ratings I am recommending going forward on West Avenue. You have the price for the road, curb and gutter, and some storm sewer. If you are not familiar with this block it is just down Main Street to the north. We will be matching up curb and gutter with the rest of West Avenue. The road is in bad condition. There is also some storm pipe proposed to pick up the water. Any questions. Beseler continued if the budget passes there will be \$63,815 set aside for this project with approximately \$8,000 to be budgeted for the following year. You have two years to complete the project. Road project costs go up every year. McCurdy stated that the cost of asphalt is a very big concern. Last year we were shocked on the prices for asphalt and we could see a 10–15% increase over the winter. We used \$16/sq yard in our estimate betting that the prices are going to stay up there. Motion Nelson/Durand to approve West Avenue as the 2014-2015 Local Road Improvement Project. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update on the 2013 Water Meter Replacement Project. Gilbert stated we have received approval from the PSC on the water meter project. The Village has also received notice that the State Trust Fund Loan was all approved. Midwest testing has informed the Village that about 1/3 of the residents have made appointments to change out their meters. If people don't make appointments someone will be knocking on their door. Installation has begun today. Beseler stated on the last paragraph of the PSC project approval document they are estimating a 21% increase in rates. Please remember that is on the water part of your bill. Not on the sewer. The water portion of your current bill is significantly lower than the sewer portion. Beseler stated I was not surprised by this. When we approved this project we intended that the water would be paying for the project. Jodi and Brock are in the process of working on the PSC rate increase application.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The building inspector reports for August and September 2013 were presented to the board for review.

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The Police Department September 2013 report was presented to the board for review. Haass stated it has been a quiet month. We did have one weekend with no coverage due to squad repairs.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held on September 19, 2013. Moberg stated nothing except what is in the minutes. Beseler stated I was happy to see that the rates were kept the same for next year.

Update from the DOG Fire Budget Meeting that was held on September 30, 2013. Scheet stated that the equalized value for the Village has dropped so we have a smaller portion of the budget. The DOG Fire Budget was set. Beseler stated we did have that information when we worked on the Village Budget.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board minutes from the September 9, 2013 meeting were presented to the board. The minutes from the September 23, 2013 meeting were not available for this meeting. Nelson stated you have the information in front of you. We did discuss the price on the doors. Meyer stated the main thing in September was our open house. Most of the new books were checked out which was wonderful to see. At the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting we did discuss the budget that the Library board has approved. Jodi and I have started participating in a Bremer Leadership Project that will really get going in November. We will be going to workshops and setting some goals for the community at large. Rochford asked how the Artsy Smartsy program was going. Meyer stated it is full with a waiting list. We are offering two sessions to accommodate 4yr olds and kindergarten kids. We meet once a month and there is currently a waiting list.

Motion Rochford/Scheet to approve sending a letter to Polk County exempting the Village of Dresser from the tax levy at Polk County for public library services under Sec 43.64(2)(b). Beseler stated this is an annual motion that is passed by our body since we support our library. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held in regards to the creation of a letter of support regarding Fair Share Funding for the libraries in Polk County. Meyer stated currently the Villages that have Libraries exempt themselves from Act 150. The townships pay into the county. The libraries are then currently reimbursed at 70% - basically the Villages and Cities are subsidizing the Townships. We are looking for 100%. There is a letter in the packet that I sent to a chairman. All townships are receiving this information. I did learn today that the county will not be looking at this until November. It would be nice to start getting support. Beseler stated do we need to create a new letter. Meyer stated I can put something together. Motion Scheet/Rochford to approve the creation of a letter stating that the Village is in support of increasing ACT 150 reimbursement to 100% and to send that letter to the Polk County Board of Supervisors. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Information from Board of Commissioners of Public Lands on the amount of money in 2013 that was distributed to fund School Libraries in Wisconsin was presented to the board.

**NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS:** Trap Rock project pending approval from Plan Commission. 2014 Budget Hearing.

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6:30 PM

DOG Fire Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM – Jim and Kristi will be absent. Beseler stated I will be in South Dakota that day and be back in Dresser by 7PM. Durand stated I could go if need be. Beseler stated if you want to plan to go that would be great. Thank you.

Plan Commission Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:30 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Rochford/Gustafson to adjourn at 7:25 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

*These minutes have not been approved.*