

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, and Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk, Arik Mahler/Public Works, Robert Thompson/Public Works, Attorney Tim Laux, Grace Bjorklund, and Ryan Haass. 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 request from Monica Bernd 408 Thye Trail for an additional Street Light on Thye Trail. Raddatz stated there are street lights there – I wonder what the cost would be for a new light. Durand stated I don’t think it is so dark and yes cost could be an issue. Haass stated the current lights are a distance from the street intersections. When they changed them out to LED that light doesn’t carry as far now. Mid block you have a street light on the northwest corner. This has been discussed in the past. Laux stated I have heard that when they went to the LED one issue was the type of globe they put on them. There is an alternate globe but some people complained that the lights were too bright. Haass stated the purpose of street lights is for vehicle traffic to see people. Thye Trail is one of the least traveled roads in the Village and it is not lit any different then the other roads in the Village. Raddatz stated we need to be careful. If we were going to add a street light we could be setting precedence and do we really want to be putting light poles all over the place. Do we talk to Xcel and see if there are any other options to get more light on the poles already in place? The light on the corner may be in front of a bunch of trees so making it brighter may not be an issue. Moberg stated I like the idea of talking with Xcel. Laux stated the issue for the board is who is responsible to determine what is adequate lighting in the Village. These types of decisions should not be made on one individual’s request. Do we have a light plan? The Village has consulted with Xcel from time to time. Laux stated the energy use these days is almost nothing. If you added a pole the cost usually is the Village’s cost. You would pay for it. Gilbert stated the last pole we replaced instead of running the lines underground Xcel ran them overhead. Does the neighborhood want overhead lines to look at? Mahler stated I will talk to Xcel and see what they suggest.

Discussion was held regarding the Water Tower Contract with Dixon Engineering. Laux stated if you read the materials you know where we are at. From experience dealing with contractors and engineers who use standardize forms and have had push back – the forms can be modified. They are word documents – not unalterable. Laux continued in the past when I have requested some changes the contractor and/or engineering firm was willing to make some changes. There are two particular areas of concern: 1. Their right as an engineer/consultant to go ahead and charge the requests from the contractor that don’t fit into the original specs back to the Village without approval is not a good way to do things. There should be a change order from the original project - you don’t just get to decide and charge us in excess before coming to the Village Board first. 2. The other serious concern is the whole section on insurance. The way this is written they are not responsible even if it is their fault. Nobody would sign that. As a Village you are insured by the League of WI Municipalities Mutual Insurance and they are not going to insure you for that. Why would you do that? My recommendation is not to enter into the contract with Dixon Engineering. Laux continued and in the meantime I have talked to other engineering firms and that is not the way it is done. These types of jobs are done with contracts. This is not a new thing. Due to the cost of working with them I wouldn’t do it. It is up to you.

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You saw their response. The guy doesn't want to negotiate. Motion Raddatz/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board that they do not enter into a contract with Dixon Engineering. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Raddatz asked where do we go from here. Thompson stated in talking to some people there is a group out of Menomonie and KLM Engineering from MN that does this kind of work. We need someone to draw up specs to get this project bid out. Raddatz stated due to the type of project this is we do need to have an engineer on this project. If we were just painting it might be one thing, but who is going to oversee that and the additional work we need to have done. The Village has worked with Cedar Corp and SEH. Laux stated I believe Cedar Corp does water tower work. Laux stated you might want to have a conversation with Dave Rasmussen, MSA and let him know that they refused to negotiate with us. MSA did not dig in their heels and require those requirements on the last project. These people are professionals and they have their own insurance. Raddatz stated I will have a conversation with Dave. Thompson stated it took a long time to get to this point. I hope we can still do this project in 2019. Raddatz asked Gilbert to get him some phone numbers.

