

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2019  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Grace Bjorklund(Alternate), and Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Richard Durand Absent. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk, Robert Thompson/Public Works, Matt Koch/Public Works, Bob Meyer, Gene & Sharon Hendricks. 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 regarding Storm Water/Catch Basins – Bob Meyer from J&S was present. Thompson stated we have this highway project coming and I am concerned that they will come in and do their part and then there will be issues because we didn't talk about it. It sounds like the curb & gutter is falling on us. They are going to be expanding the road to the full width but the storm drains are still ours. Raddatz stated we have no contract from the state and we just don't know. Raddatz stated remember there will be a 5-foot cushion from the driving lane to the curb when we had the meeting at the hall and in talking with Bob he had a good point. We may need to get with the State. They are going to blacktop to the curb and taper to each catch basin drain. Those areas will all be filled in. The red flag is with the non-curb areas such as Dresser Food and Liquor and the Village Pizzeria. Water will just run off and go into those businesses. Raddatz continued those are the details we so far just don't have. Meyer stated the water can't go up hill and I have usually seen where they pave over the top of it. The approaches are where the problem is. Thompson stated the concrete is in bad shape. You would be covering a poor surface. Meyer stated the issue is around the catch basins and all of the catch basins should be assessed. St Croix Falls has been working on their catch basins vacuuming and filling around with new concrete. If you put asphalt over that picture now what happens when it sinks in. The Catch Basins are all constructed with blocks and some are concrete. You can put a mortar mix around the pipe. These areas don't handle salt very well. Raddatz stated there is no doubt that the whole thing should be replaced. The question is though where do you get the money to do it. Bjorklund asked how many are there? Public works didn't know. Thompson stated you could take all of our road money to do it. That probably won't cover it. Do you rebuild and redo the curb - where do you start and stop? Thompson stated there is some money in the budget right now. Raddatz stated that is for other places in the Village. They said that they were going to do some repairs and I haven't seen that contract so far. We really can't count on them to do any until we have it in writing. Thompson stated this is a very frustrating thing. Next year is the State project and they are figuring a two-week window. Raddatz stated the project may be pushed out. How do we find money for next year's budget? Where do you start and stop? If they are going to pave over the curb then we just worry about the catch basins. If you have settling around the catch basin and the new pavement sinks and now you have a failing structure that will eventually wreak the road. There are massive sections of curb out there. If you were going to start looking at the curb you would want to have someone come in with a curb machine that could do the whole thing. St Croix Falls is doing some repairs on their own where they vacuum out where the pipes come into the basin. Vacuum the outside and inside. Taking some of the road surface and a little curb on each side. This can extend the life another 30 years. You are sealing that pipe in there. Raddatz stated that process is quick – cut out curb and blacktop. Vacuum it and pour. I don't believe the State will be doing anything under the surface. There is an issue on the northeast corner on Main Street and the Highway. Thompson stated do we talk to St Croix Falls and go see how they do it. Raddatz stated it may be more

