

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WELFARE/PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2013
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Kristi Scheet called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll Call: Kristi Scheet, Richard Durand, and Wayne Moberg. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk and BreNel Ward. This meeting was posted that a majority of the board members could be present for this meeting. No other public or press was in attendance.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss running electricity into Soo Line Park for the purpose of hanging lights on the pine trees in the park. Ward handed out a quote from Andrie Electric. Ward continued here is what he has quoted you for putting the service in. This would start from the transformer and go under ground to the trees. Excel should be sending out paperwork to be filled out. I believe Greg at Andrie Electric will be getting the information. They will be charging us for only the time frame we are using and billing out the Dresser Lion's Club. We only want to pay for the month that it is used. Ward continued we don't want to put in a meter and get charged every month on it. Moberg questioned they are going to charge you only for one month of electricity. Durand asked who is going to disconnect the service. Ward stated it would be dropped down and someone would take it away when we are done. Either Excel or Andrie Electric. Scheet asked is the \$425.00 for just materials - 100 foot of cable. The consensus was yes. Ward stated I planted the 3 trees in memory of 3 people who belonged to the Dresser Snowmobile Club. Now when Don Schrock died my gift to the family was to try and light the trees. The Lion's Club will be paying for the monthly electric bill. Scheet asked is Dresser paying the \$425.00 and assuming the liability issue. Gilbert stated the Village Board could agree to pay, but they would have to move budgeted money from another account. Ward stated if needed I would pay. Scheet stated off the cuff - I really don't know - we don't have any correspondence from Excel. Ward stated they will be working with Andrie Electric to do the work. He is the expert. Scheet commented I don't know if we are in a position to recommend to the board at this time. Looks like the board may be concerned about any liability. Overall it is a cool idea. Ward stated if someone has a picnic they can't plug anything in. There could be more uses for the park area. In the past when it was discussed there was a parking issue at that park. Durand asked who is putting on the lights and taking them down. Ward stated I am trying to involve the community. Gilbert asked the committee if they had any concerns regarding extension cords on the ground. No concerns were stated. Scheet stated we may need to go take a look at it and possibly talk to Greg at Andrie Electric - I could give him a call. When we receive anything in writing from Excel they will be calling this new construction. Scheet asked if there are any other decorations in the Village that are not on a pole. Gilbert stated no not at this time. Scheet stated I know when you drive through other communities you see pretty displays. Ward was thanked for attending the meeting and she left the meeting. Scheet stated I guess we need to come up with a recommendation for the board for the next meeting. Do we propose doing this contingent on some items? Moberg stated I have some concern about power for only one month. Durand also had some concerns about turning on and off the service. Gilbert stated that the meter cost at the ice skating rink/tennis court is \$8.00 per month plus usage. Also it is a Village Park so any billing should be coming to the Village. The committee asked the question could the Excel costs be billed directly to the Dresser Lion's Club. This could be a good community thing. Who is actually sponsoring this effort? One person or a group of people from the Village. What if the Lion's Club disbands? Scheet stated we need some more information and it doesn't sound like we are ready to make a recommendation. The committee is

Page 2 of 2 Public Welfare/Park Committee Meeting – August 19, 2013

willing to meet again, but would first like to have the following information in writing before scheduling another committee meeting: 1. The petitioner, BreNel Ward should get for us in writing the Excel anticipated costs for installation. 2. We need in writing from the Dresser Lion's Club that they are willing to be billed directly for the electricity, willing to absorb this expense, and the length of time that they are willing to pay (number of years). 3. Verify in writing that the expense billed will be only during the use and who is going to turn it on and off. 5. We would like to see some commitment from the decorators on who is going to put the decorations on the trees and who is going to take them down – we don't want to put the service in for nothing. Durand stated I don't want to see wires hanging all summer long. The lights need to come off after the Holidays. Scheet stated at this time the intent is that there is no Village expense. This is a private request and not a petition of the general public. The committee felt that at this time their intention was to be able to help accommodate as long as there was no Village expense. The committee asked the question – what would the neighbors think about having the trees lit. Gilbert stated if a recommendation is made to the board in the future the Village could forward the Board Agenda to the neighbors giving them a chance to come to the Board meeting if they had any concerns. Scheet stated yes we would invite any comments on this topic. The committee brought up a concern – depending on who is doing the decorating what is actually going to be put on the trees? Right now we would have no control of how the trees are decorated. Scheet suggested making a stipulation that the Village has reserved the right to approve the decorations. The committee asked that Gilbert forward a copy of the minutes to BreNel Ward and as soon as the information requested is received by the Village Office in writing Gilbert should schedule another committee meeting.

Motion Scheet/Moberg to adjourn. All in Favor. 6:10 PM. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.