

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, September 05, 2023**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 05, 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: Tim Gillespie-present, Scott DuCharme-present, and Carrie Brudos-clerk, Joel Greiner-present

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the August 1, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda with the amendment of moving New Business, Item A and Item L after Public Comment Time. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Kim Bohnenkamp asked about a CDBG Grant to improve the village.

Public comment time closed.

A. TOURISM COMMISSION – GARY MULFORD.

Gary Mulford explained the progress report of the De Soto Tourism Commission. We have 6 members, established by-laws, an assets inventory, created a tax return form and lodging roster of 13. Room tax collection will start 1-1-2024. A split of 70% tourism commission, 30% village for room tax fee distribution. The treasurer will be paid \$350 per quarter and secretary \$50 per month. The tourism commission budget was also discussed.

L. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: Application for a Driveway Permit: Ward & Kim Evenson, Parcel#116-00056-0008, De Soto WI 54624

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve a driveway permit for Ward Evenson. Motion carried.

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

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

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: The plant is repaired and running again.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: The new doors will be installed the beginning of October. The plaque has been ordered for BNSF.

PARK COMMITTEE: They are updating cameras.

LIBRARY: The bees have been exterminated. The \$500 prize went to Richard Bohland.

CEMETERY: It will cost about \$4,000 to restore some cemetery stones.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Borrowing speed bumps from Village of Stoddard.

ZONING: See New Business: Items G thru M.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: The Mill Park Drive Bridge grant will take place in 2025.

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 – Joel Greiner is tweaking the application.

Boat Landing – Working on dredging boat landing

Law Enforcement – Discussion on the police patrol: William Roesler.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report

SCOTT DUCHARME: Mitch Schiffer's project was discussed.

CLERK:

OLD BUSINESS.

A. VIEW LETTERS TO ORDINANCE VIOLATORS

1. Property owner at 111 Spring Street. -See New Business, Item M
2. Property owner at 168 S Mill Park Dr.-Unregistered vehicles are being monitored.
3. Property owner at 734 Main St – Continuing to monitor.
4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – Some more work needs to be done.
5. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – Continuing to monitor.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Nothing to report

D. TIF PROPOSAL AND STATUS-VIERBICHER

There has been no response from the property owner. We will have a meeting with Mark Steward-Vierbicher to discuss the options.

E. APPOINT VILLAGE PRESIDENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CURRENT PRESIDENT, JOEL GREINER...vacancies in any 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.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to appoint Timothy Gillespie as interim Village President for the unexpired term. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to replace Mitchell Schiffer as interim Trustee for the unexpired term. Motion carried.

F. EMERGENCY SHELTER GENERATOR GRANT W/VERNON COUNTY

The application is finished. Waiting to hear the results.

NEW BUSINESS

B. DE SOTO LIONS-MEMORIAL BENCH & REFRIGERATOR

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to table placement of bench. Motion carried.

C. REVIEW/APPROVE BIDS FOR 2023-2024 PROPANE SEASON

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to accept the bid from Agvantage FS in the amount of \$1.24 a gallon for the 2023-2024 heating season.

Agvantage FS = \$1.24 a gallon

Premier Coop = \$1.609 a gallon

Consolidated Energy Co = \$1.39 a gallon

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

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to authorize Makepeace Engineering to obtain necessary permitting to dredge De Soto Boat Landing. Motion carried.

E. DESCUSSION ON KARI SANDING RETIREMENT COMPENSATION

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve retirement compensation to Kari Sanding in the amount of \$884.00 a year, starting 9-1-2023. Motion carried.

F. REVIEW/APPROVE OPERATOR'A LICENSE RITA LUHMAN

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve an operator's license for Rita Luhman. Motion carried.

G. APPLICATION FOR CLASS "B" BEER & "CLASS B" LIQUOR LICENSE: Sudol Investments LLC (d.b.a. Pork's Bar) (Christal Sudol-agent) 315 Main St, De Soto WI 54624

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve Sudol Investments Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor license pending a letter from Kory Knutson acknowledging relinquishment of his Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor license. Motion carried.

- H. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION:** Application for an 18' X 24' Shed: Donovan Frank, 12 Longview Lane, De Soto, WI 54624
Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission for an 18' X 24' Shed: Donovan Frank, 12 Longview Ln, De Soto, WI. Motion carried.
- I. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION:** Application for 14'X 30' Shed: Aaron Griggs, 115 American Heritage Rd, De Soto, WI 54624
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission for a 14' X 30' Shed: Aaron Griggs, 115 American Heritage Rd, De Soto WI. Motion carried.
- J. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION:** Application for a 30' X 34' Addition on Garage: Ryan & Kari Beeman, 116 Eagle Crest Dr, De Soto WI 54624
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission for a 30' X 34' addition on the garage: Ryan & Kari Beeman, 116 Eagle Crest Dr, De Soto WI. Motion carried.
- K. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION:** Application for a 1900 Sq. Ft. House: Ryan & Kari Beeman, Parcel#116-00056-0016 &116-00056-0017, De Soto WI 54624
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the recommendation from the Plan Commission for a 1900 Sq. Ft House: Riverscape Vacation Rentals, Ryan & Kari Beeman, 116 Eagle Crest Dr, De Soto WI. Motion carried.
- M. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION:** Application for an a 52' X 26' Addition: Shaun Sherry, 111 Spring St, Parcel#116-0004-0000, De Soto WI 54624
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to table the recommendation from the Plan Commission for a 52' X 26' addition until we hear from the structural engineer: Shawn Sherry, 111 Spring St, De Soto WI. Motion carried.
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ADJOURN:

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next board meeting for Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 at 7:30 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.