

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 7, 2019, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Raddatz called for Roll Call: Elina Kuusisto, Karen Andrie, Grace Bjorklund, Richard Durand, Jeff Gutzmer, Wayne Moberg and Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz were present. Also, present Attorney Tim Laux, Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass/Police Chief, Rob Thompson/Public Works, Matt Koch/Public Works, Andrew Tighe, and Joe & Hannah Peterson. The InterCounty Leader and the Standard Press/Ledger(arrived late) newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, September 9, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 11, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Raddatz stated we will table the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2019 and the Plan Commission Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2019 since they are not completed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called for Citizen Comments a third time. No comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Discussion was held regarding the request from the Minnesota Transportation Museum for help with the “Pumpkin Express” to be held on October 18-20, 2019 as outlined in letter submitted. Andrew Tighe was present. Tighe stated once again we are doing the Pumpkin Express. We are looking for any support we can get. We may need help bringing in Trap Rock Chips. The Ledger Newspaper arrived. We usually ask for cones, chairs, etc... It’s in the letter. We would like the hauling of the Trap Rock maybe done this week – for sure before the 17th. One other thing is the use of Loader with forks to unload the pumpkins. The Loader is back from repairs. Raddatz called for any other questions or concerns. Andrie stated I hope you have better weather. It will be nice. Tighe was instructed to coordinate the work with the Public Works guys. Motion Kuusisto/Gutzmer to approve having the Village help the Minnesota Transportation Museum with the items outlined in their letter for the Pumpkin Express event that will be held on October 18-20, 2019. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding the painting of the Gazebo in the Park. Bjorklund stated along with what Gilbert had in the packet I gave you a hand out on the table. Some of this is too late to be on the agenda. The \$300.00 to buy the paint and paint the Gazebo is in the Park budget. Lisa worked less hours this summer so there is some money remaining. Motion Durand/Moberg to approve hiring Bink Ward to paint the Gazebo in the Park. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the painting of the Cold Storage/Library Building. Bjorklund stated we did the front of the Library a few years ago. We didn’t have enough money at that time to do the rest. We are looking to do the back of the Library/Cold Storage building and the North End of Cold Storage. The cost is around \$1,310.00. We can split the cost between the Library Building and the Cold Storage

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Building Budgets. The price includes the paint and labor. This is a doable project dependent on the weather. Bjorklund continued we need to do it when we have the funds. In order to help with the 2020 Budget, we are better off doing some of these little projects right now. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to hire Loren Ward to paint the Cold Storage/Library Building as discussed. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Items #3 and #4 on the list are deferred to the November meeting.

Public Works Monthly Report: September 2019. Thompson read the monthly report that was presented to the board. Raddatz stated any update on the Loader. Koch stated both brake pedals were seized up on the Loader. They are cleaned up and overall it was a cheap fix. Andrie stated I seen you working on South Street – is there something going on? We are cleaning out some trap rock and sand from the Storm Sewer that has built up. It is something that needs to be done. Raddatz stated we keep getting these heavy rains and stuff is coming off of East Avenue. The water main break by Barb Hanson's was draining into the storm sewer. It was cleaned out this past Spring and I have some other people looking at it. We need to figure out a way to trap that material. Right now it is draining good – we have talked to Mike Danielson.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Donald Ford. Background check was OK. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Kuusisto to renew the employee Health Insurance with Medica with an 8% 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. Bjorklund stated we had a long discussion with JA Counter at our meeting and she came back to the 2nd meeting. The employees are happy with Medica and 8% is below the average. It is about the same as last year. She recommended renewing with Medica. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Andrie/Durand to approve monthly Vouchers/Payroll Checks #38651-#38751 Payroll \$16,384.38 plus Vouchers \$105,382.40 for a Total of \$121,766.78. Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for September 2019 was presented to the board. Raddatz stated we are up to 13 permits for the year.

Discussion was held regarding entering into an agreement with REM Inspecting LLC for Commercial Electrical Inspections – Draft Document was presented. Raddatz asked Laux for his opinion. Laux stated you have an individual that has responded to your need. There are a couple of things in the contract that need to be worked on. If you wanted to approve appointing him as the Commercial Inspector contingent on reaching an agreement with him that meets my recommendations that would be fine. His charges have hours but he doesn't have rates. Bjorklund stated what is the process he is using with the current building inspector. How is Jodi keeping things separate? Raddatz stated we can get this approved and work through the details – I have had a few discussions with him already. Laux stated I don't anticipate a problem. Bjorklund stated do we want to approve him without a contract. Send it to the November meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango Police Vehicle to be ordered with delivery and payment in January 2020. Bjorklund stated we don't have a price on this. Haass stated it was an estimate. Bjorklund stated we have \$29,900.00 at the end of 2019 and another \$6,000.00 in the 2020 budget. Haass stated if I order it now – do I get it right away or do I wait until 2020. I don't know the exact time line, but it can take some time. Also, if we get the new vehicle and get and of the extra stuff done and it is ready, we can put the existing vehicle on the Spring Auction. Raddatz stated I am OK with getting it as long as you don't go over. Motion Bjorklund/Durand to authorize the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango Police Vehicle with a cost not to exceed \$29,900.00. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