Discussion was held regarding possible additional accessories needed for the 2019 Mack Dump Truck. These are items that were not on the original build sheet. Mahler stated item #1 is an Electric Tarp System. This would be used to keep the leaves from blowing out of the back of the truck and also for keeping salt/sand dry. Keeping the salt/sand dry it is easier on the auger and less snow in the shop. Mahler continued I received an estimate from Universal for \$2,500.00. Item #2 is a Mobile Radio. We have worked with a company out of Superior and the cost for that is about \$3,200.00. Raddatz stated that is insane. Haass stated the radio is for communication to talk to the Highway Department and to talk to fire departments, ambulance services – other agencies especially in the case of some major event happening in the area. Would the radio work that is in the old truck? The old truck radio can only talk to Dresser radios. It has not been upgraded to the multi-channels. The couple of multi-channel radios we have were purchased with a grant. The other two are cheaper older models and were not upgraded due to cost. They were not able to be narrow banded. Raddatz stated that is a very high price. Haass stated the county is looking to go complete digital/no scanner capability. The new radios are digital. Raddatz asked do we know where the money is coming from. It is not budgeted at this time. Gilbert stated the Village does have money in the Machinery Replacement Account and another option would be if you plan to sell the old truck you could use that money. Item #3 are the cutting edges – we knew we were ordering the new truck without them. These can come out of machinery maintenance. It is cheaper to get them from H&L Mesabi. Item #4 could also come out of machinery maintenance – decals for both doors \$75.00. Raddatz asked where do you want to go on Item #1 and #2. Durand stated we could budget for the items in 2020. Raddatz stated out of the two items I feel that Item #1 the Electric Tarp System is more of a priority than the radio. Right now it could be done at Universal when they are putting the truck together. Keeping the Salt/Sand dry is a big deal – if it gets wet and freezes and then goes into the shop and melts and then the water refreezes again outside. It is not good for the truck. The benefit of getting it is not only winter but it can be used for hauling leaves in the summer. Eventually the DOT will be requiring everything to be covered. Raddatz stated we could use some of the machinery replacement funds. If we have to bring the truck back to Universal this tarp system will probably cost us even more. Mahler stated I went to Universal since they will already have the truck. Motion Durand/Moberg to recommend to the Village Board that they approve items #1 Electric Tarp System, #3 Cutting Edges, and #4 Decals for the 2019 Mach Dump Truck. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Raddatz/Durand to recommend to the Village Board that they take \$2,500.00 from the Machinery Replacement Fund to cover Item #1

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and to pay for Items #3 and #4 from the equipment maintenance money in the 2019 budget. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding future plans for the 1998 Dump Truck once the 2019 Mack Dump Truck has arrived. Raddatz stated does anybody have any idea what it is worth? Mahler stated I started looking online, but it is hard to find one that has such low miles/hours. Raddatz stated I would think you are looking at \$2 to \$3 grand. We should find out what you could get for it. Do we keep it for back up? What if the loader goes down? Mahler stated we were thinking of keeping it for a year after we get the Mack in case we have to return it for any issues and then we could decide what to do with it. Mahler stated I am afraid if we put it in Cold Storage it may just not get used that much. Raddatz stated you need to remember the age of that loader. We could end up plowing with two trucks. You own the current truck. It doesn't cost us much to keep it. There will be too much equipment so it would not fit at the shop and we would have to do some adjustments to the light/stack on it in order to get it too fit into Cold Storage. That would be a minimal cost. The committee agreed that they would be looking to hang onto the current plow truck for maybe a year after the new truck arrives and then revisit the issue.

Discussion was held regarding Spring/Fall Clean Up with Gunderson Lawn Care. Raddatz stated I talked to Gunderson recently and if he was going to do it again this next year it is going to be his last. He has recommended some other contractors that have the specialized equipment to do Fall/Spring clean up with all of the leaves. The guy who is taking over the business from Gunderson is not buying his specialized equipment. Do you bid out this service? Public Works has to bid out projects over a certain dollar amount. Even if that amount is \$5,000.00 this work is not going to cost us that much, so the Village can opt to get some estimates and move forward. Thompson stated I also know of someone who has the equipment to do this type of work. Raddatz stated why don't you guys come up with some estimates and then the committee could make a recommendation to the board. Mahler and Thompson will discuss the areas to be cleaned up in the spring and fall.

Raddatz called for any other business. Thompson stated we have been cleaning sewers and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time we have had an issue on Warren Street - between Polk Avenue and Blaisdell Avenue. There is a spot with a lot of roots and the Sewer Cleaner stops and it takes quite a bit to get through the area. In talking with Qualle I guess they have had problems with this area in the past also. So this is not a new problem. Raddatz asked so what are your thoughts. Thompson stated I think the area should be televised and see if it needs to be lined or replaced. Right now I am thinking this is the worse section of sewer pipe we have. Durand asked are the roots in there the whole length. No there is one section that is bad. Why don't you find out what the cost for televising would be and bring that back to the committee. Mahler stated the dirt pile behind Star and Stripes is blocking one of our man holes. That section of pipe froze up a couple of years ago and if we have an issue we can't get to the one man hole. We can't back machine into there. There is a large amount of dirt to be removed. Send a letter to Scott Peckman about the dirt blocking the man hole. Give him a deadline in the spring. May need to wait until road restrictions are lifted so a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is realistic. Gilbert will write a letter and have Raddatz sign it.

Motion Durand/Moberg to adjourn at 2:07 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.