

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 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-absent, Tim Gillespie-present, Scott DuCharme-present, and Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 6, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 6, 2023 Board of Review meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 27, 2023 Special 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

No one present for Public Comment Time.

Public comment time closed.

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

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

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Waiting on parts and the vacuum for the primary clarifier

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The meeting minutes and financial statements were reviewed.

COMMUNITY CENTER: See New Business, Item B & C.

PARK COMMITTEE: The park committee decided to go with building the park berm with the spoils from dredging the boat landing/

LIBRARY: The library is selling calendar raffle tickets. We have a new library director, Kari Sanding.

CEMETERY: Cremation burial on July 22, 2023

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 – Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Timothy Gillespie has obtained a chain saw for the trails

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

Tap Grant – Waiting for answer on new TAP Grant application

Boat Landing – Working on dredging boat landing

Law Enforcement – A contract has been signed and we have William Roesler 5 hours a week.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: Absent

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report

CLERK: A complaint concerning bad smell from a sanitation truck was discussed. They will be asked to park down on Mill Park Drive in our parking lot.

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 was sent July 10

4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – A letter from our lawyer was sent July 10.

5. Property owner at 115 American Heritage Rd – Ordinance violation was sent June 27, 2023

6. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – A letter from our lawyer will be sent to property owner.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Tabled until our next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

A. TIF PROPOSAL AND STATUS - VIERBICHER

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, second by Scott DuCharme to move forward with Option #1 of Vierbicher letter dated July 11, 2023 concerning Tax Increment District#1. Motion carried.

B. RENTAL OF COMMUNITY CENTER – ROBERT JOHNSON

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, second by Scott DuCharme to allow Robert Johnson to rent community center for 90 days at once a week starting today. The Village Board will review after that period., Motion carried.

C. COMMUNITY CENTER BNSF GRANT

The village has received a \$35,000 grant from the BNSF Foundation to buy and install new doors in the Community Center.

D. DONATION TO DE SOTO FFA

Tabled until further review.

E. EMERGENCY SHELTER GENERATOR GRANT W/VERNON COUNTY

The emergency shelter generator grant is still being worked on.

F. MARY RAE TRAILS

Mary Rae is still working on signs for the trails.

G. OPERATOR’S LICENSE APPLICATION-HELEN BALLWEG, AMY BARBIAN & PATRICIA SMITH, CHRISTAL SUDOL, KELLY J. SHADEL, MORGAN KRAMBEER, NATASHA VERSE

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve operator’s licenses for Helen Ballweg, Amy Barbian, Patricia Smith, Christal Sudol, Kelly J Shadel, Morgan Krambeer and Natasha Verse.. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall. Motion carried

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set a special board meeting for Tuesday, July 26th, 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.