

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
POLK COUNTY
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Municipal Office, 102 West Main Street. Beseler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Beseler called for Roll Call: Cathy Frandsen, Elina Kuusisto, Wayne Moberg, Richard Durand, Grace Bjorklund, Darron Nelson and Bryan Beseler were all present. Attorney Tim Laux, Steve Jacobs-Public Works Supervisor, Susan Stepka-Library Director and Ryan Haass Police were all absent. Also present Jodi A. Gilbert-Clerk. Jim Rochford Sr. and Joyce Tesch from the public were present. The Standard Press/Ledger and the InterCounty Leader Newspapers were present. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Nelson/Durand to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Moberg to approve the minutes of the Village Board Meeting, August 3, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Beseler to approve the minutes of the Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 10, 2015. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Nothing was stated.

PREREGISTERED: Joyce Tesch was present as representative from the MN Transportation Museum – Pumpkin Train Event to be held at the Depot on October 16, 17, and 18 2015. Tesch stated we are looking for volunteers to help with many things like unloading pumpkins on Thursday, tearing down at the end of the event, run the bouncy houses, paint faces, etc... We brought in over 3,000 people last year to Dresser. Beseler stated I believe you are doing a similar set up again this year. Tesch stated yes. The only other thing that has come up is whether there would be any metal chairs from the Dresser Community Hall that we could borrow. Beseler stated as long as the hall is not rented that shouldn't be a problem. Motion Nelson/Kuusisto to approve having the public works department help unload pumpkins, allow use of the picnic tables, and use some metal chairs from the Hall as long as there is not a rental. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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PUBLIC WORKS: Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve the dates for Fall Clean Up with Waste Management as September 21st through October 8th 2015. The maximum amount a resident can dump is 1,000 lbs. Authorization Form required from the Village Office. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the possible hiring of Lametti & Sons Inc to do a CIPP Lining 8" on West Avenue from Main Street to First Avenue in the amount of \$22,960.00. Beseler stated you may recall that this was part of the discussion when we did the West Avenue road project. Instead of replacing the pipe we decided when talking to Cedar that lining it would be the most cost effective so we postponed lining the pipe for a year. We budgeted \$22,000.00 for this project. Bjorklund asked are we going to require the performance bond. We really should. Most contractors do give a performance bond. Bjorklund continued I guess we could ask Laux if it is necessary. The project is not very long, but it is a \$22,000.00 project. I support the increase for the performance bond. Beseler stated I would agree. Motion Bjorklund/Frandsen to approve hiring Lametti & Sons, Inc. to do a CIPP Lining 8" on West Avenue from Main Street to First Avenue and to require a performance bond with the 1% increase. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

The August 2015 Public Works Report was reviewed by the board. Beseler stated Jacobs is not here due to some family issues. It looks like a standard month. He has been dealing with all of the gas line repairs in the Village. He has worked every day since Mike's surgery. He has been the only person here and on call. We do have Osceola lined up to come in during an emergency. If he needs time off we can bring Osceola in for rounds. I will talk to Jacobs to see if he needs some time off. Bjorklund stated we are working to get the painting at the library completed and the new sign is coming for the public works garage. There are other projects to complete - he knows it all has to be done.

FINANCE: Motion Bjorklund/Durand to approve the monthly Vouchers #34712 - #34783 totaling \$123,858.18. Roll Call Vote was taken. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve renewing the Dresser Employee Health Insurance with Medica. Beseler stated there are no changes to the plan from last year. The employee pays 10% and we reimburse up to \$500.00 on their deductible if it is used. Bjorklund stated we decided to stick with the same plan. The employees are happy with that. There is a little bit of an increase, but last year we had a savings. The increase was not that bad for health care these days. Beseler stated the increase is 11.9% with no proposed changes to the employee portion. When you see the committee minutes you will see that I was against it. I am not opposed to it on the merit of the plan or in providing insurance, but with a 11.9 % increase I felt there should have been some discussion with the employees and if they wanted to keep the plan what they could contribute. Our health insurance account specialist was OK with this renewal and didn't feel we could do much better by going out for other quotes. Motion Bjorklund/Beseler to approve renewing the Dresser Employee Health Insurance with Medica WI 1000-40-25% Gold with the employee continuing to pay 10% of the premiums and that the Village will reimburse up to \$500.00 of the deductible if the insurance deductible is used. No further discussion. All in Favor – Six Board Members. Opposed – Beseler. Motion Carried.

