

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 20 2018
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. Roll Call: Wayne Moberg and Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz. Richard Durand Absent. 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. No other public or press was in attendance.

Discussion was held regarding Sidewalks. Mahler stated there is \$2,000.00 in the budget. It would be nice if the sidewalk in front of the office here could be finished off. We should talk to the owner of the Post Office and Terry and see if they would do their portions. Raddatz stated do we send out a letter to both owners. Do we spend the current budget money? Thompson asked I seen where you put down a sealer every so many years on concrete. Is that something we should be doing? Raddatz stated sealers are a joke because they wear off - I am not in favor of them. The money you spend on the sealers can be saved and you just replace the concrete after so many years. If we rolled the 2018 budget money over to next year we could do a bigger area. It is around \$8.00 to \$9.00 per square foot to rip out and replace sidewalk. Moberg stated if there is an area that really needs to be done we should be looking at it. Raddatz stated I think we just roll the money into the 2019 budget. We should send out a letter to the post office and Terry regarding the sidewalk in front of their businesses.

Discussion was held regarding Storm Water Catch Basins. Mahler stated we have not looked at these yet. Raddatz stated there is one on State Street and Hwy 35 on State Street that is dropping in and needs to be done. Hwy 35 is not our responsibility at this point. There is also one on the corner of Polk and Warren by Thanig's house – south side of the road to take a look at. I couldn't tell if it was the curb or the catch basin. Raddatz stated we need to be watching for any bad ones. If we don't need to spend the 2018 Budget money we could carry it forward. It makes sense to do 2-3 at one time.

Discussion was held regarding Tree Replacement. It was stated that there is \$600.00 in the 2018 Budget. At Arbor Day the tree we bought was around \$110.00. The question is what do you want to do – do we put trees on Central Avenue from the Office to the Library. I don't want any seeds/flowers and nothing supper tall that will buckle the sidewalk. Raddatz stated I am not a fan of trees in the boulevard. Do you do sugar maples or oak trees? What will it look like in 40 years? If you said \$150.00 a tree @ 4 that would spend the \$600.00. This should be referred to the board to decide. Motion Raddatz/Moberg to have the board decide on the kind of trees and where to place them based on the \$600.00 2018 Budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding any possible improvements to Basketball Court located along side the Community Hall. There is no money in the budget. The Pine Trees are hanging over the court like 8 feet. Raddatz asked do we cut them back. Cut them back to the edge of the black top. Do you cut them all the way around or leave the back side as a buffer to the pond side of the park. I don't think we will kill the trees cutting them back, but how is it going to look. Motion Moberg/Raddatz to recommend to the board that they approve cutting back the pine trees along the basketball court side 6-8 feet high. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Are there any other improvements for 2019 – crack seal it in the future. Could include this in the 2019 budget/road

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plans – maintain the surface.

Discussion was held regarding Pine Trees along the Alley on the west side of the Community Hall. The bottom branches have died and the alley side has been cut back already. This is the buffer between the park and the homes. If you plant another row you will lose 15 to 20 feet of park space. Raddatz stated I am not in favor of fences. For now leave the park side as a buffer. We would need to cut down the trees if we were to plant another row. This is not an issue at this time unless we have complaints.

Discussion was held regarding Public Works Uniforms – Shorts and/or HiVis Shirts. Do we buy them outright? They are looking for something like Dickey's. It would be foolish not to buy them. We don't want to rent all winter long. This discussion was at the Finance/Personnel Meeting and it was brought back here to discuss with Rob and Arik what we want to do. Raddatz stated I have no problem with it. There are safety issues and the guys need to use common sense. Not wear shorts when chipping. If you are going to wear shorts I would suggest having pants in the truck to change into, since you don't know what the day is going to bring. Do we buy them or lease them. It makes sense to buy them. The next question is in the handbook it states we purchase uniforms. Do we change the handbook or do we buy so many and in 3-5 years address this again. Do we do this as a trial period? They won't be wearing them that much. Motion Moberg/Raddatz to recommend to the board that they buy Rob Thompson and Arik Mahler each 5 pairs of shorts with a cost not to exceed \$120.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried. So what is the story with the shirts? Mahler stated they are nicer for chipping so you are not wearing a vest. Raddatz asked how often do you wash them. Thompson stated I have already wrecked one vest. This is a safety issue so just go ahead and just do it. Raddatz stated buy a couple and you wash them on your own. Fleet Farm/Menards has them - get a couple of shirts and just take care of it like any other safety equipment you have.

