

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 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-absent, Scott DuCharme-present, and Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the April 11, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Nadeen Hall, De Soto Lions was recognized. Is there anything the De Soto Lions can do for the village. The lions wish to donate a tree and place it in one of the parks.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the April 23 general bills.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the April 23 sewer bills.

Motion carried

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Jamey Makepeace is working on grants and loans for plant rehabilitation.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: The community center was used for emergency purposes after the train derailment on April 27, 2023. The walls will be painted this summer.

PARK COMMITTEE: The parks are currently under water.

LIBRARY: The library will have a book and plant sale at Rummage Along the River. The library has applied for a \$20,000 grant to renovate the entry for easier access. They will need an additional \$25,000 to complete the project.

CEMETERY: De Soto Students came and cleaned up the cemetery on April 26, 2023.

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. Cost is estimated at \$341,370 (village portion \$68,274 plus design costs).

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

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

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Obtaining signage for trail.

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. A sample is needed for contractor to bid.

Law Enforcement – A contract will be signed in May.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: The reefer van at the sewer plant will be disposed of.

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Absent

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report

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 – A second letter notifying owner of ordinance violation was sent

4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – Letter notifying owner of ordinance violation – no response yet. Consulting lawyer.
5. Property owner at 115 N Devlin St – Letter notifying owner of ordinance violation – There have not been any further violations this month.
6. Property owner at 116 Eagle Crest Dr-Ordinance violation satisfied.

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. DISCUSSION DEVELOP/ACQUIRE TIF PROPERTY
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 VERNON COUNTY SHERIFF SERVICE CONTRACT
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, second by Joel Greiner to approve the Vernon County Sheriff Service Contract effective May 15, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Motion carried.

C. SET DATE FOR 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW AND OPEN BOOK
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Joel Greiner to set open book for May 30, 2023 10:00 am to Noon, and set Board of Review for June 6, 2026 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Motion carried.

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E.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Joel Greiner to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall. Motion carried

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Joel Greiner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.