

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 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 October 1, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Rod Olson, Vernon Communications Coop was recognized. He came to discuss a broadband forward plan for the village. They have applied for a 30% grant to install broadband in the village in 2020. If the village agrees with this plan, they need to pass a public private partnership agreement with Vernon Communications Coop. This will be at no cost to the village.

Mary Rae was recognized. She talked about her progress with our trail. She also talked about a new communications tower being proposed for the Highway Shop off of Hwy. 82.

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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The financial statements and meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the De Soto Fire Department minutes and financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to report

PARK COMMITTEE: The parking lot has had gravel and pulverized pavement added to it.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY: Nothing to report.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

Bird City Wisconsin –Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: Joel talked to the Yaun Brothers about the well being drilled at 305 Main Street.

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing.

CLERK: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

A. FLOOD IMPROVEMENT MILL PARK DRIVE SUBDRAIN PROJECT UPDATE
The project is finished. H. James and Sons did an excellent job. We need to close out the project.

B. DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES ON MAIN STREET-MARSH
The village filed suit against the property owner of the dilapidated structure on Main Street. The property owner had until November 1st to get the house down at 502 Wall Street and it wasn't done.

C. DISCUSSION ON STEELE STREET REPAIR

G-Pro repaired Steele Street.

D. REQUEST FOR PARKING LOT LIGHTING AT COMMUNITY CENTER.

Xcel Energy installed a light for the parking lot at the community center.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BANNERS FOR MAIN STREET

A banner project was proposed for veterans on street poles. The village needs to find out if we are still allowed to place banners on Xcel Energy's street poles. We need to also find out if the De Soto VFW would be interested in this project.

B. ASSESSMENT CONTRACT – DEREK FLANSBURGH

Tabled until next month.

C. DARREL BOLSTAD PROPERTY AUCTION

Darrel Bolstad's property is coming up for online auction.

D. OPERATOR'S LICENSE – BRENDA TORGER-VASSAR

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve Brenda Torger-Vassar's operator's license. Motion carried.

E. PROPOSED SEWER BUDGET AND GENERAL BUDGET

A discussion was held on the proposed sewer and general budget. Public Budget Hearing will be held December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

F. OFFICE COMPUTER REQUIRED BY ELECTION COMMISSION

The office computer will have to be replaced because it has Windows 7 and the election commission requires Windows 10. A grant will be obtained. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to allocate up to \$1,500.00 for a new computer and monitor for the village office. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.