

**VILLAGE OF DRESSER  
VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Village Board meeting was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Municipal Office – 102 W Main Street. Darren Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll Call: Nikki Froehlich, Mark Kuhl, Dalton Spry, Lee Williamson, Grace Bjorklund, and Darren Peterson were present. Joe Peterson Absent. Attorney Paul Mahler – Bakke Norman was absent. Also, present were Jodi A Gilbert-Clerk/Treasurer, Matt Koch–Public Works, Luke Loescher–Public Works, Ryan Haass–Police, Cait Haas – Village Office, Eric Barclay–MSA Professional Services (arrived late), and Gene & Sharon Hendricks. The Osceola Sun Newspaper and the Inter County Leader Newspaper were absent. Salute to the Flag was given.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Motion Bjorklund/Spry to approve minutes of the Village Board Meeting – August 5, 2024. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

**PREREGISTERED:** Motion Froehlich/Bjorklund to approve the requests as listed in letter dated 8/20/24 from the Osceola & St Croix Valley Railway & the MN Transportation Museum for assistance with the annual Pumpkin Express event to be held October 18, 19, & 20 2024. Bjorklund commented that the letter talks about having vendors in Soo Line Park. Are there any concerns with this? Haass stated they have requested this in the past and then never did it. They would need to have flag people/cross walk if they decide to do it. A lot of traffic on State Street. Koch stated they usually call me to coordinate the unloading of the pumpkins. It has worked out in the past. Haass plans to be working during this event. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**FINANCE:** Motion Bjorklund/Spry to approve the application from Tony Jurek 119 First Street E for Financing of his Private Water Laterals - Lead/Galvanized Lines. At the last board meeting 4 other loans were approved. Jurek didn't have his paperwork submitted in time for the last board meeting. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to approve renewing the Employee Health Insurance - Medica Plan with a 4.19% increase. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to approve renewing the Employee Dental Insurance with Delta Dental. Bjorklund stated last year we switched from Guardian to Delta Dental. It fits the needs of the employees. There is no increase in premium. The employees are happy with it. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to approve renewing the Employee Life/Short Term Insurance with MetLife. No increase in rates. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Kuhl to approve the monthly Voucher/Payroll #43328-#43424 Payroll \$19,534.44 plus Vouchers \$403,992.86 for a Total of \$423,527.30. No discussion took place. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All members of the board present voted yes. Motion Carried.

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**LIBRARY:** The Library Board Minutes from the August 12, 2024 meeting were presented to the Board. Froehlich stated the open knitting group continues to meet and the Summer Reading program has concluded now that the kids are back to school.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** The Building Inspector Report for August 2024 was presented to the Board. One new permit this past month.

The Police Department August 2024 Report was presented to the Village Board. Darren Peterson asked Haass about the shopping with the kid's event. Haass stated we do this twice a year. The Salvation Army pays for clothing for school kids here in the Fall and then we do it again at Christmas time. The school districts help pick out kids that need help. No other questions were asked of Officer Haass.

Update was given from the Joint Municipal Court Meeting that was held September 9 2024. Haass stated we met today. The Judge went over a change in procedures where he is moving the time of court to later in the afternoon so it is easier for people to attend and juveniles can attend court after school gets out. The Judge would like to see the court contract between the two municipalities reviewed every 5 years with the election of the Judge. The last time it was updated was 2010. The Judge wants to look into increasing forfeitures. The Judge was asked to get samples from other communities to see if our rates are in line with other municipalities. Bjorklund stated they plan to meet again in November. Kuhl stated when we meet in November, we plan to also review the 2025 court budget.

Update was given from the Osceola Ambulance Meeting that was held August 14 2024. Froehlich stated that the Dresser per Capita was changing \$45.00. Bjorklund stated that the money that each municipality pays changes as the population changes. The rate per person is not changing from 2024 - it was at \$15.00. Gilbert asked Froehlich to forward the Ambulance Board Meeting minutes to her so they could be included in the Village Board packets.

