

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 17, 2019
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Roll Call: Grace Bjorklund(Alternate) and Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Wayne Moberg and Richard Durand Absent. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk, Robert Thompson/Public Works, Matt Koch/Public Work, Karen Andrie, and Bonnie McDonnell. 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 the Curb/Catch Basin Estimate from J&S General Contracting for State Highway 35 repairs. Thompson stated the estimate is for \$6,100.00. Raddatz asked does this take care of everything that the State is not. Thompson stated these are the bad ones. There is a total of 26 catch basins on State Highway 35. Koch stated we took the State's list of planned improvements and found out they are doing 8. They are doing the ones that are really bad. Raddatz asked is this quote for doing one at a time or doing them all at the same time. I believe all at the same time. Bjorklund stated we have \$6,420.00 left in the 2019 Budget for Catch Basins. Do we have any more to do in the Village? No other repairs are known at this time. State Highway 35 doesn't need to be done this year. Thompson stated Bob said that they could do it more in the Fall this year. Koch stated our goal is to have it done before they come. Bjorklund stated we do have the money right now. Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to recommend to the Village Board that they approve the estimate with J&S Contracting in the amount of \$6,100.00 to fix the curb/catch basins on State Highway 35. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the broken Rockn' Toy Police Car in the Dresser Park. Bjorklund stated we did that playground when Charlie Everson was here, which is over 18 years ago. I took a look at the playground equipment. The other rockn' chair thing is not very useful. There should be other updates to that park. One thing to look at is the installation of a handicap swing. The bench needs to be replaced. The sandbox should be removed. Do you just do the one toy right now and move the rest to a committee to discuss for 2020. In the 2019 Audit there are reserve funds totaling \$19,217 – there is no trouble replacing that car unless you want to replace other stuff at this point. The See-Saw #7(ages 5-12) is an option for where the Police Car currently is. #5 is a 2 Seat Rocker for ages 2-5. Koch stated those options I believe can go on the same mount that is already there. Bjorklund stated in the past the kids just filled the car up with the rocks. Raddatz stated I like #7 See-Saw if we have to choose one. It would be easier to get on and off. More kids may use it. Bjorklund stated I think we should replace the one that is broken and have a committee look at other future improvements. There needs to be some planning/research. Lee is the distributor/Burke is the company. Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to recommend to the Village Board that they approve replacing the broken Rockn' Toy Police Car with the 2 Seat See-Saw #7 for \$1,382.00 + shipping from Lee Recreation. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding any possible changes to the Snow Removal Policy. Bjorklund stated I have read it and talked to Ryan and Jodi. Jodi stated that the maximum for a mail box at \$30.00 should be looked at since the prices on mailboxes have gone up. Thompson stated especially when you are looking at the nice plastic ones. Raddatz stated some food for thought there are other places that when a mailbox is replaced it is replaced with a swing away. Some of the ones the Village has had to replace have actually been backed into versus hit with the plow.

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Bjorklund stated I am thinking a max of \$65.00 to \$70.00 dollars. Gilbert had 3 examples of cost on ones recently that had been replaced. Bjorklund stated it should be increased. Raddatz stated then should be just go to a max of \$100.00. Bjorklund stated the 48 hours in one spot is in accordance with Village Ordinances. The section on Boulevard Intrusions is OK. Sidewalks is in the Ordinances about keeping them free from snow and ice. Raddatz asked Matt or Rob do you have any comments. In order to cut down on grass being replaced I see that you are now putting up stakes to stay off of grass Bjorklund stated. Raddatz stated the only change is the mailbox maximum. Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to recommend to the Village Board that we update the Snow Removal Policy changing the maximum reimbursement on a mailbox to \$100.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Public Works Vacation Schedule over the Christmas Holiday. Thompson stated I will be taking a week off at Christmas. Bjorklund asked do you know the dates. Thompson stated no not yet. Koch stated I have nothing going on. Thompson stated I called Mike Qualle and he has no plans over the Holidays so as of right now he is available. Raddatz stated this is far enough out to get everyone on board. Raddatz stated make sure that Koch and Qualle know the dates once it is set.

