

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the De Soto Village Hall. Village President Timothy Gillespie called the regular board meeting to order with roll call as follows: Tim Gillespie-present, Scott DuCharme-present, Mitchell Schiffer-present, Joel Greiner- present and Carrie Brudos-clerk. Kim Bohnenkamp & Kari Sanding

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the December 3, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the 2025 Public Hearing minutes on December 3, 2024 as presented. Motion carried

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the agenda by moving New Business, Item A above Public Comment Time. Motion carried.

A. APPOINT AND ESTABLISH 3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Library Board Appointments: Jean Sandry-4 years, Carrie Brudos-4 years, Damon Whyte-3 years, Wil Fryer-2 years and Jacquie Greiner-2 years.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the appointments presented by Timothy Gillespie: Jean Sandry-4 years, Carrie Brudos-4 years, Damon Whyte-3 years, Wil Fryer-2 years and Jacquie Greiner-2 years. After the first initial round each library board member will serve 3 years. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. Kim Bohnenkamp asked if there are any new store fronts in the works. The board discussed any potential businesses in the village.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the December 24 general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the December 24 sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: On December 17, 2024 the Community Center floor was cleaned and polished.

PARK COMMITTEE: There is a meeting on Saturday, January 11.

LIBRARY: Kari Sanding was present to report on the library's activities

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: The Highway 82 project is finished.

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

Bird City Wisconsin –See New Business, Item D

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report.

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

Tap Grant – The board has the grant under consideration.

Boat Landing – Dredging is finished at the boat landing. It will take time to dewater the dredging material.

Law Enforcement –Citations will be delivered.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report.

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Nothing to report

CLERK: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

A. VIEW LETTERS TO ORDINANCE VIOLATORS

1. Property owner at 1093 Main St- new

2. Property owner at 168 S Mill Park Dr.-Clean up and unregistered vehicles are being monitored.

3. Property owner at 734 Main St – Finished?
4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – The owner will be sent another letter.
5. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – Continuing to monitor.
6. Property owner at 1042 Main St- The owner will be sent another letter.
7. Property owner at 474 Main St and 502 Wall St – Continuing to monitor.
8. Property owner at 145 and 165 Main St - new
9. Property owner at 222 Mill Park Dr – new
10. Property owner at 816 S Treadwell St- new

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to Report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE REVISION TO ZONING ORDINANCE #40

No action was taken at this time.

D. DISCUSS/REVIEW MILL PARK DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Nothing to report

E. DECISION ON DOT SIDEWALK GRANT PROJECT

We must decide in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION OF 30% COLLECTED ROOM TAXES- GARY MULFORD

Will be removed until further notice.

C. REVIEW/ REVISE ORDINANCE #38, APPENDIX A: SEWER USE AND USER CHARGE

Motion by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the revision to Ordinance #38, Appendix A: Sewer Use and User Charge as presented. Motion carried.

D. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD CITY RESOLUTION #1-25

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve International Migratory Bird City Resolution #1-25. Motion carried.

E. WINNERS OF 2024 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

First Prize: Anthony and Margaret Spalla-405 Cheney St

Second Prize: Chad and Crystal Everson-818 S Mill Park Dr

Third Prize: Terry and Dianne Fruth, Jason Crager Family-1085 Main St

F. DISCUSSION ON CHANGING CLERK/TREASURER POSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED

There was a discussion on changing the clerk/treasurer position from elected to appointed. The steps to accomplish this will be sought.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next meeting for February 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.