Discussion was held regarding Well House #1 – Building. We need to look at it. Thompson stated when Corey from DNR was here he took a look and he sent an email back to us. We could dig it up and 6 feet down cap it and then it would be done. What is the cost to take down versus putting on a new roof? Thompson stating in talking with Nord it is capped right now. Gilbert will try to find the file when they abandoned this well. We can have the board take a look at it. This could be in the 2019 budget with the Sewer Plant tear down. Put this on the tours for the July board meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the purchasing of Street Signs. What do we have out there for signs? Mahler stated I spent yesterday with the laptop putting signs into the software trying to determine where and how many signs we have. We need to figure out how many we still need to purchase. Mahler stated I did spend some money and purchased signs for Horsmann/Peterson for right now. We are in the process of replacing all signs in the Village. Once we have the number of signs in the Village we can look at the cost for a sign and determine if we have enough money to get everything updated or not. Mahler stated I may start by getting everything west of Highway 35 updated first.

Discussion was held regarding the updating of the 5 Year Road Plan. We can now take off Item #1 – Horsmann/Peterson. Need to Clarify #3 for location of road. Add First Street from West Ave to East Avenue. Item #4 split out the two road sections - Polk Avenue and East Avenue. We did one Alley so for #6 that can be modified. Let's update this list and bring it back to the

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public works committee.

Discussion was held regarding possible future LRIP projects. Gilbert explained the LRIP program and once the five year road plan is updated this can once again be discussed with the public works committee to come up with the LRIP project for 2019.

Discussion was held regarding snow plow repairs versus purchase new for Loader and Plow Truck. Thompson brought in pictures of the plows. When you look at the picture of the spare – it is in good shape. The picture of the dump truck plow and the loader plow both shows the cracks. B.P.S. is considering mounting this blade on this plow. It was wider. The question is the spare front which is 11 foot would it work on the loader? I thought the spare was lighter and not an option. On the dump truck B.P.S. gave us an estimate of \$1,542.00 to repair – the cylinder is too short. Thompson stated out of the two the dump truck plow is in the best condition. It needs fewer repairs. The existing loader mount - \$3,500.00. The Cage is a good price – over a third of the cost to get new. Raddatz stated what to do – do we budget for a plow in 2019. It would be \$1,200.00 to mount this plow with this blade. For a total of \$2,700.00 to fix both plows. That is 10% of a new plow and you are getting a new plow truck. At what point do you stop throwing \$1,000.00 at things. Thompson stated this bracket is in really good shape. Mahler stated I don't know if it will work? What we have works and it is just tired. They are all pretty close. Why are you so sure it won't work? How long did Osceola use it before we got it? Using these styles – we can put this blade on that bracket. Raddatz stated we have spent a lot of money recently. We may be looking at a new Loader over the next 5 years. If you keep pulling from the replacement funds and once it drained then you have nothing. We could do the fixes and mid winter have to buy a cage. Do you get rid of all old plows and buy a new one. I would like to see what the board wants to do. Moberg stated the issue is fixing versus new for the Loader. Go with the grand to fix and if it didn't work we at least gave it a shot. Then we buy new. If it works then money well spent. Raddatz stated I know you guys want to see new. We would need to draw out of the replacement fund. That money is still there if we need to buy one. The dump truck has to be fixed. Raddatz continued and we need to do something with the Loader. I would also love to have new. Motion Raddatz/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board that they have B.P.S. Incorporated fix the plow for the dump truck for an amount of \$1,542.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board that they have B.P.S. Incorporated install the 12 foot Loader Blade onto the 11 foot spare plow for an amount of \$1,200.00. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Any other Business – Raddatz stated the Blaisdell/South Street culvert has failed. J&S looked at it. The water comes down a steep hill and it needs some type of containment/catch basin. You have a 22 inch and an 18 inch pipe flowing into this area and only have 15-16 inch leaving. This was only done 2 years ago and it has washed out. We are getting a bid from J&S and Cross Country.

Motion Raddatz/Moberg to adjourn at 4:10 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.