Discussion was held regarding the purchasing of a Hedge Trimmer and a Chain Saw. Bjorklund stated the Hedge Trimmer is in the budget. Raddatz asked are they both running off of the same battery. The estimates are for an Ego or Echo from Boyd's and a Stihl from Bill's. Koch stated I didn't get a chance to talk to Boyd the estimate was just dropped off. Raddatz stated the one estimate is for just the bear tool. The other comes with the battery. Something to look at in case you only want one battery. Battery power is the way of the future. Koch stated that Xcel was using a battery powered chain saw when they were here in the Village. Right now, we have a dinky chain saw that doesn't work well. Thompson stated we have had the current one to Boyd's twice already this year. The battery powered one's run a long time per Raddatz. Raddatz stated the only concern I have is what is the quality of these. Are there other ones out there. I personally started with one brand and it didn't hold up. Now I only buy DeWalt 60 watt. The quotes state there is a 2-year commercial warranty. At Boyds some of these products are fairly new to them I believe. Koch stated the reviews online were all about the same. The Stihl is only a 36 volt where the others are either 56 volt or 58 volt. Raddatz asked should we call Boyd and talk to him. Bjorklund stated I can't believe we are going to a battery powered chain saw. Raddatz stated that is the way of the future. Lisa with the Parks was asking for the Hedge Trimmer and Public Works is looking at the Chain Saw. There is enough money in the outlay account for both or should the Chain Saw come out of Machinery/Tools. Does the same battery work in both of them? Raddatz stated when looking at the Stihl and it is only 36 volt I don't know about any bigger stuff. Overall the batteries should fit in each piece of equipment. Now there is also flex volt out there but that will run you another \$100.00. Bjorklund stated the ones at Boyd's have a two-year warranty. How much are you going to use it and you probably won't use them at the same time. Bjorklund stated I would like to buy locally. Bill's is smaller voltage and similar prices. Bjorklund asked Matt and Rob do you guys have a preference. Thompson stated I like the bigger voltage. Raddatz stated I think we make a recommendation at the maximum dollars and then you guys can decide. Todd at Boyd's called the committee back. Raddatz asked what is the difference? The only concern we run into is the battery track record. Echo batteries don't have a great track record. That is my worry and online the echo on their web site has terrible reviews on the batteries. No positive comments. So honestly, we ordered

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Ego stuff and didn't order Echo stuff. The Ego chain saw – we can let you try it and see what you think. The Hedge Trimmer is not hard on a battery. The chain saw is the test and I have not tried it. We have sold a lot of Ego snow blowers – they are awesome. I can set up a chain saw and you can see how long the battery will last. Try it and otherwise we will use it as a demo. Bjorklund stated I don't know if we can make a recommendation until they have tried it out. Motion Raddatz/Bjorklund to recommend to the Village Board to have the public works try out the Ego Chain Saw and Hedge Trimmer and to approve the purchase of a Chain Saw and a Hedge Trimmer from Boyd's Outdoor Power in an amount not to exceed \$600.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding update on the old Sewer Plant Demolition. Gilbert stated Koch was asking questions so we thought we should have a discussion and get everyone on the same page. Koch stated do you have J&S do all of the work or what if we do the above ground part. We haul it out of there and then it gets filled in. What has to be done there. Raddatz stated if you pull everything out you would want J&S or Cross Country to do the basement. Raddatz stated it could be flattened within an hour. If public works wants to budget the \$12,000.00 again this year and we can see where the budget goes. Bjorklund stated is this a Village expense or a Sewer expense. It is a Sewer Expense so it is not in the budget. Do we look at this with the other sewer expenses we are incurring? The Sewer Utility needs to be in the black first before we do this. There are Financial Issues. Koch stated I recently got a call because the back door was open. You will need a lot of dirt in that hole. I think we leave it standing until we are ready to do the whole thing. There is some stuff stored in it. We will probably grab the pipes and stuff that is in there and then just stay out. Do we need No Trespassing signs? We have a fence doesn't that mean no trespassing. Thompson stated when we look to demolished it then we can do the old well house also.

Discussion was held regarding the starter and slack adjusters for the Loader. Koch clarified that the agenda was incorrect. The slack adjusters are on the International Plow Truck. The brake is not working. We need one slack adjuster which would be \$80.03. That can just come out of maintenance. Koch continued the starter is going on the Loader. It takes several tries to get it to start. Frontier doesn't work on construction equipment. We have set up an account with Blaine Brothers. A new starter is \$240.80. Raddatz stated yes buy the new one. Bjorklund asked Koch if he can install. Koch stated yes; I can install. The expense would come out of equipment maintenance. If it was over \$500.00 then it should go to the board. Koch stated I originally thought the starter was going to be a lot more money. Nothing to go to the board take care of it.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Universal to Demo the Village's New Mack Truck in August 2019. Koch stated they want to take the truck Oct 1-3 to a show in St Cloud. He would drive it up and take it over there and then bring it back. Bjorklund stated on whose insurance. Raddatz stated what if something happens to it. Then we don't have a truck for another year. I don't want to expose our vehicles to any other possible damages. This needs to last for 20+ years. What are your thoughts. Bjorklund stated I thought they were coming here. Thompson stated I have mixed feelings on it. Are they paying us to do it? I don't know if it is worth the risk. We don't own it – the Village owns the truck. It is tax payer owned. Bjorklund asked Andrie what she thought. Andrie stated we have waited how long to get us this truck. They should be paying us big bucks to do this. Bjorklund stated we should deny it. Raddatz stated I agree - deny it.