The Police Department September 2019 Report was presented to the board. Haass stated you have the numbers in front of you. Bjorklund stated it looks like it was a busy month. No other questions.

Update was given from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting – September 11 2019. Raddatz stated we worked on finance/budget and that is done and getting approved. Nothing changed. Discussions were held on how and why certain things like the population number of 109 has stayed the same for Garfield. We talked to Ed Gullickson at Garfield. Garfield is mostly in Amery. There is a corner that is Osceola/Lakes. Because it is so small, they know how many people live there. It is a percentage of the total population. We are trying to find more advanced EMT's. Things are going well. We will exceed our runs that were budgeted. That is good and it is bad.

Discussion was held regarding an update to the Osceola Area Ambulance Service Amended Municipal Corporation Contract increasing the per Capita from \$12.00 to \$13.00. We have a new contract for the Ambulance and you have the budget in your packet. Raddatz continued I spoke last year that we would be going to \$13.00. This is the 2nd year we have a balanced budget that is not in the red. We have plugged a number in there to absorb a partial full-time employee. We are getting to a point that we need a full-time employee for sure during the week. For this year we plugged in \$14,000.00 – you are not going to hire someone for that amount. We just can't plug in \$50,000.00 all at once. We are still trying to stay lean. Bjorklund stated would that be set aside at the end of the year. We put it out there and see if it is going to work. Not spend the money. Right now, we are not super tight – we are going on the trends, which we are starting to see. We can see what is moving. Supplies and diesel are going up. The other ones we play with it. Base it off of 3 quarters and go from there. We have our numbers through June. We have been taking some things out and doing some things cheaper at the house. Bjorklund asked is it going to go to \$14.00 next year? When does it end? Every year you are asking for more and more money. Raddatz stated I am hoping we can stop it once we have a balanced budget. There are more and more people living here and working here, so all of these things trending we need more services. We are trying to be proactive and plan for the future. Bjorklund stated at some point we can't just keep seeing increases. What is it going to be like in 5 years? Raddatz stated if we can't operate, we will be forced to shut down and the residents will have to pay whatever the new company wants to charge. Gutzmer stated in Wisconsin it is fair game. Community wants versus community needs. We are vested in Osceola. For many years it had stayed the same. Gutzmer stated with all of the changes in Medicare and you went to a different billing company. Yes, the other company took a percentage of what was out there and the longer it was out there trying to be collected on the less we got. There was a lot of time no action until 180 days. They were making the money. With this new company – we have

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been with them one full year. We are getting more money coming in with the new service. They are good to work with. They go to a certain point and then write it off. Medicare/Medicaid/insured motorist payments are still out there. I am still learning how this works. Andrie asked do they use a 3rd party when they are done? There are charges to us on the money coming in. Do you hire a collection agency for the rest of it? The goal is to get the money up front and get it as fast as they can and they are only taking 5-6%. We are getting more up front. Andrie asked do they turn them over to collection for a fee. If you did you would get something instead of nothing. Raddatz stated I don't know the time line. Laux stated you may want to review the definition of write off. It may still be out there for collections. The biggest advantage is we are getting more money up front. Bjorklund stated some bills are so old because the people have died. Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to approve the updated Osceola Area Ambulance Service Amended Municipal Corporation Contract increasing the per capita from \$12.00 to \$13.00 and to have the Clerk/Village President execute the contract. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding changing the territory/district lines for the Osceola Ambulance. Raddatz stated we have had the discussion of why the Town of Osceola and Village of Dresser are partial in the service. When you look at the assessments – Garfield, Farmington, and Village of Osceola are 100% vested - we are all owners and vested in the service. The Town of Osceola is 67% invested. We are 50% vested and Alden is 30%. There is paperwork on the table done up by Brandon Whittaker Town of Osceola. He has put together the number of calls and the cost to the consumer - describing the pros and cons of Osceola Ambulance in comparison to Lakes Ambulance. This at this point is strictly discussion for our boards. One of the advantages is that we are vested – if we get more coverage area, we have more runs. There would be a better chance of getting a full-time employee. Currently we have a brand-new ambulance and the old truck is in great shape. Staffing is the issue. Bjorklund stated and then we will have more assessments. Raddatz this is being put out there to see if it is something the board wanted to pursue. This is not happening in 2020. Bjorklund stated I think Lakes should have a chance to defend themselves. Raddatz stated it is in there – the numbers are from Lakes. It was a 3-week process to get these numbers. Bjorklund stated you have all of the history behind this. It was definitely the residents who were counted on each side and it was decided to have each ambulance to do our service and a lot of residents have an allegiance to St Croix Falls. Bjorklund continued I don't think we can make that decision without a survey. Raddatz stated you can request any ambulance/hospital. Bjorklund stated and they run paramedics if you are going to compare them. When you look at the runs St Croix Falls serves Trollhaugen, which is why there are so many runs. Andrie asked which facility can handle critical patients. The Ambulance goes to the closer hospital. Andrie stated there are more at St Croix Falls – they have a higher run volume. Lakes goes to Trollhaugen and that was the choice of the Rochford's. Bjorklund stated with Lakes we don't pay anything to them at this point. If Lakes was looking at all of this - why are they not submitting request. Ponder it – service – we own Osceola and we are vested. Bjorklund stated when something happens people just want an Ambulance. Raddatz stated the customer is not picking which service unless they want to. Bjorklund stated this is a lot to digest and study. Raddatz stated please keep info and take a look. We will have more discussions on future board meetings. This is not a quick thing. I don't even know the whole process to actually make a change yet. I wanted to see if the board was interested.

