

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Richard Durand called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM. Roll Call: Richard Durand, Elina Kuusisto, and Jeff Gutzmer. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk and Grace Bjorklund. 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.

Discussion was held on how to possibly get information to the Dresser residents regarding a proposal from Farm, Feral & Stray to provide free spay/neuter services to cats. Durand stated I called my daughter in Virginia and asked how do you handle feral cats. She said they have had the same problems and one solution that they came up with was that the group that is feeding these feral cats get sponsors to help pay for the feeding/neutering. They get their own sponsors because the City couldn't agree to pay for it. People don't want tax money to go to paying for feral cats. They formed their own group and now get donations to take care of the things that they need. My daughter says that it works just beautiful. Gutzmer stated this is what they are currently already doing. Kuusisto they want to offer free neuter/spay to residents, which if you bring a cat in could be a savings of \$200.00. Kuusisto stated I have a concern about conflict of interest and I would love to see a way to get this message out. Gutzmer stated we are here to discuss how to get a message out to the public. Attorney Laux couldn't see an issue with it. Kuusisto stated Karen and I talked about it and personally I would be willing to cover the printing costs. Gilbert expressed her concerns about putting something on the water/sewer bills and or including something in a mailing. The Village has to remember if you do something for this group you need to be willing to do it for all other groups. Gilbert asked Kuusisto if Farm, Feral and Stray have a web page. Kuusisto stated yes they do. Gilbert suggested how about a link from the Dresser web page to the Farm, Feral, and Stray web page. They can put what they are offering on their web page and change it whenever they would like. We would be giving our residents a direct link to the information. Also the Village has always put up flyers in the windows and put them on the table for anyone to grab. We can continue with this service if they want to put together a flyer. Do we have a nonprofit link on the web page. There is a business section and a link section. Gilbert stated I can take a look at the headings/descriptions on the web page. Non-profits that serve our community. This can be a one time link and we won't have to be updating the information all of the time. Gutzmer stated here is a service, this is how to use it and find it. No cost and liability to us. You also have word of mouth. Gutzmer by looking at the web page people can see what is offered for Dresser residents. This is a no brainer. Durand stated for those that don't have internet they could hand out flyer – make available to post handout here in the office. Kuusisto stated maybe they would like to see both done - put a link on the web page and bring in some flyers. Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to recommend to the board that they consider adding a web page link to Farm, Feral, and Stray on the Dresser web page. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Any other items for discussion – nothing was stated.

Motion Gutzmer/Kuusisto to adjourn at 4:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.