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Raddatz called for any other Business:

Bjorklund stated I have several things: 1. An update on the lighting of the signs – I have talked to Nate and several other employees and we all want a brown board – I don't want it sticking out like a sore thumb. Nate did suggest we put the lights on it first that way if the conduit needs to be painted it could all be done at the same time. Raddatz stated we could have gotten a brown treated board. The green treated needs to wait till next year to paint it. It does need to sit. Nate can get everything up there and then we can see what it looks like and then if we need to paint. 2. Also in regards to the signs. We were \$780.00 short at the board meeting. We will take picture of signs and do a picture thank you to everyone. They have already received a letter thanking them. Boyd has agreed that the Lions Club will be getting more money and they will donate \$250.00 and then he himself Boyd's wants to donate \$250.00. So, we can take \$500.00 off. Also, I talked to Nate and he has labor on all 3 events. If he is doing all on the same day maybe he can cut some on the labor. He said it was a good possibility. We will have to wait and see the final bill. 3. Lisa and I have \$600.00 for the planting of trees. I am looking for permission to have Lisa and I plant trees by the signs. Raddatz asked isn't that going to block things? Throw it on the board agenda in August. 4. LRIP – There is going to be more money I think. We have money in the budget for an LRIP project. We should be planning to submit an application in the Fall of 2019 and do a project in 2020. I have talked to the county. Gilbert asked who is going to do it. Koch/Thompson stated we are going to training for Paser on August 2nd. We need to update our 5-year plan. Polk Ave was thought to be a possible project but someone mentioned we can't do a dead-end street. Their board is already set – we could get a street done. Thompson stated we can look at the manual. At the county they are the experts in the LRIP Program. 5. What about the weeds in the Tennis Court they are pretty bad. Thompson stated we have a batch of roundup ready. We need 24 hours with no rain. 6. Where are you at with the federal sign mandate. Koch stated is on the list of things to do. There are signs here.

Gilbert stated I have several things: 1. Lisa Haines asked if the Village would be willing to go half on the cost to sharpen her personal tools that she uses in the Park. She uses her personal tools by her choice. Bjorklund asked do we need to purchase some other tools? If we need tools, we can look into that. It is not a good idea to pay for the sharpening of her personal tools. 2. Do you want to do a final walk thru on the Horsmann/Peterson project? We do need to wait for the grass to grow, but Eric at MSA was not setting a date. Do we pick a date? Koch and Thompson stated that they have looked at things and things look good. How about Tuesday, July 30th or Wednesday, July 31st at 8AM. Gilbert will send email to Eric at MSA.

Thompson stated I have several things: 1. There is extra money in streets. Polk and Warren Streets have holes in them. Do we do some spray patching? Fahrner can't do it this year. Do we do next year or Seal Tech can take a look at it. Would you do the same as State Street? That is a Chip Seal. I am asking can we spend the additional \$5,800.00 on the roads. Can we use it. Maybe Warren Street should be a LRIP Project. It isn't on the 5-year plan. Need to keep updating that 5-year plan. Warren has really gotten bad. Might be similar to Main Street. 2. We have the 2nd Blade for the Loader that isn't being used can we turn it into a box plow? Raddatz stated it sure doesn't have to be wide - I like the idea. Koch stated I can do it. I have looked at the one in Osceola. A couple of steel brackets. St Croix may have one they are not using. Raddatz stated you need to watch the wear edge. Where the blades wear it leaves gaps. Keep that in mind if put the blade on when you design the sides. When you don't have a box

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plow you are constantly chasing lines in snow plowing. You push snow and get dribbles. You are always pushing. If you put sides on it now the snow is just pushed – it is a huge time saver. If this is going to be over \$500.00 then it needs to come back to the board. It is a plow we are not using.

Motion Bjorklund/Raddatz to adjourn at 2:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.