Update from the Allied Emergency Services Meetings on September 23, 2019 and September 26, 2019. Durand stated the open house was tremendous. They had a good crowd and the fire men were happy. Raddatz stated we are now having more fire fighter turn out. People living closer to that building. Also

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the ISO Fire Rates will be going down for people in that area. We also had our budget meetings.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting were presented to the board. Kuusisto stated I was not there. I did speak with Sam and Leann. They did pass a draft of a Resolution to honor Geraldine. More on that later. Deb Anfinson is retiring. Some interviews will be conducted tomorrow.

Motion Andrie/Bjorklund to accept the resignation of Deb Anfinson from the Dresser Library effective October 15, 2019. Kuusisto stated you have her letter in the packet. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Plan Commission to review the wording of the definition of Home Occupation Municipal Code Section 17.28(17). Laux stated this should be referred to the Ordinance Committee. There was discussion during the Plan Commission meeting where they were considering an application for a Conditional Use Permit in a R1 district – a temporary accessory building to operate a Home Occupation in. Debate went back and forth on the definition of home. It would make sense for the Ordinance Committee to review so they don't have debate when someone wants to do something in an accessory building in a residential district. Laux stated I will be at that meeting. Motion Kuusisto/Andrie to send this discussion to the Public Welfare committee. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Durand you are the chair. If everyone can stay at the end and set a date.

OTHER BUSINESS: Motion Andrie/Moberg to approve the estimate from MicroConsulting for an upgrade to the public works computer – Internal Solid State Drive in the amount of \$341.00. Gilbert gave an update on the issue. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Andrie to approve the purchase of a new laptop for the Village Office from MicroConsulting with a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00. We would want Windows 10 professional versus office. There is a warranty on the bigger one - if you are going to get 10 years out of a laptop. If we get the \$600.00 grant from the State it makes it the same price. Andrie stated have him talk to Jodi about it and have him tell you the difference. We will have to pay for the computer up front and the State will then pay the grant money out. This would give her a top notch one. Raddatz stated yes, we want Windows 10 pro. You don't want home. That brand is a decent laptop. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Moberg to authorize Clerk Jodi Gilbert to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the Village of Dresser – Election Security Subgrant Program. Gilbert explained what she had learned at training. Laux agreed Gilbert could move forward on these documents. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The Polk County Housing Studies Project – Public Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Dresser Community Hall. The housing surveys have gone out. This is being done by UW River Falls. The results are reliable.

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A Special Election has been called for a Representative in Congress 7th District – Primary Election if necessary, will be Monday, December 30, 2019 – Special Election Monday, January 27, 2020

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Raddatz stated I don’t think I have anything else. Everything is good. The Water Main/Service was broke on Main Street and is now fixed.

NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Raddatz mentioned having another discussion on the Osceola Ambulance District Lines.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference, Tuesday, October 8, 2019 10:00 AM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Mtg, Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Allied Emergency Service, Inc. Meeting, Thursday, October 24, 2019

Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Mtg with Auditor to Finalize 2020 Budget, Nov 5, 2019 4:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Gutzmer/Moberg to adjourn at 7:56 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert-Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.