

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021
DRESSER MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Joe Peterson, Darren Peterson and Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Rob Thompson- Public Works, Matt Koch-Public Works, 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 regarding approved Estimate #8872 from J&S Contracting in the amount of \$4,450.00 for improvements to the outside of the Dresser Community Hall for water run off – sidewalk concerns and basement wall repairs. Koch stated we have talked about angle and wondered if it needs to go all the way out to the end of the existing sidewalk. In the winter time are we going to get a lot of ice buildup? If we went out to the end of the existing sidewalk would the water then run off. How do you keep it handicap accessible? Currently we already have problems with the ice buildup on this end. Darren Peterson stated I don't know if you can carry that slope with the handicap rules. Raddatz stated no matter what you do you are going to have ice. Darren Peterson stated you have 2 grades. It is a very valid point. Thompson asked how is this going to work with the wood ramp – pouring right to the end of the ramp. Raddatz stated I guess you could look to put in some drains but they won't work all of the time. This is just a band aid. We currently have \$2,000 in the sidewalk budget. Do we move it to this area? Our goal is to get the water out and away from the building. This was a cheaper way to do it. We will just need to put salt on it. Joe Peterson stated it could hold grade if it wasn't handicap. There are also heat loss issues with the building. Money spent on gutters and roof ice tape might not be a bad idea to think about. As for the basement once it is covered on the outside what are we doing on the inside? The guys should be able to fix – stud in a new wall if need be. We would want to take a hose and run some water before buttoning it all up. Put in some foam insulation. Put in a new wall and close it up.

Discussion was held regarding a gas powered generator versus a portable generator. Raddatz asked do we have the rest of the quote. Andrie's quote is for either generator. Koch stated I don't know what size slab. HM Cragg has an enclosure you can drop over. Raddatz asked are there any used generators? Koch stated no. Thompson stated Milltown and Star Prairie had generators similar to the one we currently have. They seem to be open to us using theirs if needed. We have talked to Mike Qualle about the need for a 2nd generator. He said he never had a time when we needed two. Power was never out that long. Could it happen - yes. Raddatz stated if the power is out an extended time could we be running to rent a generator? We could bring Raska in to pump the lift station when using the current generator at the well. Raddatz stated it does only take one time to be screwed. Koch agreed Mike said it could happen. Raddatz stated when you look at the cost, we could rent one. There are a lot of sources for rental. In talking to Milltown and Star Prairie they may be willing to bring their generator here and let us try it out to make sure it would work. It would be a great back up plan. May need to get some adaptors. It would be the same hook up as long as it is wired the same. A test would be a good idea. This could be put in the emergency plan. Raddatz stated we could contact a couple of rental units for hook ups so if we needed to rent one, we would know who to call. Get their contact information for the emergency plan. Thompson this generator was available, but the numbers are adding up.

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Discussion was held regarding the prioritizing of projects on the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. On First Street you have water main from 1937. Main Street the pavement rating is down to a 4. Darren Peterson stated do we pursue Polk Avenue. Do you look at how many people a project is impacting? There is definite storm water issue on the hill and a priority should be to get that water diverted. Thompson stated you have the LRIP that could be used on Polk. I believe that is just black top. Koch stated on Polk Ave if you do the black top it is going to be good for a long time. Where do we need new water lines – you don't want to put in a new road and then have to dig it up. Raddatz stated we know that the water and sewer on First Street need to be done. East Ave is storm water issues. I noticed that South and Blaisdell is filling up with sand again. We have spent a lot of money in this area already. None of the band aids have worked on South/Polk Avenue. There is so much water going to one spot. How do you go about it? Darren Peterson stated you do need to start with where the problem originates. Then we would need to start at the top of the hill on East Avenue. We are getting sand and gravel with a big storm/heavy rains. Question is how far into the gravel does the Village go? We own one side out to Dr. Hall's driveway. This would be a joint project with the Town of Osceola. Curb and gutter and storm to South Street. Raddatz stated when looking at Rusty's if you can catch the water and put it in the storm water. It would still be going to South and Blaisdell. Koch stated we have had a conversation with Gabby. East Ave only to Rusty's does include curb and gutter. The discussion with Gabby – they had a quote from Monarch with rolled edge on the black top. This would only buy us time. We need curb till we crest the hill. Darren Peterson stated could you put ditches on it? Darren Peterson continued skip the hill and go directly to Polk Ave. Go down Polk – both are the problem. Do a small project on Polk – Black top/curb/storm. See about a grant for First Street that estimated cost is \$800,000.00 so that would be our number 1 for a big project. Main Street is not a priority. The CDBG grants are a matching grant. You need to do a survey to find out if the households are LMI households. We have sewer pipes that we are getting infiltration into. We didn't do any lining. It really needs to be redone. Polk Ave would be our 1st small project. First Street is number 1 for a Large Project. If you do East and Polk together then you are up to \$500,000. Darren Peterson stated we would want to camera the sanitary – is lining an option. Koch stated that Mike was talking about future houses on the East side. Would Trollhaugen even annex property along East Avenue. Next small project East/Polk. Main Street is a large. 2nd Avenue is a large. Raddatz stated we will want to camera sewer before deciding on lining or replacing sewer. WSLR Road ratings are done every other year. West Avenue at \$308,000 is a small project. C-Aire black top – would also need to have curb and gutter. Small #4 by C-Aire. Motion Darren Peterson/Raddatz to recommend to the Village Board that they approve the following prioritization schedule for the projects on the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Small Projects:

1. Polk Avenue – South St to Dead End estimated cost \$173,400.00/\$279,600.00
2. East Avenue 100' South of South Street estimated cost \$286,400.00/\$420,200.00
3. West Avenue estimated cost \$308,000.00
4. First Street Bank to C-Aire estimated cost \$53,600.00.

