

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 in the Municipal Office - 102 W Main Street. Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Grace Bjorklund, Elina Kuusisto, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz, Mark Kuhl, Jeff Gutzmer and Joe Peterson were present. Darron Peterson arrived late during the Osceola Ambulance Update. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman Absent. Also present were Jodi A Gilbert - Clerk/Treasurer, Ryan Haass – Police Chief, Matt Koch – Public Works, Luke Loescher – Public Works, Joyce Tesch and Rick Raffesberger with The Osceola Sun Newspaper were present and the Inter County Leader Newspaper was absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Gutzmer/Bjorklund to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Bjorklund to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, August 7, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Gutzmer to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting, August 31, 2023. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Raddatz called for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called a second time for Citizen Comments. Raddatz called a third time for any Citizen Comments. No comments were made. Raddatz closed Citizen Comments.

**PREREGISTERED:** Nobody was on the agenda.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Discussion was held regarding the request from the Osceola & St Croix Valley Railway & the MN Transportation Museum for assistance with the annual Pumpkin Express event to be held October 20, 21, & 22 2023. Raddatz asked does anybody have any issues. Nothing was stated. Raddatz asked are campers ok with everybody. Tesch stated the only people staying overnight are the blacksmith people. Tesch asked has anyone heard if People Loving People is doing their Fall event? Nothing has been discussed. Tesch asked who do we contact when the pumpkins come? Koch gave out his business card. Motion Bjorklund/Kuusisto to approve public works to help unload pumpkins, use of picnic tables, metal chairs, and orange cones for the annual Pumpkin Express event at the Depot on October 20, 21, & 22, 2023. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

2023 Community Development Block Grant for Public Facilities (CDBG-PF) Project – First Street and Second Street (West Ave to East Ave)

1. Motion Bjorklund/Joe Peterson to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to put the First/Second Street (West Ave to East Ave) project out for bids. Bids will be due and opened on October 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM and the Award of the Bid would be at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
2. Update – The Department of Administration has accepted all pre-agreement documents for the CDBG and the Grant Agreement will be coming from the DOA.

Update was given on the repairs being completed by Municipal Well & Pump for Municipal Well No. 2. Koch stated as of today the pump is up and running. We received documentation on the safe water sample. We are good to go.

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Discussion was held regarding the request from the Osceola Valley Snow Goers to construct a driveway on State Street west of the Dresser State Street Lift Station. Koch stated they are requesting a driveway on the North side of the road, so they can go straight across with the groomer. By doing this they will not plug up the corner any more. Raddatz stated I like the route. They are planning on matching the same size culvert. The land owners are ok with it. This will make it easier to keep the corner clean of snow and ice. Kuhl asked if there would be signage for the crossing. It was stated yes there would be signage. Motion Raddatz/Joe Peterson to approve a Driveway Permit on State Street for the Osceola Valley Snow Goers snowmobile route. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report – August 2023. Loescher read the report that was presented to the Village Board. The Outdoor Expo in Plover put on by Wisconsin Rural Water was very informative. We will be continuing to Spray Patch Roads. Will be focusing on the cracks on State Street. Koch stated the oil from the Spring patching did not go as far due to the size of the cracks. We put in the budget so much money for oil and when it is gone it is gone. Joe Peterson stated that the drinking fountain is plugged over in the park.

**FINANCE:** Discussion was held regarding increasing the Dresser Wastewater Service Charges. Raddatz stated there are updated numbers on the table. We had a discussion at the last meeting where we looked at increasing flow by .50 cents per year. For this meeting you have both the .50 cents and the \$1.00 examples to look at. What does the board want to do? The last time we increased rates we did \$1.00 each year for 3 years. Doing a 3-year Resolution is nice so it does not have to come back to the board all the time. Costs for everything continue to go up. Bjorklund agreed the cost to do repairs and keep things going goes up faster than the rates. When you look at the examples the businesses will get hit a little harder than the residential. We are trying to be proactive in regards to rates. Gilbert asked what month of the year do you want to see the rates change. The board agreed that November would be fine. Motion Bjorklund/Gutzmer to implement a sewer rate increase over the next 3 years - 3% on the base service charge and \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons on the flow yearly with rates to change in November of each year. Any change to the Sewer Rates needs to be done by Resolution so we direct the Clerk to bring a Resolution back to the October meeting for a vote. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Kuusisto/Bjorklund to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll Checks #42396-#42462 - Payroll \$17,401.35 plus Vouchers \$68,237.87 for a Total of \$85,639.22. Joe Peterson stated like we have commented on at previous meetings the fuel expenses are high. No other discussion took place. Raddatz called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

**LIBRARY:** The Library Board Minutes from the August 14, 2023 meeting were presented to the board. Kuusisto stated I was not in attendance. Business as usual. The knitting group is still meeting. The Lion's Club donated a new bench that is in front of the Library. Very nice.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Building Inspector Report for August 2023 was presented to the board.

The Village of Osceola and Dresser Municipal Court has a vacancy for Municipal Judge.

The Police Department August 2023 report was presented to the Village Board. Besides the normal items 1 incident regarding a dangerous tree was addressed.

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Update from the Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting held August 10, 2023. Minutes were in the packet. They are buying a new truck.

Allied Emergency Services Fundraiser – Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-6 PM at the Alden Station #3(1846 West Church Road – Star Prairie) – Pulled Pork Dinner with sides and dessert. Free will offering.

Update from Osceola Ambulance Meetings held August 3 and August 16 2023. (Darren Peterson Arrived) Raddatz stated the 501C3 is a formality. We got our budget done and approved for 2024 for the Ambulance. We did not raise rates. The assessment for each Municipality may have changed since the per capita numbers changed.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Discussion was held regarding the Village Attorney comments for a new Ordinance – Short-Term Rentals. Raddatz stated there is a lot of red ink. Bjorklund stated they basically took everything we had in our original and put it in a different format. Does the board want to address or should the Ordinance Committee meet. There are 3 areas for Officer Haass to review. We have also received information from Polk County by email and they want to be the last agency to finalize the permit. Raddatz asked why is there a limitation on property manager. This is not the owner of the property. We had 15 miles and the Attorney put in 30 minutes. Raddatz stated I have a problem with that. Gutzmer stated the intent is so if there is a fire alarm for example going off there is a representative for the property that can respond. The owner may be out of state. Is 30 minutes a reasonable amount of time. Raddatz stated I like that wording. Reasonable response time. What does the board want to do with this? Send this back to committee. Get Officer Haass’s comments. If the Attorney is needed have them attend. Let’s get this done.

**PLAN COMMISSION:** Nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan “Fatboy” Raddatz. There is a memo in your packet explaining Mindy Havlish’s situation along with an update on vacation that Jodi Gilbert will be taking. Bjorklund stated just an update Gilbert will be returning on the 26<sup>th</sup> instead of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Raddatz stated you are all invited to FB Appreciation Day. I have no other updates. Love the weather.

**OCTOBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION:** Nothing was stated.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM  
Allied Emergency Services Budget/Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM  
Village Board Meeting, Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Bjorklund/Darren Peterson to adjourn at 7:02 PM. All in Favor.  
Motion Carried.