

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2015
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Wayne Moberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call: Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand and Darron Nelson. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert/Clerk, Steve Jacobs/Public Works Supervisor and Attorney Tim Laux. This meeting was posted that a majority of the board members could be present for this meeting. Dean and Sharon Sievers were present. No other public or press was in attendance.

Discussion took place with Dean and Sharon Sievers regarding the bill that was submitted for the construction of a berm along their property located at 206 W South Street. Sharon stated this has been going on for the last 10 years and we didn't know we were going to have this problem when we purchased the house. We assumed when we bought the house that everything was OK. Sharon passed around some pictures. We have had 4 floods. We put in a block wall that was a lot of money. We spent a lot of money putting rock in the ditch area and Sunrise Irrigation dug all of that rock out to reuse it. This past spring we would have been under water if hadn't done something. We had Sunrise come out – the wall had to come out and a berm was put in. We are asking for your help for the cost of the berm. They also put in 3 more drains. There are now 7 drains on our property to alleviate the water. This has been an ongoing problem. Jacobs stated the originally designed pipe was adequate for what it was designed for. Sharon asked then how did they get a permit to build a house. With the new berm we have not had any water in our basement. When the water is really high it holds it and it backs up in the ditch. It is nothing like it was before. The side of our house had 3 feet of water up against it. We have spent a lot of money and we are on a fixed income/retired. Moberg asked what number were you looking for. You have a copy of what was done. We are asking for the cost to put that berm in - \$5,365.00. That was a lot of money. It was a total of 81 feet that he had to do. He had to put in a rubber membrane. It is huge – it comes up the wall of the berm. They took all the rocks out and used them to reinforce the berm. Just a couple weeks ago I was pulling the weeds and there is sand in there already. Dean stated the sand fills in around the rock and I have suggested that you have the fire department flush that pipe out. Every time it rains a little more sand keeps filling in over time. The fire department in CA would come in once a year to blow out the lines. Sharon stated it is already to a point it doesn't flow – Dean stated it does flow eventually but very slowly. Sharon stated we have a guarantee from Sunrise for one year on the berm. Jacobs stated I have been down there during 2 big storms and it hasn't been up over a foot onto the berm. Most of it is flowing out right away. Dean brought up the fire department flushing the line. Jacobs stated we can't produce that amount of water from the fire department to make a difference. It is nothing like what would happen in a big rain. Sharon stated as long as it doesn't come back into the house. Dean asked have any of you looked at the property. The old board understood what was happening but we got no results. The Village has 2 maintenance guys and they shoveled sand out of there. Three huge piles out of there. That was when we had the block wall. After that they just came and kicked a couple of rocks and left. Sharon stated we share that property and I feel I have done my part to protect our home. I need help.

Attorney Laux asked if the committee wanted to view the property. The committee thought that would be a good idea. Moberg called for a recess at 6:15 PM so the committee could go to 206 W South Street to view the area in question. The committee returned and reconvened into open session at 6:35 PM all members were present.

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Moberg stated - Notice is Hereby Given: that the Village of Dresser Public Works Committee may move to convene into Closed Session: Pursuant to WSS 19.85(1)(g) – Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Moberg/Durand motioned for a Roll Call Vote to convene into Closed Session. Moberg, Durand, Nelson all voted in favor of convening into Closed Session. Motion Carried.

Closed Session Discussion took place.

Motion Nelson/Durand to Convene back into Open Session at 7:05 PM. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the committee present voted yes. Motion Carried.

The Public Works Committee may or may not take action on the matters of the Closed Session.

Motion Nelson/Durand to recommend to the Village Board that they consider having an Engineering Firm analyze and propose alternative actions to address the long term concerns regarding the Village's drainage easement in Silver Ridge. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Nelson/Durand to adjourn at 7:10 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.