Large Projects:

1. First Street from West Ave to East Ave estimated cost \$786,300.00
2. Second Street from West Ave to East Ave estimated cost \$379,800.00/\$684,400.00
3. Main Street from West Ave to East Ave estimated cost \$996,800.00.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Discussion was held regarding pumps at the State Street Sewer Lift Station. Raddatz stated after reading the packet I like the idea of putting in the 3rd pump and slowly working on the other two. Koch stated our goal is to get 2 pumps either replaced or refurbished. We don't need 3 new pumps. Right now, there is about 4 hours a day on each pump. When there is a rush in the morning they alternate. WW Goetsch is on the bottom of the list – their people came and took a look and they are the dealer of the current pumps. Star Prairie uses them. St Croix Falls uses the other company. Thompson stated we thought initially this was going to be a simple replace the bearings. Thompson stated they all seemed knowledgeable. Raddatz stated you have been happy working with Energenics? Thompson stated yes. Some of these are 15 horse versus 10 horse. Joe Peterson it would last longer. Thompson stated we are lucky to get the years out of pumps that we have. They are 36-year-old. Gilbert stated we have just received information on the American Rescue monies that may be able to be used for this type of work. Raddatz stated do you put in new pump and then pull one of the old one. Then do you buy a new pump or is it worth rebuilding it? If it is half the cost of a new one then let's just put in a new one. I think we should get an estimate to rebuild then make a decision from there. We felt good about WW Goetsch. Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to recommend to the board to approve the purchase of a pump from WW Goetsch in the amount of \$29,991.00 and then remove a pump and get a cost to rebuild it. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding quote from EverLast Rehab for Sanitary Sewer Manhole/Lift Station Repairs in the amount of \$15,400.00. We have had these guys in here before. Is the stuff they have done holding up Raddatz asked. The guys said yes. Thompson stated there are 5 items listed and #1 is the main priority. That one is on the force main. That air gap is not working and it is continuing to rot the valve. Gilbert stated this type of work may be able to be paid for with the American Recoveries money. It is a Sewer Expense. Raddatz stated I say do it. Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to recommend to the board to hire Everlast Rehab for manhole repairs in the amount of \$15,400.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Update on Isaac Peterson – 431 Polk Avenue S Erosion Control Plan. Raddatz stated I didn't know if this is going to work? He didn't ditch them. This was going to be 3rd phase of Silver Ridge. There is rip rap by the culvert. He dug down around the inlet. That is a screwed-up situation. He did put fabric down. Graded and put down matting. Darren Peterson stated we talked about pulling top soil from the trees to cover the area. Darren Peterson stated he would take another look and updated the Finance Committee.

Discussion was held regarding future maintenance to ditch areas in the Village. The ditches over time need to be dug out. The one by C-Aire Cross Country did at one point. The one at Bernick's there is water in it all of the time. Across from Bernick's is not good. The culvert has rocks in it that goes under the road. Could we get the Town of Osceola or Garfield's back hoe to do it ourselves? Intergovernmental work if it is not too big of a job. Koch stated it is work, but nothing we can't handle. The area by the coffee shop and motel is not our responsibility. If that flows it is going to go west. Darren Peterson asked do we have any budgeted monies. Not at this time. We have budgeted for this type of work in the past. Koch stated there are a lot of areas. We should be doing so much every year. If we continue to have good weather, we could do some this summer. Some areas could be done with the loader. Kelly and Clark are work for the loader. Thompson asked after we dig it all out do we put down grass seed? Darren Peterson stated I put down blankets. That is the way to go.

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Discussion was held regarding procedure for the 2022 Budget. Gilbert asked do you want the public works guys to bring 2022 budgeted items to the public works committee to review and then send them to the Finance Committee? Raddatz since two of us are already on the Finance Committee it could go either way. Darren Peterson stated it would just be another step. Raddatz asked Joe what level of involvement he would like to see. Joe Peterson stated I am an alternate for the Finance/Personnel Committee. If I attended those meetings, would I have any input? Yes was stated. Joe Peterson stated can I request copies of the Finance packets so I can see the public works stuff. Raddatz stated this would save us a meeting and get Joe involved in Finance also. Meetings will be scheduled in advance. Joe Peterson stated I can make anything work. Perfect we will make sure Joe gets a copy of the packets for budget meetings.

Any other Business. Gilbert asked the committee if they had an opinion about moving Board Meetings back to the Village Office per Village Ordinance. Raddatz stated I would like the board to make that decision. Put it on the July Board Meeting agenda.

Motion Raddatz/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 8:11 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.