

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 13 2017
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Bryan "Fatboy" Raddatz called the meeting to order at 3:02 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. No other public or press was in attendance.

Discussion was held regarding the kinds of product to put down on the roads during the winter and where to purchase. Raddatz asked what have we been doing so far. Mahler stated the first snow fall we used straight salt on the intersections. Right now the 1-Ton has salt in it. So far that is all that has been purchased. Raddatz stated I would prefer that we don't use Trap Rock unless we absolutely have to. If we keep the streets plowed and have the snow removed before it is packed down we shouldn't have any problems. Mahler stated I am leaning towards using 30%. The Township of Garfield and the Village of Osceola use 30%. Mahler had gotten prices from Polk County and Trap Rock. Raddatz stated salt is important. Mahler stated if the 30% gets on the roads now the Town of Garfield feels that it helps clear them off when the next storm comes. Durand and Moberg agreed with Raddatz that using 30% Salt/Sand was OK with them. Thompson stated in talking with other communities they have the experience and they recommend the 30% and it is around \$35/Ton. 5% is expensive if you are going to use salt/sand. Can we get it from Polk County here in St Croix Falls? Raddatz stated there is no reason to go to Balsam Lake. Mahler stated I haven't talked with Kathy Bohn who is in charge of the recycling center here in St Croix Falls. Raddatz stated based on the rates we should try 30% and see how it works. A lot of this is trial and error. Raddatz told Mahler and Thompson to run with it and see how it works. Keep the salt in the 1-Ton.

Discussion was held regarding when the public works employees would punch in to plow streets – regular time vs. over time. Weekends of course are going to be overtime. During the week – how long will it take to get everything done? That isn't known yet. Raddatz stated once you have more snow places like Main Street can be piled as long as the intersections are open. Durand state the guys use to start really early. We are thinking about starting between 1-3 AM. Need to look at what the busy streets are and do them first. County Road F, the hills, school, daycare, Main Street. Durand stated a lot of this will happen according to the snowfall. You will need to get your other work done to. You could alternate – or both start at the same time. Thompson stated if it is heavy snow both of us should come in. Raddatz stated if you have questions or concerns just give me a call.

Discussion was held regarding an update on the Library Building Railing. Raddatz stated I went and talked to Amber at the Library trying to determine what the problem was. In order for the railing to be ADA Compliant the bottom rail needs to be 4 inches from the top of the concrete. Due to the fact that the railing was custom built I went to Terry who bent the pipe. He stated that he only bent the pipe as instructed and Jacobs put it together. Jacobs also had the anchors put into the concrete so first it was not built to code and second the railing can't be removed and fixed without wreaking the concrete. So we are going to use 2 inch flat stock. Install it on the bottom and it will be fixed. It will be up to code. Thompson stated it has been painted and would you have some time to help us anchor it correctly. Raddatz stated yep give me a call

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tomorrow. It should be done this week so we aren't dealing with the weather.

Discussion was held regarding future maintenance/replacement of public works equipment – 1998 Plow Truck, 1999 Loader, 2002 1-Ton, and 2014 Pick Up. Raddatz stated you basically can double the price when comparing what they originally paid for them to prices right now. What is wrong with the dump truck – at this point everything is ok with it – it has 25,000 miles on it. The Loader has 2,500 hours – what is wrong with it – it is blowing white smoke. Is it eating antifreeze? Mahler stated I put a gallon into it and checked it today and it seems OK. There is no coolant in the oil. It is a little under powered. Maybe injector or injection pump. Thompson stated if it idols it gets worse. Raddatz stated bring it to Frontier and have them take a look at it. The Loader really doesn't have any hours on it – it doesn't get used. You have a 200,000 loader – 15 years and only putting 166 hours a year on it. Raddatz stated I am not opposed to get prices. Mahler stated Gilbert mentioned possibly looking at leasing. Raddatz stated that is not a good idea – having a new vehicle is the only benefit. Raddatz it is not good for the public sector. Thompson stated we could always just check into it. Raddatz stated right now you own your attachments. You would have to buy it to get back out of it. It is different then just buying a vehicle. The tires are not worn on the loader. Raddatz stated look into it. Take the loader to Frontier. Get an appointment and see when they can take a look at it. We need to have the loader to haul snow. In the meantime we could call someone to help if needed. 1-Ton – anything wrong with that – nothing was stated. The Sander is good now with the replacement parts. Thompson stated there is one of those 12 foot blades on the loader – three blades. 2 for the plow truck. With the loader you have more weight. One of the plows is rusting really bad. Can we take it to Terry to fix? We have a backup for the plow truck, but not the loader. Don't know if they would be interchangeable. Would probably need some adaptors. May want to look into making them interchangeable. Mahler stated we will look into it. The 1-Ton plow is a Boss plow. That needs to be adjusted so it plows correctly. It is raised up in the center – there is a gap. It is not setting on the ground level. Raddatz asked isn't there an adjustment to tilt forward – I will need to stop and take a look at it. Thompson stated I talked to Mark Knutson and he was wondering if the mounting holes were not lined up. Moberg asked why are all of these things now coming up. Mahler stated a lot of the equipment was not used. Raddatz stated I can look at the plow when we look at the railing. If we looked at another truck do you look at getting something that would be a good back up to the existing plow truck? Could you chip out of a plow truck? If you plow with the 1-ton you will go through a lot of blades. You should look at a lot of different options. On a big truck you should be using curb guards on it. Mahler stated the dump truck has curb guards. On the Loader you should run high carbon and have two layers. Mahler stated it is not doubled. J&S who plow a lot of streets run double. Who is the supplier for cutting edges? Mahler stated I don't know. HL Mesabi – Frontier – Polk County. We need to know where we get plow blades from. Should have some in stock. Should get some pricing and have blades in stock. Need to have spare parts for plow equipment. Find out what it is going to cost to fix the loader. May need to go to the board. Mahler stated he has started a file showing the hours on the equipment and maintenance done. How is the Chipper running? That runs just fine. Do you have a wash bay? Mahler stated there is a grate in the floor and it can be washed off after plowing. Thompson questioned whether the grate should be removable. Raddatz stated I will look at the floor drains, but that is another whole deal. Is the committee Ok with Raddatz stopping and looking at a few things. Yes was stated. You should work on numbers - things we want to start looking at down the road. Mahler stated I got a quote on a new plow truck. It is equivalent to what we have now – single axel. Total of \$172,839.00. Raddatz stated you don't need a wing. Roads are narrow. Just make

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extra passes instead of putting on a wing. Can come up with a plan and we can start budgeting.

Gilbert presented the committee with the Village of Dresser Road Ratings.

Discussion was held regarding a 2017 Budget Amendment to cover the cost of repairs to the plow truck and the cost of the purchase of bulk fluids for machinery/vehicle maintenance. Gilbert explained – currently the machinery and equipment portion of the budget is over budget by about \$2,500.00. There are bills to pay yet and more repairs to do. Estimate these costs around \$2,000.00. Bulk fluids that were discussed at the last board meeting are not in the 2018 budget, but there is money available in the 2017 budget. Bulk fluids will run around \$1,500.00. Total that Machinery and Equipment would be over budget is around \$6,000.00. The Village board should consider doing a budget amendment to cover these costs. Motion Durand/Moberg to recommend to the board that they do a budget amendment moving \$6,000.00 from 10-53410-110 Streets & Alleys Salaries to 10-53240-340 Machinery & Equipment Maint & Repair to cover the costs of equipment repairs and the purchase of bulk fluids. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

No other business was stated.

Motion Moberg/Durand to adjourn at 4:30 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.