advantageous to think about getting quotes on how to do this style. Can we hire St Croix Falls to do it? Do we use St Croix Falls for the vacuum and have J&S do the concrete? Thompson stated we do have a saw. You would be cutting out a foot on each side and a foot into the street. Raddatz stated I think we need to get a count and do an assessment of each one. Meyer stated that some may be beyond repair. We did have some that were the old brick style and the State did fix those. Bjorklund stated this sounds like a specialized job – do you go out for quotes. Raddatz stated you would need to bid them out per unit. Price for each for so many. Meyer stated I can meet with Thompson and these are the ones we need to focus on. Thank you that would be great. We need to get some form of a budget idea. If there were money left from catch basin money this year, we could use it on the highway. Bjorklund asked how late in the year can you do this type of work. Meyer stated the latest would be October. Bjorklund stated we could look at the Catch Basin budget in September. It doesn't cost to look and it would be a lot simpler to do now. We could tentatively plan for the 2020 budget. Have it all ready and green lighted for 2020. If we have any extra money, we could carry it forward to spring of 2020. Meyer stated Thompson and I will get together to take a look at them. Raddatz stated looking at the agenda 1a. Thompson stated we have \$7,000.00 in the 2019 Budget. 1b. Raddatz stated when you take a look at the highway remember there were two in front of my house that the county fixed. They should still be good. 1c. Meyer and Thompson are going to take a look and then we will go from there. 1d. You have in your packet an estimate from J&S for the Catch Basin located on East Avenue near Dresser Street – estimate #6967. We did have problems with this catch basin freezing up this past winter. The cost would be \$580.00 if it was done at the same time as the water main break repairs. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board that we approve the repairs to the Catch Basin on East Ave near Dresser Street – J&S Estimate #6967 for \$580.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Mike Danielson 206 South Street – the sand that has accumulated in the South Street Drainage Ditch. Raddatz stated he called me and was letting us know about the sand issue. Thompson stated that St Croix Falls is willing to help us out with that. We will get scheduled with the vacuum to get the out sand. Do we know what the cost will be from St Croix Falls? Thompson stated we may be able to share services such as the chipper in exchange for the vacuum.

Discussion was held regarding the Guard Rail on State Street. Raddatz stated this is the same area as last year. Thompson stated the entire length of it is deteriorating. I did have Polk County look at it. McGee is going to write up an estimate for us or we get in touch with Madison Contractors. Thompson stated I will put a call into them. Raddatz asked is washing out still an issue. Thompson stated one spot. Raddatz stated my concern is the cost to rebuild and we don't have the money this year. Get estimates for 2020 – when we look at the Guard Rail do we rebuild that area at the same time. This area needs to have a catch basin like the one on South Street so the water goes down and straight out. Bjorklund stated this could be a big deal. You are dropping water 15 to 20 feet. J&S gave us an estimate last year for the catch basin which was between \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 and the guard rail would be separate. If this is a priority that the Village needs to do. Where is this in the importance of road maintenance. We can't have it washing out. At this time it is not a safety issue. Koch stated this could be on the road repair list for 2020. Bjorklund stated some of the posts are very solid and some are twisted. Koch stated some places do one pole at a time. Thompson stated you definitely have different types of deterioration. Also when you completely redo the Guard Rail you will need to bring it

