

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, September 8, 2025 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Darren Peterson, Joe Peterson, Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Dalton Spry, and Luke Loescher. Lee Williamson was absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Jesse Vlasnik-Public Works, and Ryan Haass–Police. No other persons from the public were present. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to approve minutes of the Special Village Board Meeting – August 25, 2025. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Darren Peterson called for Citizen Comments. No citizen comments were made. Darren Peterson Closed Citizen Comments.

PREREGISTERED: Nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS: Discussion was held regarding a proposal from KLM Engineering to enter into a service agreement for the Water Tower. Gilbert explained the history on this. KLM oversaw the painting of the water tower. Public Works at that time did not see a benefit in a service agreement. KLM stopped by the office and Gilbert asked them to send a proposal for the board to review. This agreement will help us to stay compliant with the DNR. We have always hired this out in the past we just didn't have a specific service agreement. Jesse stated I would like to talk to Nate with WI Rural Water regarding this and see what he thinks. Kuhl asked what are they evaluating in their inspection. They are looking at the paint for any chipping/cracking, damage to the screen, etc. They would also work to make sure it is inspected and reports filed with the DNR on a timely matter. Darren Peterson stated it would be good to use the same company who did the original work/inspection. The board agreed to table this item until the October meeting – let Jesse talk to Nate from WI Rural Water.

Update – Warranty Walk Thru for the First and Second Street Project. There is a hole forming behind an inlet casting, 2 manholes that have cracking inside, and a grading issue on 2nd Street. MSA has brought these items to the attention of Albrightson. It was stated that the manholes have both been repaired. Now that they are repaired, we have another year warranty on those 2 manholes. The other items still need to be completed.

Update – Dresser Food & Liquor Curb Stand Water Leak. Public Works had noticed a while ago that the curb stand at Dresser Food & Liquor was leaking and water was running thru the parking lot. Dresser Food and Liquor kept talking about doing some improvements and it would have made sense to do the work all at the same time, but they have been putting off any improvements. We needed to get this done before the weather gets cold. J&S was called in to do this repair and all went well. The Village is responsible from the Water Main to the Curb Stand and the homeowner/business is responsible from the Curb Stand to their home/building.

Update – Repairs to State Street Main Sewer Lift Station Sewer Pump Seal. WWGoetsch has been here and the seal was replaced in the one pump. Public Works felt that they were still hearing a noise, but they came out and inspected and there are no issues at this time. If the sound gets worse, they will take a look at it again.

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Discussion was held regarding a quote from WWGoetsch for an Aurora Impeller Replacement and Wear Plates at the State Street Main Sewer Lift Station in the amount of \$11,449.00 plus freight. The impeller is under the pump and pulls the sewage into the main. There is the rubber seal between the pump and the impeller. The seal has been replaced and during this work they realized that the impeller is bad. WW Goetsch is a reputable company who put in the original pumps. It is surprising that after just 3 years we are having to replace parts. Need to do some investigating into this issue before doing anything else.

Update – The Biennial Pavement Ratings have been completed by Public Works and submitted to the Wisconsin DOT. A copy of the ratings was given to the Board Members.

Discussion took place regarding the South Street 20-Foot Drainage Easement. This was discussed at the August 4, 2025 Board Meeting. This area becomes a concern for the homeowners when we have large amounts of rain. Darren Peterson stated that the current owner has done some new landscaping in this area. Public Works was able to get two quotes for some additional improvements in this area. Paragon and J&S both submitted some numbers. The quotes are not exactly apple to apple. Should the Public Works committee meet to discuss this further? Do any improvements have to happen this year? Could this work go into the 2026 Budget? Every owner of this house has had an issue in the past. The homeowner makes improvements and then the area floods. Kuhl asked who is responsible? The easement is the Villages. Part of the proposed improvements is trying to keep the water in the easement area Darren Peterson stated. Kuhl asked are we assured that this is going to fix it. Darren Peterson stated no – this would only keep the water in the easement area, which would reduce our liability. Joe Peterson stated in the future if a problem happens again, we could show what has been done. Darren Peterson stated let's put this in the 2026 Budget and plan for next year.

