

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 24, 2020  
DRESSER COMMUNITY HALL**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: Richard Durand, Darren Peterson and Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Attorney Tim Laux, and Grace Bjorklund. The Standard Press/Ledger newspaper was present. 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 a Residential Exclusive Refuse and Recycling Collection Contract. Laux stated you all got my email. Raddatz asked do we need to do an Ordinance change or what do we want to do? All these other communities are doing it. Laux stated first your own Ordinance says that you can't do an exclusive contract. A Village or City would violate laws if they provide an exclusive contract. You can enter into a contract that is not exclusive. You just can't have an exclusive contract. Section 11.08(3)(a) of the Village Ordinances was read. No contracts can be exclusive. I went thru 100's of League advisory legal opinions. Over the past 30 years exclusive contracts were approved and were the norm. Around 2013 this is where the law changed. I suspect this is the point and time where the local Ordinance was changed to include that language. I don't think since then I ever remember more than one hauler responding to a proposal for bids to enter into a contract. In the situations where the board sent out for bids they only got one response and other times the board felt that they didn't need to send out for proposals. The question really is – from a policy standpoint. What do you want to do? St Croix Falls has a provision that you have to have a license/permit to collect in the City of St Croix Falls. How do they pull that off? This is very simple. For a detailed version go to Clear Lake. It all adds up to the same thing. Get a permit and agree to provide a service you can then serve the community. This is only for residential hauling. All commercial/industrial service across the board is open competition. Raddatz stated so you get a permit and we could have four haulers in Dresser. Yes - haulers have to meet the following criteria – you could have a long list like Clear Lake or a short list like the City of St Croix Falls. Any hauler can come in and meet the criteria. Raddatz stated so a resident can get anybody they want. There is no way do an exclusive contract Raddatz stated. Laux stated that is what I believe. The League did a 180 on their recommendation. Another municipality like Osceola did like Dresser did. Interestingly enough when you read the Osceola Ordinance, I'm pretty sure you will not find the word exclusive. You will find contract/contractors/hauler/haulers. There are also requirements to get a license/permit. Laux stated this is a policy question. You have two choices: 1. Upgrade/amend the Ordinance in such a way that it provides a way for people in the business to get a permit to operate residential refuse and recycling in the Village and they have to agree to do the following things. 2. Hands off all together. Most of the other municipalities have a provision for a license/permit. It gives the municipalities some control or what haulers are doing in the municipality. How involved do you want to be in regulating this going forward. Laux stated again this is a policy decision. The recommendation to be hands off for example when you look at Clear Lakes Ordinances it is directed towards the citizens. Not much about haulers. Raddatz stated so there could be 2-3 companies. Let the citizens get what service they want. Peterson stated so there would be 3 trucks running around. Snow plowing around containers will be a challenge. Raddatz asked why just now is this being brought up. We have offered exclusive contracts in the past. This year you got two bids. Raddatz stated so this is a policy decision for the board. Peterson stated if they get a permit can we hold them to a

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certain day? Yes, I have seen that. OK back to the license/permit. Even if it is \$10.00. We don't want to have garbage trucks every day of the week. Laux stated in the country garbage is picked up one day and recycling on another day. Each house makes their own decision. Can we negotiate some type of contract for Spring/Fall clean up? What is the most cost-effective option? That situation is not urgent. We don't have to decide right now. What has that cost the Village in the past. Maybe we don't do a Spring clean up and see what the residents say. So, what do we want to recommend to the board? Propose a permit to the Village board. For a permit: only allow collection on certain days of the week. Give residents the full opportunity to get the service that they want. For the days of the week about we propose Tuesdays/Wednesdays. What if recycling is on another day? The only exception would be holidays. The permit could reference back to the Ordinances. So, a hauler would follow the Ordinance Section 11.08 and 11.09 and pay a fee. Lay out permit that includes name, address, email, phone #, cost of permit. Keep it simple. They don't need a Certificate of Insurance. How about a \$25.00 permit yearly fee. Permit would run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The current contract runs for a year. Motion Raddatz/Peterson to make a recommendation to the board that we require a \$25.00 permit for garage and recycle haulers that will state their name, company, address, email, collection schedule would be Tuesday or Wednesday with the only exceptions for holidays. Comply with Ordinance 11.08 and 11.09. Permit would run January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Fee \$25.00/year. Any other discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Any other Business: Nothing Stated.

Motion Durand/Peterson to adjourn at 6:44 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.