

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Thursday, October 6, 2022**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Community Center.

Village President Joel Greiner 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 Joel Greiner to approve the September 6, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda by moving New Business Section A before Public Comment Time and deleting New Business Section B. Motion carried.

A. SMRT BUS PRESENTATION

Representatives Peter Fletcher and Charlie Handy from the SMRT BUS asked the village to make a 5-year financial commitment to their organization They are asking for \$2,500.00 a year.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one present for public comment time
Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the September 22 general bills.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the September 22 sewer bills. Motion carried

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: The boat landing permit fee box with a steel post was sawed off and the whole box and post taken! The police were informed of the theft.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: Discussion on new doors and entrance.

PARK COMMITTEE: The basketball court was paved. They are getting rolling door quotes for the park shelter.

LIBRARY: The part-time librarian is going to be out for surgery in October.

CEMETERY: The graves at the top of the cemetery need work

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: A new jetter and vacuum will be purchased. Our share will be \$14,400.

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

Bird City Wisconsin –Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Mary Rae was present. She was going to buy an electric chainsaw for the trails. The trail sign will be placed before the bridge. Working on marker for trail. A release is needed from Ralph Hicks for that part of the trail. Gary Mulford will put the trail on GPS.

Veteran's project for Main Street – Nothing to report.

Tap Grant –Prices have escalated. Grants to cover the increases are being looked at.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

JOEL GREINER: Nothing to report

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report

CLERK: Nothing to report

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. Different options are being reviewed.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report.

- C. GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT LOAN DISCUSSION**
After reviewing the 2023 Budget, the village will need to take out approximately \$33,000 for the new truck and general obligation debt.
- D. REVIEW OF 2023 BUDGETS**
Discussion on 2023 Budgets. We will be running in the negative by 2024. Joel Greiner presented a spreadsheet explaining the budget.
- E. REVIEW/APPROVE NEW VILLAGE CEMETERY ORDINANCE**
Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- B. REMOVED: ACTED UPON LAST MONTH**
- C. REVIEW/APPROVE ROOM TAX ENACTMENT**
The procedure for room tax enactment was discussed. The municipality would keep 30% for the general budget and 70% would be used for promoting tourism by an appointed tourism council. The tourism council would have to meet 4 times a year. You can charge a maximum of 8% room tax.
- D. REVIEW 2023 VERNON COUNTY SHERIFF CONTRACT FOR VILLAGE**
Discussion on 2023 Vernon County Sheriff Contract for the village. The service agreement will be brought up at the 2023 Budget hearing.
- E. REVIEW/APPROVE APPLICATION FOR OPERATOR'S LICENSE: MICHELE CARPENTER**
Motion made by Timothy Gillespie, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the operator's license for Michele Carpenter. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next board meeting for Tuesday November 1st, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried

Motion made by Joel Greiner and seconded by Scott DuCharme to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.