

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, October 7, 2024 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Dalton Spry, Lee Williamson, Grace Bjorklund, Joe Peterson, and Darren Peterson were present. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch–Public Works, Luke Loescher–Public Works, Cait Haas – Village Office, Eric Barclay–MSA Professional Services, Gene & Sharon Hendricks, Barb Williamson, Eloise Baum, Sandy Bassett, Kathy Soul, and Anna Cleveland. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Spry to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – September 9, 2024. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve minutes of the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 11, 2024. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve minutes of the Closed Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 25, 2024. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Darren Peterson to approve minutes of the Finance/Personnel

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Darren Peterson called for Citizen Comments. Darren Peterson stated we received a letter from Carol Matson – 361 Peterson Drive. “October 7, 2024 – To the Dresser Village Board – I personally would like to see the “clean up” days return. My husband and I faithfully used them to get rid of items that were too big to go in our garbage can and that were not nice enough to go to a thrift store. It was a real asset to our small village. Please consider putting the cost into the budget and approving the removal of unused solid waste from our community. Sincerely, Carol J Matson.” Barb Williamson – 110 Nelson Ave. Please reinstate clean up days. Sharon Hendricks – 226 Horsmann Ave S. I agree with clean up days. Sandy Bassett – 136 First Street W. I appreciate Dresser clean up. Kathy Soul – 119 First Street W. I liked the clean-up option to haul things – it helps to keep things cleaned up. Eloise Baum – 100 Nelson Avenue. I agree with clean up – helps to keep the town clean. Anna Cleveland – 303 State Street W. I could use a little more help cleaning up my property. Gene Hendricks – 226 Horsmann Ave S. I agree with Clean Up Days. Darren Peterson called a second time for any other Citizen Comments. Darren Peterson called a third time for any other Citizen Comments. No additional comments were made. Darren Peterson closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding putting money into the 2025 Budget to bring back and conduct a clean-up day(s) for the Dresser Residents. Darren Peterson stated we had a discussion on this at the Finance Committee meeting, but thought it would be good for the whole board to discuss. This was pulled out of the budget in the past. We pulled it out because you have 2/3 paying for 1/3 of the community to get rid of their garbage. At the committee meeting Officer Haass stated he didn’t feel that if people had garbage this really wasn’t an incentive for them to clean up - they still had garbage. We thought about having people haul to Waterman’s Sanitation in Amery on Saturdays. They are open 9-12. Bjorklund stated tonight we are trying to get the boards opinion on whether to put money into the 2025 budget. The type of program will be based on the status of the budget. Details would have to be worked out. I pulled numbers on cost from the past. In 2019 we budgeted \$3,500.00 and spent \$3,046.79. In 2020 we budgeted \$3,400.00 and spent \$4,402.88. Due to Covid this year people really cleaned and we were over budget. In 2021 we budgeted \$2,680.00 and spent \$2,301.08. Joe Peterson

stated we were going to be over budget this year also. Bjorklund agreed we would have been over budget if we did it a second time – we only had enough money to do one clean up event. At this point the exact program hasn't been worked out. Darren Peterson stated could we get approval of a dollar amount for the budget tonight. Darren Peterson continued the only reason it was taken out of the budget was so that we were fair to all residents. Froehlich stated all residents have the option to use it, but they chose not to use it. Joe Peterson stated 2/3 of the people should not have to pay for the 1/3 to dump. Darren Peterson some residents are good about disposing of things right away and others hold items till clean up days. Bjorklund stated there are other services offered by the Village that not all residents use. Sandy Bassett stated could we try it again for a one-year trial. Darren Peterson stated I am not disagreeing with the fact that people use it. Bjorklund stated we just need an idea of how much money to put in the budget. Darren Peterson stated you can't go down from what we did. Kuhl stated Waterman's would be an option but what I think is more important is that we offer something to the residents to clean up their properties. Bjorklund stated that is the reason we have done this in the past. The maintenance guys have talked about it and in the past a lot of people have used it. Darren Peterson and Joe Peterson stated again that only about 1/3 of the residents use the service. Kuhl stated Waterman's is a long drive and would not be as convenient. Spry stated when I have used them sometimes, they weighed me and other times asked for a flat dollar amount. Kuhl stated it would be nice to establish a business relationship with some company. Bjorklund stated we are looking to agree on a dollar amount and the willingness to hold some type of program. Darren Peterson stated any other discussion or can we get a motion to cap it for the finance committee. Bjorklund and to give direction to have a clean-up. Darren Peterson stated at this point I would suggest a cap. Bjorklund asked Darren Peterson to state an amount. Bjorklund stated OK how about \$3,500.00. Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to direct the finance committee to reinstate the clean-up days and put into the 2025 budget at an amount of \$3,500.00. Darren Peterson called for the vote. 5 members of the board voted yes. Joe Peterson and Darren Peterson voted no. We will put it in the budget. Motion Carried.