Allied Emergency Services is having a fundraiser to be held Saturday, September 28 2024 at the Alden Station. 3 to 7 PM and they are doing a Pulled Pork Dinner with sides & dessert.

The Allied Emergency Services Board Minutes from the July 18 2024 meeting were presented to the Village Board.

**PUBLIC WELFARE:** Nothing on the agenda.

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

Eric Barclay from MSA arrived at the meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to approve the 3-year contract for 2025, 2026 and 2027 with Gene Johnson – Appraisal Services. This is the Village Assessor. He has an increase every year between \$150.00 to \$250.00 a year. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Information from the Polk County Economic Development Corporation was presented to the board.

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General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Polls Open 7 AM to 8 PM – If you need to register to vote or obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Village Office or go to [www.MyVote.wi.gov](http://www.MyVote.wi.gov). Gilbert stated this can be done right now. You don't have to wait until November 5<sup>th</sup> to register or request your absentee ballot.

Monthly update from Village President, Darren Peterson. The road project is coming along and they are trying to make the deadline.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** Update from MSA – Eric Barclay, Project Manager – First and Second Street Project. The project is coming along. As of this morning they were working on restoration behind the curb. Monarch will be back on Wednesday to do the final lift and it looks like they are prepping the driveways that need to be done tonight. The line stripping will be done on Thursday by the Tennis Courts. Kuhl asked how long do people need to stay off the black top? Barclay stated that usually by the time Monarch leaves it is good to go. We ask that if you back out of your driveway, please don't sharply turn your tires. They are working on raising the utilities on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We will probably see a pay application in October and the final pay out in November. Darren Peterson asked when do they get a punch list of things to fix? Barclay stated after this week. I have talked with public works and plan to do it next Monday morning. I will check with Albrightson to see if they want to be present. Darren Peterson stated I would assume that Jake will want to be present. Darren Peterson asked how much additional payment was removed over by the school? Barclay stated 49 square yards. No other questions were asked of Barclay.

Motion Bjorklund/Kuhl to approve Change Order #4 from Albrightson Excavating in the amount of \$6,008.33 for the First and Second Street Project based in recommendation from the Village Engineer. Darren Peterson stated this was brought to my attention about 3 weeks ago and I approved it after talking to Barclay ahead of time. At the prior board meeting the fabric was discussed with the board. Barclay stated it was the right move to put in the fabric. The road is firm. The fabric goes under the rock layer so the subsoil doesn't push up. Barclay stated I believe with the final quantity the amount will be around \$4,809.00. No other discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Motion Darren Peterson/Bjorklund to approve the request from Albrightson Excavating Pay Application #6 in the amount of \$380,220.21 for the First and Second Street Project based on the recommendation from the engineer. Barclay stated that the quantities are all good to go. Darren Peterson called for a Roll Call Vote. All board members present voted yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to approve passing the Village of Dresser Proclamation Fair Housing Commitment and to have the Village President Darren Peterson sign the proclamation. This proclamation keeps the Village in compliance with the Community Development Block Grant requirements. Dresser is committed to fair housing for everyone. Gilbert stated that this proclamation along with our Ordinance and a poster will be posted to inform the public of fair housing in the Village of Dresser. No further discussion took place. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Works Monthly Report - August 2024. Loescher read the report that was presented to the Board. Darren Peterson asked when the markings will go down on State Street. Koch stated I have talked with them and they have been waiting for their long line truck to be available. This truck does it a lot quicker. If they have to they will bring in a different truck, but it will take them longer to get the lines put down. Spry asked when are the mail boxes being put back on the road project. Barclay they should be put back this week. That is part of substantial completion.

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

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Library Board Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Village Board Meeting, Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Allied Emergency Services Finance/Budget Meeting, Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Osceola Ambulance Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Allied Emergency Services Board Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Bjorklund/Froehlich to adjourn at 7:06 PM. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Jodi A Gilbert – Village Clerk/Treasurer**

**These minutes have not been approved.**