

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, August 01, 2023**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 01, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall.

Village Trustee Timothy Gillespie 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 July 12, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the July 26, 2023 Special Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried

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

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

De Soto Lions representative was recognized. They would like to place a bench near the community center in memory of Miles Bohland. They were also wondering about a new refrigerator for the Community Center. Nadine Hall will get back to us concerning these items.

Public comment time closed.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Waiting on parts and the vacuum for the primary clarifier, The RBC is also down.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The financial statements were reviewed.

COMMUNITY CENTER: See Old Business, Item E &F.

PARK COMMITTEE: They are updating cameras

LIBRARY: The library pulled their first winner today for the calendar raffle. The remaining money from the BNSF Grant Foundation will go toward the Library remodel project.

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: The vacuum is back from repair. Steve has it for the primary clarifier & RBC

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 – Meeting with DOT & engineer about easements and letters of support today.

Boat Landing – Working on dredging boat landing

Law Enforcement –Discussion on the police patrol. The board wants William Roesler to come to the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: Absent

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report

CLERK:

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 – William Roesler was able to contact the property owner. Clean up has started.

4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – William Roesler was able to contacted the property owner. Clean up is under way.

5. Property owner at 115 American Heritage Rd – Ordinance violation has been resolved. A building permit has been received.

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

7. Four letters were mailed to trim trees in the right away on American Heritage.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Nothing to report

D. TIF PROPOSAL AND STATUS-VIERBICHER

The village is moving forward with this project.

E. COMMUNITY CENTER BNSF GRANT

The village has acquired Brickl Bros to install the doors and sent a down payment.

F. EMERGENCY SHELTER GENERATOR GRANT W/VERNON COUNTY

The application is finished. Waiting to hear the results.

NEW BUSINESS

A. APPOINT VILLAGE PRESIDENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF

CURRENT PRESIDENT, JOEL GREINER...vacancies in an elective village office may be filled by appointment by a majority of the members of the village board for the remainder of the unexpired term or until a special election is held, as ordered by the village board, or an office may remain vacant until an election is held.

Tabled until the next meeting.

B. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION WITH ROLL CALL VOTE FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. a) Property located at Original Plat Lots 3,4,5,6,7 & 8 in Block 1 plus vacated alley. Roll Call Vote to convene into closed session: Timothy Gillespie- yes, & Scott Ducharme-yes
Motion carried.

C. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: ROLL CALL VOTE

Roll call vote to reconvene into open session: Timothy Gillespie-yes, & Scott DuCharme-yes
Motion carried

D. TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to contract with Vierbicher to provide professional consulting services. Mark Steward, engineer will be our consultant. Motion carried

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to send a letter of intent to purchase property at \$70,000 and an offer to purchase. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to authorize Joel Greiner to sign professional service contract with Vierbicher. Motion carried.

E. AUTHORIZATION FOR MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING TO OBTAIN NECESSARY PERMITTING TO DREDGE DE SOTO BOAT LANDING.

Nothing to report.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Timothy Gillespie to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, September 5th, 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.