Update from MSA – Eric Barclay, Project Manager – First and Second Street Project. The project is substantially complete. They have a punch list that they will work on this week. We did a walk thru and there are about 30 things that must be taken care of. Cracks in concrete to inlets that need to be cleaned out. Albrightson has until October 18th which is the final completion date. Hopefully they get all the items on the punch list completed. There are also a couple of manholes that are set high and may be hit with a plow. They are supposed to be a ¼ inch below the surface. I am waiting to hear from Albrightson on how they are planning to fix it. We are waiting on them for that. Darren Peterson asked about the rip rap by the hydrant. Barclay stated I have not heard what the plan is. If they tell us when they are coming, I can be there Barclay stated. Darren Peterson stated the grass has taken off even with no rain. Are there any other questions. Nothing was stated.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve the request from Albrightson Excavating Pay Application #7 in the amount of \$325,357.04 for the First and Second Street Project contingent on Albrightson submitting proper documentation for funding paperwork and MSA Professional services verifying that everything has been submitted correctly and the work has been completed satisfactory. Barclay stated there will still be one more pay application, but otherwise I am good with the numbers. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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Discussion took place regarding identified defective work for the First and Second Street Project.

1. Wrong material placed on driveways on 2nd Street. The project specifications and bid tab called out a 5MT 58-34S pavement type, and Monarch paved two driveways with 4LT 58-28S material. The latter is a cheaper mix design due to lessening the quality of it. You can see on the handout the map of WI showing the recommendations by the Wis DOT. What is the difference? 4 vs 5 - not a huge problem. Originally, we did talk about using the same as the road, but the issue is in the 58-34 vs 58-28. The 2nd number is resistance to thermal cracking in degrees Celsius. They used a 28, so good to cold of 18 degrees F. In this region of the state, we don't often hit below that. In January 2022 we had 10 cold days where the temps dropped. The gist of it is an inferior product on the duplex driveway and the last house. Eventually it will crack. Monarch did propose a deduct price. This is not a whole lot with only about 24 tons. You are talking hundreds of dollars. It is within your power to do one of the following. Accept and pay the full price, negotiate a price deduct, or not accept and make them redo. Barclay stated I would recommend Option 2. If you called and hired Monarch to do your driveway this is the pavement you probably would receive. Bjorklund asked have you talked to the residents on the driveways. Kuhl asked how was it ordered - but it seems that if we are in the green zone 90% would be for that zone. Monarch orders their own materials. They haul it here. How it got mixed up – good question. The 28 is typically on the first lift/lower level. The 34 is on top of the 28. The 28 usually goes on under layers. Darren Peterson stated if they had an extra truck they might have put it down – Barclay stated it was a different mix. There are different materials in driveways. Kuhl asked how did you catch it. Barclay stated in reviewing the load tickets. Bjorklund asked how much work is there to redo? They are proposing a deduct. Darren Peterson stated I have seen this before. What is fair? Barclay stated this is a fair deduct price – if it were me, I would push for a little more. On average if you called Monarch that is what you would get. Kuhl asked do we have any liability from the Village point of view. They warranty the work for a year. Spry stated mine has cracks in it already and it is too narrow. 11 feet and it should be at 12 feet. Barclay stated that is on the punch list. I think that it should be a replacement. Cut wing out and dowl it in. Spry stated originally, they were not going to do that. Next month there will be one final change order. Looking for advice on how to proceed. Joe Peterson stated how about option #2. Darren Peterson stated maybe go to \$25. Spry stated I would go to \$35. They are not going to rip it out. Motion Froehlich/Joe Peterson to negotiate a price deduct of \$30 off the contract price. Going down to \$180.00/Ton for the two driveways. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
2. Low Densities on a portion of the Asphalt Surface Pavement. Barclay stated there is a formula charted out for this. If the density is below a certain level the work is considered defective under the contract. The WISDOT rules are the easiest to follow. 3 out of the 12 tests meet the required minimum density which is 93 and above. This is not what we wanted. You can see the deviation on how much they missed by. The options for this are the same as what we just talked about. Accept the work, negotiate the work and new rate, or replace the pavement. Barclay continued I don't think replacing it is the way to go especially as the weather is getting colder and it will be very hard to do. You would also have a jig saw of cuts. Darren Peterson stated option #3 is not an option. Spry stated I agree. Darren Peterson stated we rely on Monarch to do patch work, so we really want to be as fair as possible. Barclay stated the WISDOT has a sliding scale based on how much you are off. If you followed their sliding scale, you may be looking at \$1,200 to \$1,300 off. Darren Peterson stated it makes sense to follow their protocol. Barclay this way you have the least likely chance of them pushing back. Motion Darren Peterson/Kuhl to go with Option 2 and follow the WISDOT deviation from density chart for the low density portions of Asphalt Surface Pavement. No other discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to accept the estimate #2288 from Meyer Tree Service for removal of 12 dead trees by the Water Tower in the amount of \$1,800.00. Darren Peterson stated the estimate is in front to you. There is \$2,000.00 in the budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Koch stated the Lion's Club said they would take the wood if we get it cut down. They help homeowners who heat with wood.

Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the updated 5 Year Street Capital Improvement Plan. Darren Peterson this has been put together and shows us the next projects we may consider. We would also need this plan for future funding. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report - September 2024. Koch read the report that was presented to the Board. We have already picked up the Mack Plow Truck. We had brought it over to Mack and had them look at the EGR, did some reprogramming and replaced some sensors. Bjorklund asked when do you guys think you will get to the Gazebo Repairs. Koch stated I am nearing the Lead and Copper inventory so after that. Bjorklund clarified you have the materials, right? Yes. Thank you.

Update – Per Resolution #05-2023 – Sewer Rates are changing November 21 2024. When this Resolution was passed it had an increase built into it for 3 years. A little every year.

FINANCE: Resolution #06-2024 A Resolution of the Village of Dresser, Wisconsin, authorizing the borrowing of funds from the Trust Funds of the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$170,800.00 for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck to serve Allied Emergency Services Inc. Motion Grace Bjorklund/Nikki Frohlich to move Resolution #06-2024 into immediate consideration. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Grace Bjorklund to pass and approve Resolution #06-2024. Darren Peterson called for any discussion. Clerk Jodi Gilbert explained that the board had approved Resolution #05-2024 back on August 5 2024 for the purchase of the Fire Truck. Paperwork was all submitted to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. Due to the current market conditions the BCPL reduced the interest rate. Discussions were held with Fire Chief Kevin Christenson and it makes sense to redo the paperwork since the interest rates went from 6% to 5%. The Village of Dresser informed the BCPL to cancel its original application from August 2024 and the new application is in front of you. No other discussion took place. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. Darren Peterson – yes, Joe Peterson – yes, Grace Bjorklund – yes, Mark Kuhl – yes, Lee Williamson – yes, Dalton Spry – yes, and Nikki Froehlich – yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Spry to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee and to continue to send out a Holiday Newsletter to the residents – to be done in December 2024. Bjorklund stated it is a great way to show the residents all the good things we are doing. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to have a Village of Dresser Open House at the Dresser Community Hall on Sunday, December 8, 2024 from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM and to use funds from Acct#10-56720-320 Holiday Open House and Assigned Funds Advertising and Promotion. Bjorklund stated we had this on a Saturday last year and have changed it to a Sunday. Joe Peterson stated Sundays are better for me. Gilbert stated that a lot of the residents step up to the plate to help put this event on and they donate decorations and food. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to add Vision Insurance effective November 1, 2024 for the Full Time Employees - \$200.00 allowance with an annual premium of \$867.12. Darren Peterson stated when we did reviews all the employees were interested in the vision plan and we thought with such a small premium we could add it to the list of benefits. The Village would pay the premiums. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Spry to accept the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to purchase a new Copier from EO Johnson. Purchasing the new copier for \$4,537.50 charging 25% of the cost to the water utility and 25% of the cost to the sewer utility and to enter into a service agreement for repairs and tonner. Gilbert gave some history on the current copier. Darren Peterson stated the cost of maintenance has gone up. The current machine is not only a copier, it is our fax machine, it collates, staples, and it does color copies. Bjorklund stated there is money in the office equipment account. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #43425-#43502 Payroll \$19,587.80 plus Vouchers \$85,994.64 for a Total of \$105,582.44. 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, 2024 meeting were presented to the Board. Froehlich stated the person who was heading up the open knitting is no longer here so that event will no longer be happening. The library will be asking for a 3% increase from the Village for the 2025 Budget. Froehlich explained Act 150 funding from Polk County. The Library Board controls how the budget money is spent.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for September 2024 was presented to the Board.

The Police Department September 2024 Report was presented to the Village Board. Haass was not available for the meeting. Nothing was discussed.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the purchase a 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit – Police Vehicle in the amount of \$40,495.00 plus electrical and graphics. Gilbert explained how the Village would pay for a new vehicle. It was brought up – what if the new vehicle is available in 2024 but part of the funding is going to be 2025. If this happens this topic will be brought back to the board to determine how to handle. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Halloween Party & Haunted House to be held at the Dresser Community Hall Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is hosted by Allied Emergency Services and the local 4H Club.

General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Polls Open 7 AM 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.

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Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to call a special Village Board Meeting, Thursday, November 21 2024 at 6:30 PM with the purpose of holding the public hearing for the 2025 Budget and to adopt the 2025 Budget. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. It is nice to see the street project coming to an end.

NOVEMBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Finance/Budget Meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM – Finalize 2025 Budget

Village Board Meeting, Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to adjourn at 7:50 PM. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.