

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2021 BUDGET
VILLAGE OF DESOTO
December 1, 2020**

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 BUDGET:

The De Soto Village Board held a public budget hearing on December 1, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. at the De Soto Community Center in DeSoto.

President Joel Greiner called the public budget hearing to order.

Roll call as follows: Joel Greiner-present, Timothy Gillespie-present, Scott DuCharme-present and Carrie Brudos-present.

Jean Sandry was recognized. Jean Sandry talked about the 2021 Library Budget. The library will be receiving \$4,690 less than last year, mainly because of the library being closed. The library invested in its electronic infrastructure last year. As a result, there are more costs to running it and the budget is short by \$2,079. The library has extra money to cover the shortfall this year because they have been closed. The main concern is the salary of \$12,000 for the Librarian. The village board discussed the possibility of a referendum to increase the levy at the Spring Election.

Discussion on Sewer Budget.

Our consolidated loan with Peoples State Bank has been paid off, which leaves an excess of \$12,485 to appropriate. The board discussed commencing a project to analyze the impact of updating or replacing the entire treatment plant and \$5,000.00 has been budgeted for that. A part-time assistant for Steve in the amount of \$5,000.00 was budgeted. In the budget is \$2,500 for 6 months of hazardous pay and \$2,000 increase to the replacement fund. An increase of \$1,500 for the director was also included.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to adopt the 2021 De Soto Sewer Budget with the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion on General Budget.

The General Transportation fund is being kept for the anticipated Highway 82 project in 2024. The balance is currently \$62,270 and is well on its way to the projected required goal of \$72,600.

The Boat Landing fund increased by \$2,725. We will continue saving for future dredging needs.

There were no increases budgeted for salaries in 2020. As a result, 2021 adjustments for the Clerk/Treasurer in the amount of \$2,000 per year and Public Works Director in the amount of \$1,500 a year were made. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to increase salaries for the Clerk/Treasurer in the amount of \$2,000 and the Public Works Director in the amount of \$1,500 for 2021. Motion carried.

An allowance was made to cover a one-time bonus of \$1,000 for the Public Works Director, \$750 for the Clerk and \$200 for the part-time Public Works employee. Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the year end bonus's for Public Works Director \$1,000, Clerk/Treasurer \$750 and Assistant to the Public Works Director \$200. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve a payment of \$5,000 to the De Soto Public Library as part of the 2020 Budget. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the mill rate at the state-imposed levy limit of \$61,409 + \$18,494 loan payments for a total of \$79,903 for 2020 R.E. Taxes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to adopt the General Budget for 2021 with the changes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to adjourn the 2021 public budget hearing. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk