

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Office in De Soto.

Village President Joel Greiner called the regular board meeting to order with roll call as follows: Joel Greiner-present, Timothy Gillespie-present, Scott DuCharme-present, and Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the August 6, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme approve the agenda with the amendment of moving Public Comment Time between Item 4 (Approval of agenda) and 5 (Approval of bills). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mary Rae was recognized. She wants a community meeting for input on the store in Blackhawk Park. A food truck was proposed. A meeting will be set up the last week in September. Mary Rae handed out the latest Vernon County Burning Ordinance. The board will be voting on September 16. A county wide room tax was also discussed. Vernon County is pulling out of Hidden Valley tourist publication. They are starting a website that is digital. There have been further encounters of loose dogs on American Heritage. Joel Greiner will address this.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: See Old Business, Section A and C. The phosphorus chemical addition is going well. Phosphorus is coming down. Jamey Makepeace reported by email that the Mill Park Drive project has begun. The contractor started on Creek & Treadwell Streets first. The De Soto Area School bussing through the project area has been resolved. The board discussed the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant. The board would like to pursue it.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The financial statements were reviewed. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the De Soto Fire Department minutes. Motion carried. A new communications tower to be located near the County Highway shop was discussed

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to report

PARK COMMITTEE: An update on plans for raising the park was discussed.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report

CEMETERY: Nothing to report.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

ZONING: Nothing to report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: See New Business, Item C.

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

Bird City Wisconsin –Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: The fill from our project on Mill Park Drive will be taken to the De Soto Church parking lot with the O.K. of the church.

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Joel & Tim viewed the Catholic Church. The diocese has two bids currently. Do we want to get involved? The board will decline the offer at this time. Timothy also discussed the relocation of the mobile home court.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Scott discussed the junk in back of the New Horizon's propane tank. Frontier Property Management will be contacted.

CLERK: Carrie will check on the grant for the Skid Steer from USDA.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. FLOOD IMPROVEMENT MILL PARK DRIVE SUBDRAIN PROJECT UPDATE**
The contractor, H. James and Sons has started the project.
- B. DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES ON MAIN STREET-MARSH**
Bradley Marsh stopped in to discuss his project. The building is ½ down now. We will send a letter that we will need it finished by November 1st.
- C. DISCUSSION ON STEELE STREET REPAIR**
The village is waiting for Mathy to come to the village to pave Mill Park Drive when the project is finished. G-Pro will then repair the street.
- D. REVIEW GRAVEL AND GRADING OF PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO COTTONWOOD PARK**
The park committee will pay to gravel and grade the parking lot adjacent to Cottonwood Park.
- E. REQUEST FOR PARKING LOT LIGHTING AT COMMUNITY CENTER**
A request has been filed with Xcel Energy. We are waiting to find out the costs.
- F. REVIEW ORDINANCE #11-BURNING IN THE VILLAGE OF DE SOTO**
We will continue to review this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. VERNON COUNTY LANDFILL EXPANSION SURVEY**
Joel would prefer to table this survey until more concrete information is available.
- B. REVIEW BIDS FOR 2019-2020 LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE**
Three bids were received. Joel will break down the bids onto spreadsheets in the next two weeks. A special meeting will be held for the insurance bids.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Timothy Gillespie to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.
Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.