

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 17 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM. Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, and Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk, Arik Mahler/Public Works, and Robert Thompson/Public Works. This meeting was posted that a majority of the board members could be present for this meeting. Other public in attendance Gene & Sharon Hendricks, Sandy Bassett and Grace Bjorklund. No press was in attendance.

Motion Durand/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board to approve hiring Andrie Electric to fix the Well House Transfer Switch and to pay for this expense from the Water Utility. Raddatz stated they hooked up the generator to the well house and they did get it too work, but it is not in compliance – the transfer switch is shot. It is not a good situation. How often have we had to use it? We don't want to run out of water. The estimated cost from Andrie Electric is \$5,000.00. In past dealings with Andrie they are solid on their prices and will stand behind their work. On the well house the plug is on the outside of the building and they want to move the switch to the inside. This is a water expense since on the Well House #2 by F&A Dairy. All in Favor.
Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the old/not in use Sewer Plant. Durand asked do we use it for transfer. No we use the white building. Mahler stated I have talked with Qualle and it is time to do something with it. The floor is weak and the ceiling is weak also. The wet well is full of water. Thompson stated it is not urgent, but it could be a safety hazard. Durand asked can we do it ourselves. It is below ground so probably no. Would need a backhoe and all of the water would need to be pumped out. It would have to be back filled. Raddatz asked would you be able to get any bids to find out how much we are looking at. Mahler stated I could get a bid from Cross Country and J&S. Raddatz stated the current lift station was built in 1985.

Discussion was held regarding the Auto Dialer at the Main Sewer Lift Station – 425 State Street W. Thompson stated that if something goes wrong at the sewer plant the dialer calls us and lets us know if there is a problem. NorthStar Pump came to do maintenance and found out we had no dial tone. Centurylink came out and there were wires broke and he got it back hooked up. We tried it this morning and now it will call Mahler, but it won't call Thompson. Raddatz asked where do you control the phone numbers. Mahler stated you plug in an old phone and it walks you thru it. We may have messed something up and it could be in the programming. Right now we are a lot further on getting it up and running then we were. Mahler stated right now if we lose power it won't send out because the back up battery was an option and we didn't get that feature. Thompson asked do we want to have it working with battery back up. You only have so many hours that it can be out. Raddatz stated you will probably know if there is a power outage in the area. Raddatz asked do we really need battery back up. Thompson stated we are over there every 24 hours. Northstar Pump is going to come back and do some more work for us. We may have a price coming for battery back up. If the water level is too high it will call us. If there is no power right at the sewer lift station then what? Thompson stated we should know more in a few weeks. Right now we have a dial tone now and the programming needs to be worked on. There are 2 wires where the battery back up would be. Mahler stated I called and it is capable of having battery back up and the battery would need to be replaced every 3 years. Raddatz stated get it programmed and working. It would be sad to buy a battery back up and

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find out we have programming issues. Mahler stated we should have something for the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding possible repairs to 1999 Loader. Mahler stated I did talk to Gustafson since it has been going thru some coolant. When the Loader went to Frontier they found that it was using coolant. Gustafson stated we should just keep it filled and check it weekly. If we were having a problem and the head gasket was bad there would be coolant in the oil. At this time there is nothing in the oil. Some loaders run a little on the low side. Keep records when you are adding coolant. The Oil will smell sweet and get milky also is you are having a problem. Frontier thought it would be rare that the head gasket would be bad with how low the hours are on it. They are around 2,600.

Motion Raddatz/Durand to recommend to the Village Board that they approve having J&S repair the Floor Drain at the Municipal Garage – 514 East Ave N with an estimated cost of \$1,440.00 with the appropriate fund allocation to be determined by the Board. Mahler talked to J&S and they met me at the shop and I showed them the situation and they got us a quote. We pulled the current grate out and pulled all of the old concrete out. With all of the salt it is falling apart. They did give us a quote also in the amount of \$8,760.00 to finish the floor in the shop. Part of the floor is still a dirt floor. This would be a project for down the road for a future budget. Raddatz asked where would the money come from. Can it be done this year? This doesn't need to be done tomorrow, but it is definitely rotten. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding future Building Tours by the Village Board. Raddatz stated at the last Board meeting this was brought up to start doing. Durand stated it was good when we did it. You can see the day to day operations and it is good to take a look. Moberg agreed. Possibly start at the May/June meeting after the new board is sworn in. How should this be presented to the board. We need to decide where to go first. Usually met for ½ hour before a regular board meeting. We could start at the sewer plant since we are discussing taking down that old building.