Motion Beseler/Bjorklund to move the Village's Property Insurance from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund to the Municipal Property Insurance Company effective 9/30/15 with a \$1,000.00 Deductible and an annual premium of \$4,892.00. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Frandsen/Kuusisto to withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund effective 9/30/15. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Durand/Moberg to approve an Operator's License – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Breanna LaMarch. Bjorklund stated Haass signed off on the back so there must not be any issues. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the request from the DOG Fire Association for a donation in the amount of \$400.00 for the annual Halloween Party. Durand stated we have been doing this for a lot of years. Bjorklund stated last year we had 3 parties and had a budget of \$1,000.00. I believe last year we gave \$300.00 to each one. The Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween party, and the Santa Day. Plus we had \$100 for advertising. In fairness we have kept them all the same. Motion Bjorklund/Beseler to give \$300.00 to the DOG Fire Association for the annual Halloween Party to be held at the Dresser Community Hall on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Nelson stated they have a lot of people that show up for this event and it cost money. Beseler stated we donate to them the use of the hall and Bjorklund stated we don't have the money in the budget. Bjorklund continued we could increase the budget for 2016. Nelson stated we need to support these events in the future. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Dresser Neighborhood Watch letter dated 9/3/15 advising the Village that they will no longer be cleaning the Dresser Hall effective December 31, 2015. Bjorklund stated they have cleaned it for several years and they have done a super job. A huge thank you goes out to them for all of their hard work. I can understand why they have decided to give up this duty for the time being. The group is taking a break for the time being, but they have not disbanded. They will continue to clean through end of the year. Motion Frandsen/Bjorklund to accept the letter from the Dresser Neighborhood Watch dated 9/3/15 in which they resign their duties of cleaning the hall effective 12/31/15. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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LIBRARY: The Library Board minutes from the August 10, 2015 meeting were presented to the Board. Frandsen stated we had approved the purchase of a Kindle for the prize for the end of the summer reading program award. We had our meeting tonight and discussed the Library painting and in the past have discussed the picnic table.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for August 2015 was presented to the board. We have one new house starting in Silver Ridge.

The Police Department August 2015 Report was presented to the board.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meetings held Aug 20 and Aug 25, 2015. Kuusisto stated the Ambulance has now gotten their 501C exemption. That has been approved. Bjorklund stated I see that the anniversary party is on hold. Kuusisto stated there weren't enough people to put in the time to have a celebration. They have been working pretty hard. Bjorklund stated I guess they could wait until their 50th.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the Agenda.

PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding the recommendation from Statewide Services Inc. for the disallowance of the Siever's - 206 W South Street Insurance Claim. Beseler stated I had some dialogue with Attorney Tim Laux regarding this issue. The claim was submitted and we sent it to the insurance company. They in turn have denied the claim. By us passing this motion tonight that starts the clock for the Statue of Limitations for them narrowing the clock for Mr. & Mrs. Siever's to discuss this further with the Village. If the Siever's want to pursue this any further they would have six months. This doesn't mean we won't talk to them. This is a procedurally thing we need to do in order to move forward. Motion Beseler/Durand to accept the recommendation from Statewide Services Inc. to disallow the Siever's – 206 W South Street Insurance Claim. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes were presented from the Cooperative Boundary Committee meeting that was held on August 31, 2015. Moberg stated we are looking at the maps and picking out areas and labeling each area. There is nobody to guide us. This is a slow process.

Monthly update from Village President, Bryan Beseler. Beseler stated there is nothing new. The Finance/Personnel Committee will be having a meeting next week—as you may remember we did annual evaluations back in March. One of the things was goal setting in the conversation. In the interest of the Village I thought it was best to meet with Jodi, Ryan & Steve. Do a mid year evaluation. Look at the goals and see how we are proceeding. That way there are no surprises at the annual evaluation next March.

OCTOBER AGENDA BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETINGS: Library Board Meeting, Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, September 21, 2015 at 5:15 PM

Cooperative Boundary Committee Meeting, September 21, 2015 at 6:00 PM

DOG Fire Budget Meeting, Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Village Board Meeting, Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Budget Meeting with Auditor, Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Library Board Meeting, Monday, October 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM

DOG Fire Association Meeting, Thursday, October 15, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Bjorklund/Nelson to adjourn at 7:05 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A. Gilbert - Village Clerk

These minutes have not been approved.