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up to any new standards. Do we know what the standards are? There may be a higher cost for a newer style. Raddatz gave Public Works a reminder to look at the black top on State Street. This is a 2020 budget item. It is nice knowing ahead of time about these types of things so things can be addressed and not turn into emergencies.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Sam and Sheena Malm 401 Roosevelt Drive – Marking of access points for Silver Ridge Green Area. Gilbert put some nice maps in the packet. Raddatz stated from what I can see there is a 10-foot walking easement, two drainage/walking easements and the Village's lot. Thompson asked when people bought these lots did they know about the easements. They should have been on their abstracts. There is a Fire Hydrant on the Village's lot. Thompson asked what came about from the survey that had been done. They didn't want to do anything. Nobody is asking for improvements. If kids go in there to play, they won't know where the lines are for the back yards of other lots and will that be an issue. Bjorklund stated Malm requested to be in the woods and look at nature and they just didn't know where to access it. The 10-foot walking easement once identified will a path show up on their yards. If we put in signs you mark all of them. Not just one area. Utility/drainage and walking easements. Raddatz stated I really don't have an opinion on it. They are easements. If we have problems with people in there down the road then you deal with that at that point. The request is to mark the access points. When we did the survey, it was a high percentage that didn't want us to do anything. They didn't want people in their back yards. We can't stop people from walking in on the easements. Bjorklund stated if you mark them you welcome people in. Thompson stated do we start maintaining this area. Raddatz stated all that is being asked is to mark the access points. Not to maintain it. It is a request so they can access the Village Property. Easements were put in when it was designed. Bjorklund stated you are getting younger kids and more families down there. So what does the committee want to recommend. Do nothing. Bjorklund stated I was thinking that if I lived down there, I would want to know about it before the signs went up. They should know. People's back yards are probably running further into this area then what is actually their property. Bjorklund stated instead of marking them do you just let them know where they are at. Raddatz stated if this was a developed park then you would have a lot more people. From the Village's stand point if you don't mark it and just say here is a map figure it out you will have kids running through everyone's yard. We could order signs from the sign company and put them on a steel post. In the future if there are a lot of problems, we could remove the signs, but the fact is that the easements are still there. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg that we recommend to the Village Board to allow the signage of the access points and to direct the maintenance men to order signs/posts and install according to the map in SilverRidge. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update was given regarding a Culvert on 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Town of Osceola. Thompson stated down on 100<sup>th</sup> by the Sewer Ponds there is a pipe. It is a concrete pipe underground that goes about a ¼ mile. It is in the ditch off of 100<sup>th</sup> right along the road. Paul from the township showed us where it comes out. So at the opening of the culvert it is coming apart. The township originally was looking at whose pipe it was. There was some confusion on it. It is Osceola's ditch and road. This goes back to the 1950's and 1960's. The ditch is in Osceola's right away. There is no emergency with this. If the pipe plugs up the water will still flow. Bjorklund stated there is a lot of water in those ditches. The consensus at this point is not to worry about it. Thompson - they were thinking that it had to do with our Sewer Ponds. Raddatz stated the Town of Osceola chair has not contacted us. The water is flowing to the South. It is not an emergency.

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Update was given on the New Plow Truck. Bjorklund stated will we see the new truck the first part of May. It is at Universal right now. If they are working on it how long does it take. Thompson stated I haven't asked – I am waiting for call back from Les. Hopefully it will be here before the next snow.

Discussion was held regarding Visu-Sewer results of televising Sewer Lines and possible future Sewer Lining Projects. Raddatz stated I am not sure what I am looking at. Thompson and Koch reviewed the video ahead of time and marked several areas to show the committee. Video was shown and the bad spots looked at. Thompson stated where we had problems cleaning the pipe on Warren Street in the past is where they found roots with the video. There are problems where the pipes are off set. There are roots at all of the joints. The good thing is that there is no structural damage. Bjorklund stated when you line the pipes then there are no seams correct. Yes that is correct you run the liner and they cut out the laterals to the house. They can run a video after they line the pipe to show that each lateral has been cut out. Bjorklund asked what about First Street. Thompson and Koch stated that First Street is not as bad. Visu Sewer feels that both pipes are candidates for lining. Bjorklund stated Warren Street should be our priority. This is a sewer utility expense. Raddatz stated they are saying that they can line Warren Street. Is First Street going to be the Village's next large street project where we do everything? Do you line the pipe when you may be tearing the whole thing up? The cost to do both streets is \$20,855.35. You save roughly \$2,500.00 by doing both. Bjorklund stated we don't have our audit report yet. Can we take a look at the Audit before we make a decision? Brock will be coming to the May meeting to give update on the Audit. Raddatz asked what do you want to do. Thompson stated I would recommend that you do Warren Street. We need to do something with Warren Street. First could be done at another time. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board that we approve lining Warren Street at a cost of \$10,298.25 and to review the lining for First Street after we have had an update on the Sewer Utility Audit and then make a decision at that time. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Raddatz called for any other business. Bjorklund asked if have heard from Visu Sewer on their bill. A letter was sent with the initial payment and we have not heard from them. Bjorklund asked what is happening with the black top on Warren Street. Thompson stated the road surface top is peeling off. This is top of the list for 2020. What options do we have for it? When was the work done on Warren Street? Was this the same application as what was put on Main Street?

Motion Moberg/Bjorklund to adjourn at 2:25 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.