Discussion was held regarding State Highway 35 Crosswalk and Project. Raddatz stated we have some information - a reply from the state to Beseler from a Jennifer Berg. Sounds like that they really don't care when we do this. Either prior or after the project. They are going to do project in 2020. They are going to have turn lanes installed. There is plenty of room for that. A designated turn lane would be great. That may help prevent accidents. This is more defined – the plans show only from F but it would be nice if they would go as far as F&A Dairy. Looks like we can do the project, but we need to have approval. We need to have a permit before they do the project. Raddatz stated you have to cut out the curb and make it ADA compliant. Last summer we got a bid from J&S that was around \$5,000 and I believe we put this in the 2018 budget. How do you want to proceed? Motion Raddatz/Durand to recommend to the board that they have a discussion regarding the State Highway 35 Crosswalk and decide as a whole whether to proceed or not to proceed and if so what the timing should look like. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Lawn Mowing of Village Properties. Raddatz stated I was down looking at things with the guys and they asked why we hire out the lawn mowing. Raddatz stated I had no good answer. The guys may have time to mow. We have a new lawn mower with low hours. Mahler stated I believe it is a 62 inch mower deck. Thompson stated he talked

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to Qualle and he expressed some interest in helping cut grass if we needed it. Raddatz stated we should ponder it – I believe the annual budget is around \$7,000 a year. Currently Gunderson does it. The question is do we recommend this to the board to have the public works try it. Do we need equipment? Thompson stated maybe a small push mower. We have a lawn mower and we budgeted for a new weed whip. We have a leaf blower. Leaf Clean up in the Spring and Fall may still need to be hired out to someone. Raddatz stated the question I have is what do we have in the budget on gas, wear and tear, blades, maintenance etc... if we do this. Do you have enough room in the budget? Can we leave money for spring or fall clean up. Thompson stated I know that we have not worked the summer yet, but we could try it and always go back if it doesn't work. Mahler stated I would like to try it for a year. Raddatz stated I am not against trying it – which way are we ahead you guys doing it or hiring someone. We would need to keep track of the hours – maintenance. Motion Raddatz/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board to allow public works/Rob and Arik to take care of the parks and do the mowing. To hire out spring and fall clean up and also to purchase a small push mower locally not to exceed \$400.00. Gilbert asked if the committee felt they should talk to Gunderson up front on what the Village is planning. He has done an excellent job in the past and continues to do so. Raddatz stated I will give him a call and talk to him. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding salt/sand product for the streets. In regards to stock piling at the shop what are the DNR rules. According to Polk County we can haul it and have it here. After April 1st you need to be out of product or it has to be tarped. We do have our Well Head Protection Ordinance. We don't need piles here during the summer. The idea is to have a few loads here and not be driving to Balsam Lake in the bad weather. We are looking to keep 3 or 4 loads during the winter. The point of this discussion was to keep everyone on the same page. The roads are looking good. Mahler stated we have had a lot of ice. Been using ¾ load per plow and keep 8 Tons in the truck. Don't know how this compares to the past. We are keeping our slips from the county to look at future budgeting. If you get the product down on the roads before the snow/ice it works really well. The sun light really helps also.

Any other Business: Mahler stated the Dodge Truck is in need of new tires. We had the truck to Complete because it was pulling to the right. They found the front right tire was the issue. They put that tire on the back and now we got wheel hop. The spare is on it right now. Complete recommends new tires for the Dodge. Complete has given me two quotes both are around \$600.00. I also talked to TMS and he quoted me \$150 per tire. The truck does have 4 wheel drive and getting up the hill to the water tower can be an issue. This would be considered maintenance. Put in on the board agenda.

Motion Durand/Moberg to adjourn at 3:00 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.