

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall.

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

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the March 7, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Jacque Greiner was recognized. Jacque Greiner gave a report on the library. They have applied for a potential \$20,000 grant for an ADA addition. Rummage on the River, Summer Reading Program and various library activities were discussed. Jacque Greiner announced her resignation as the Librarian Director as of 6/30/23.

Mary Rae was recognized. She discussed and handed out signage placement and a map of such.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the March 23 general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the March 23 sewer bills. Motion carried

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: The PA System was repaired.

PARK COMMITTEE: A meeting will be scheduled

LIBRARY: See Public Comment Time: Jacque Greiner

CEMETERY: See New Business, Section B. A clean-up by De Soto Students was discussed.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to Report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: The village has applied for a Bridge Replacement Grant with Crawford County at the Mill Park Dr bridge next to Cottonwood Park. The cost of a one-piece bridge was discussed.

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

Bird City Wisconsin – Bird City Day will be May 27. A program has been developed.

Recreational Opportunity Committee – See Public Comment Time: Mary Rae.

Veteran's project for Main Street – Nothing to report.

Tap Grant – Joel Greiner reapplied for the TAP Grant as a result of significant price increases for the project. We need to hire someone to manage construction of the sidewalks.

Boat Landing – Dredging the boat landing and putting the spoils into the park is being considered. Cost will be approximately \$50,000.

Law Enforcement – A contract will be signed in May.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: The TIF/TID fund needs to be spent this year. An appraisal has been finished.

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: A block grant to maintain houses was discussed.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Dogs running at large was reported at 115 N Devlin St. A letter will be sent.

CLERK: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS.

A. REVIEW LETTERS TO ORDINANCE VIOLATORS

1. Property owner at 111 Spring Street. -Nothing to report
2. Property owner at 168 S Mill Park Dr.- Nothing to report
3. Property owner at 734 Main St – Letter notifying owner of ordinance violation came back undeliverable.
4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – Letter notifying owner of ordinance violation –no response yet.
5. Property owner at 115 N Devlin St – Letter notifying owner of ordinance violation – no response yet

6. Property owner at 116 Eagle Crest Dr-Letter notifying of illegal disposal of garbage. The property owner came into the village office and said the illegal disposal of garbage will cease.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE ROOM TAX ORDINANCE #47

Gary Mulford has agreed to chair the Tourism Commission. Motion made Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve Room Tax Ordinance #47. Motion carried.

D. REVIEW/APPROVE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

This item will be removed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION: VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Carrie Brudos read the award proclamation naming Jacquie Greiner as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year. The village board wanted to recognize Jacquie's outstanding work as Library Director for the past two years. She received her Wisconsin Public Librarian Certification. Her hard work has paid off to bring the library back to normal after the pandemic.

B. REVIEW/APPROVE 2023 CEMETERY BIDS

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to accept JC Landscaping and Lawn Care's bid in the annual amount of \$3,000.00 for the 2023 Cemetery mowing. Motion carried.

C. 2023-2024 ASSESSOR CONTRACT-DEREK FLANSBURGH

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the 2023-2024 Assessment Contract with Derek Flansburgh in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion carried.

D. REVIEW/APPROVE REVISION TO ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Discussion on zoning ordinance #40. First reading on accessory building revisions.

E. REVIEW/APPROVE TIF APPRAISAL

The TIF appraisal of the property came to \$67,000 to \$85,000. An explanation of TIF districts, relocation procedures and recouping costs will be explained by Vierbicher and Associates next month.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall. Motion carried

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

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.