

**REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 0, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. through a zoom meeting online 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, Scott DuCharme-present, and Carrie Brudos-clerk. Jamey Makepeace joined the meeting via Zoom

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 2, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 16, 2020 Special Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda with the addition of an operator's license to New Business, Item F. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Jamey Makepeace was recognized. He discussed chemical addition. They will deliver with no problem now. We need to find the existing conduit in two weeks or so. A new WWTF was discussed. We can get 50% funding for phosphorus related expenses if they exceed 33% of the cost. Principal forgiveness can be as much as 45%; we will get less. We are not eligible for a CDBG grant at this time because our MHI is too high. If we took out a loan for 1.4 million at 1.76% interest it would cost sewer users \$341.34 a year or \$28.44 a month. Reducing the size of the plant was discussed.

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

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

**REPORTS:**

**SEWER/MAINTENANCE:** Phosphorus continues to be low. See New Business, Item B

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

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** See Old Business, Item D, and New Business, Item E

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report

**LIBRARY:** The library is still looking for a director. The library is set up for drop-off and pick-up of library materials by patrons.

**CEMETERY:** One burial in August - Lewis

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

**ZONING:** We are updating the comprehensive plan

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

**Road Improvements:** Nothing to report

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

**Bird City Wisconsin** –Nothing to report.

**Recreational Opportunity Committee** – Nothing to report

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**JOEL GREINER:** Joel discussed the differences of assessments in commercial and residential properties. A spreadsheet was presented.

**TIMOTHY GILLESPIE:** Discussion on lawns that need mowing

**SCOTT DUCHARME:** Nothing to report.

**CLERK:** Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. SECLUDED LAND COMPANY PROPERTY LINE**

We are waiting for an appraisal from Secluded Land Company.

**B. COMMUNITY FACILITIES MUNICIPAL GRANT PROJECT**

We can receive a grant from the USDA in the amount of \$34,000.00. The cost to the village would be approximately \$19,950.00 for a new skidsteer. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to proceed with the funding and accept the grant for a new skidsteer to take place in 2021. Motion carried.

**C. HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY**

The village will extend hazardous duty pay for another month.

**D. COMMUNITY CENTER USAGE**

Cindy Yaun will do the deep cleaning needed for rental of the community center. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to open the community center for rental for the month of July only once every 5 days. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. VOSSETIEG PROPERTY**

Joel Greiner made a bid on the Vossetieg property. He will donate the property to the village if the bid is accepted. If Vossetieg accepts the proposal the village will acknowledge a gift in kind recognizing the difference of the appraised value and price paid.

**B. PROPOSED ELECTRICIAN'S WORK**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the bid from Paul Smith to install a 24" exhaust fan with vent and SQD 6 circuit breaker panel at the sewer plant in the amount of \$1,632.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the bid from Paul Smith to approve emergency lighting for the village hall, library and community center in the amount of approximately \$500.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve trading Paul Smith's electrician's work to do for the village in exchange for a concrete culvert (est. value \$3000). Motion carried.

**C. DE SOTO PLAN COMMISSION ORDINANCE #39**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve alterations presented by Joel Greiner to amend De Soto Commission Ordinance #39. Motion carried.

**D. ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

Sherry property – They are working on cleaning up the property

Copus property-They have mowed and are cleaning up the property

Arneson property-They have done some cleaning and Roy Torgerson was going to talk to the family affected.

Suiter-A letter received by Mr. Suiter was sent to our lawyer.

**E. COMMUNITY CENTER: STRIP AND WAX FLOOR**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to pay Mark Baker Cleaning service to wax the floor in the amount of \$400.00. Motion carried.

**F. OPERATOR'S LICENSE: Jamie Plozel**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the operator's license for Jamie Plozel. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.