

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 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-absent, and Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the May 2, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

F. MARK MANSKE REQUEST

Mark Manske discussed the partnership agreement with the village. Sealcoating by Scott Construction was discussed. There will be approximately 300 loads taken to his property on Ridge Street. An escrow was discussed in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Joel Greiner to proceed with the agreement with Les Manske and Sons and the Village of De Soto to haul rock on Ridge Street to his property. Motion carried.

A. DISCUSSION: DEVELOP/ACQUIRE TIF PROPERTY

Mark Steward from Vierbicher was present to discuss TIF Districts. TIF Districts can be mixed use (residential, commercial and industrial). The funds can be used for most anything in the TIF District. But-For Test. You can use funds from old TIF to new TIF. Tech College extension can be used (3 years).

Blighted property: The displaced residents have a process to go through to assist in the move and pay rent.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Joel Greiner to take a look at a proposal from Vierbicher to extend the TIF for three years. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mikel Smith was recognized. He has complaints about the trees Steve Holt trimmed on the road right of way in front of his house. He wants Steve to clean it up and make it look better. The village will notify property owners before tree trimming is performed in the future.

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. She is concerned about blighted properties in the village.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the May 23 general bills.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the May 23 sewer bills.

Motion carried

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: The daily flow at the sewer plant was high during the Mississippi Flooding. It is back to normal now.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: A meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8 with BNSF and Emergency Management concerning the train derailment.

PARK COMMITTEE: The park is already cleaned up from the flooding and little league ball games are taking place.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report

CEMETERY: Nothing to report.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to Report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Waiting to hear about Bridge grant for Mill Park Drive Bridge.

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

Bird City Wisconsin – Bird City Day was successful. We went on a bird hike and listened to a presentation on Rehabilitation of birds and animals by Kathy Kasakaitas of the Coulee Region Humane Society.

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 most likely will have to delay the project because of funding.

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 to be signed by Vernon County Sheriff’s Department.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: Nothing to report
TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report
SCOTT DUCHARME: Absent
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 letter from our lawyer will be sent to the property owner
4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – A letter from our lawyer will be sent to the property owner.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Tabled until our next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

B. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: APPLICATION FOR SITE/BUILDING PERMIT: 4 FENCE PANELS: 6X6, KARI SANDING, 756 MAIN ST, DE SOTO WI 54624

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, second by Joel Greiner to approve the recommendation from the plan commission: Application for site/building permit: 4 fence panels: 6X6, Kari Sanding, 756 Main St, De Soto, WI, Motion carried.

C. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: APPLICATION FOR SITE/BUILDING PERMIT: 5’X15’ DECK: MITCHELL SCHIFFER, 223 MAIN ST, DE SOTO WI 54624

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, second by Joel Greiner to approve the recommendation from the plan commission: Application for site/building permit: 5’X15’ Deck, Mitchell Schiffer 223 Main St, De Soto, WI, Motion carried.

D. MATERIALS AGREEMENT WITH BNSF

The village hasn’t received the materials agreement with BNSF yet. It will be on the agenda of the June 27th 2023 meeting.

E. REVIEW/APPROVE US CELLULAR SERVICE FOR STEVEN HOLT

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Joel Greiner for approval in buying Steve Holt a new phone for \$150.00 and a monthly phone plan with US Cellular at \$15 a month. Motion carried.

G. REVIEW/APPROVE 2022 CMAR, RESOLUTION #3-2023

The 2022 CMAR was discussed. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Joel Greiner to approve Resolution #3-2023: 2022 CMAR. Motion carried

H. REVIEW/APPROVE ORDINACNE #47 ROOM TAX

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the amended Ordinance \$47: Room Tax. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Joel Greiner to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall. Motion carried

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Joel Greiner to set a special board meeting for Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall. Motion carried

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Joel Greiner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.