Discussion was held regarding the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Village of Dresser. Gilbert explained what is on the current plan. Central Avenue should be separated by segments in order to apply for some possible grant funding. Gilbert was asked to make the changes. Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to updated the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan separating out Central Avenue by segments. No other changes need to be made at this time. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held regarding the submittal of an application for a LRIP Municipal Street Improvement Project Grant Monies. Darren Peterson stated I called and talked to Eric Barclay at MSA regarding this. Engineering costs can become a wash if grant money is obtained. You don't have to have a full set of plans. This type of project still has to be bid out. Eric said that he would help us with that. The area we are looking at is Central Avenue from First Street to Second Street. There are no water/sewer pipes under this section of road. We would tear out the black top, put in curb and gutter, and put down new Black Top on this block. Darren Peterson stated I would think the project would come in under \$100,000.00. The other nice thing about this program is if we are awarded the grant we could bump it to another project. It is a basic application. The board agreed we should try to see if we could get a grant. Motion Darren Peterson/Loescher to have MSA Professional Services help us apply for a grant thru the LRIP Program – the application would be for Central Avenue from First Street to Second Street. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report: August 2025. Vlasnik read the report that was presented to the board. The board asked - have you got your CDL yet? Vlasnik stated I have one more test to pass. Kuhl asked if things were good with the generator. Vlasnik stated yes, it is checked quarterly. Are things going good since Matt left? Vlasnik stated slow and steady. Between Luke Loescher and Nate from WI Rural Water I have gotten a lot of my questions answered.

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Update was given on the hiring process for the Public Works Position. Six applications have been received and the Finance/Personnel Committee will be reviewing them on Wednesday.

Update – Luke Loescher – Water Operator License. Loescher stated the “T”-training has been removed from my number. I have 18 credits so can renew the license and be good for 3 years. I believe the current license is good until next June. We should put this on the April calendar. Loescher helped Vlasnik complete the DNR monthly water reports.

FINANCE: Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to accept Laura and Mike Loescher’s resignation from their positions working in the parks/gardens. The Village will be looking for someone new to work in the parks. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #44359-#44425 Payroll \$17,122.89 plus Vouchers \$78,012.07 for a Total of \$95,134.96. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Joe Peterson to approve renewing all Employee Insurance – Health/Medica, Dental & Vision/Delta Dental, and Life & STD/MetLife. Gilbert gave a basic explanation of the benefits. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried. JACounter out of New Richmond works with us and does review the renewals and they do make recommendations if needed.

Motion Joe Peterson/Loescher to approve the Dresser Food & Liquor Agent Change for their Liquor and Cigarette Licenses. The owner of the business is out of state so the agent must be resident of the state. Dresser Food & Liquor is appointing Robert Curtis Sr. as their new agent. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Joe Peterson/Kuhl to approve Operator’s Licenses – To Sell Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors for Donald Hanson and Layla Lutz. Background checks have been completed. Hanson has an OWI from 1990 – it is 30 years old. That was all that was found. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

LIBRARY: The Library Board Minutes from the August 11, 2025 meeting were presented to the Board. Froehlich stated we have had a good turn out with story time. The passport program for reading went well. We looked at updating our computer and internet policies. Now that kids are in school the toddler reading program is on Monday mornings.

PUBLIC SAFETY: The Building Inspector Report for August 2025 was presented to the Board. A couple of permits have been issued.

The Police Department August 2025 Report was presented to the Village Board. Haass stated I responded to a possible firearm shooting in the Village – this fell under the category of a hunting violation. Goose season has opened and at the time the people were not sure if it was a gun or fireworks. Over Labor Day I did have fireworks going off not gun shots. Paper service are subpoenas that need to be served.

Update from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting, August 7, 2025 – Budget. Froehlich stated they are raising some of their rates. The budget is based on 450 runs for 2026. No change in the per capita per municipality. If the per capita would change the contract would have to be redone.

PUBLIC WELFARE: Nothing on the agenda.

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PLAN COMMISSION: Nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. Nothing was stated.

OCTOBER AGENDA BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION: Nothing was stated.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM – Garfield Station
(Allied Budget Meeting 10/16/25 at 6:00 PM)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Joe Peterson/Froehlich to adjourn at 7:31 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer

These minutes have not been approved.