

**REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO  
Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Office in De Soto.

Village President Joel Greiner called the regular board meeting to order with roll call as follows: Joel Greiner-present, Timothy Gillespie-present, Craig Gilman-present, and Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Craig Gilman and seconded by Joel Greiner to approve the November 7, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Craig Gilman and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the November 21, 2017 Public Budget m Hearing minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Craig Gilman and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Craig Gilman to approve the sewer bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Craig Gilman to approve the general bills. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. OPEN FORUM: DISCUSSION ON SEWER RATE INCREASE**

Jamey Makepeace addressed the residents present: Dave Bean & Jim DelMedico-Frontier Property Management, Kim & Tim Bohnenkamp, Jerry & Kathy Boardman, Linzi Gronning & Dave O'Mara-De Soto Area School District

Jamey Makepeace explained the problems with the sewer system which lead up to the replacement of the sewer main project. The project is costing a total of \$628,000. A CDBG Grant in the amount of \$314,000 is covering ½ the cost. A grant from the Clean Water Fund is covering approx. \$144,456. The remaining amount owed from the project will be taken out in a low interest loan at a rate of 1.76% for 20 years from the Clean Water Fund. Jamey Makepeace explained the project with a sanitary sewer plan profile, project maps and construction details. He answered resident's questions.

The Sewer rate will be going up from \$32 an REU to \$35.75 an REU to cover the Clean Water Fund Loan as shown in the revised Appendix A, Ordinance #38 De Soto Sewer Use Ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Mary Rae was recognized. Mary went on the proposed hiking trail below her house. The trail has deteriorated. The county is concerned about a company that is considering a large hog slaughter operation between Viroqua and Westby. Public comment time closed.

**REPORTS:**

**SEWER/MAINTENANCE:** Steve is ordering valve seals from LW Allen..

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Meeting minutes and financial statement were reviewed. Discussion on Ed Wolf's 50 years of service.

**LIBRARY:** Nothing to report.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** Nothing to report.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report

**CEMETERY:** Discussion on grinding a tree stump. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Craig Gilman to spend \$150.00 to grind the tree stump in the cemetery.

**JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE:** Nothing to Report.

**ZONING:** Nothing to report

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

**Road Improvements:** Nothing to report

**Recycling Center Building:** Nothing to report.

**Sewer Main Upgrade:** – See New Business, Section A

**Winneshiek Landing Day** – Nothing to report

**Bird City Wisconsin** – Bird City Day will be in the Fall of 2018

**Recreational Opportunity Committee** –We received the easement from the De Soto School District.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**JOEL GREINER:** Nothing to report.

**TIMOTHY GILLESPIE:** Nothing to report

**CRAIG GILMAN:** We need to get a job description for Carrie Brudos, Cheryl Russell, Steve Holt, Larry Ames and Rachel Ames. We need to look at what other municipalities have and what the expectations are. Potential raises for employees should to talked about at least one month ahead of the Budget Hearing.

**CLERK:** Nothing to report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

**B. APPOINT ELECTION INSPECTORS: MARY RAE, JEAN SANDRY, MARILYN REDENBAUGH, & ELODA BOHLAND**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Craig Gilman to appoint Mary Rae, Jean Sandry, Marilyn Redenbaugh and Eloda Bohland as election inspectors for the next two year term. Motion carried.

**C. 2017 FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Craig Gilman to approve the 2017 Fire Department Runs in the amount of \$3,383.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Craig Gilman to pay the Fire Department Secretary and Treasurer for the year 2017. Motion carried.

**D. 2018 RESIDENT NEWSLETTER**

Discussion on the 2018 Annual Resident Newsletter. Some revision were made.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Craig Gilman to look into expanding the existing village hall into the existing parking lot for expansion purposes. Motion carried.

**E. ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Craig Gilman to set the January regular board meeting for Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Craig Gilman to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.  
Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.