

**REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO  
Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 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 January 7, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the agenda. 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 Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the January 25 general bills.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the January 25 sewer bills.

Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**SEWER/MAINTENANCE:** Steve has taken down the siren. Do we repair or buy a new one? Find out costs of getting a siren with capability of Vernon County activating it.

**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:** Nothing to report.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Alec from Xcel Energy will be here Friday to discuss light poles in park.

**LIBRARY:** Kari Sanding was present to report on the library's activities. Tim Fergot will be the representative from De Soto Area School. Color Our World is Summer Reading Program theme.

**CEMETERY:** The white boards were taken down because they warped.

**JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report

**ZONING:** See New Business, Item B & C

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

**Road Improvements:** The Highway 82 project is finished.

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

**Bird City Wisconsin** – Nothing to report

**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** – Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to change the boat landing fees to \$25 for property owners and \$40 for non-property owners. Motion carried.

**Law Enforcement** –Nothing to report

**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- A letter will be sent.
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 – Timothy Gillespie will talk to the owner.
9. Property owner at 222 Mill Park Dr – Timothy Gillespie will talk to the owner.
10. Property owner at 816 S Treadwell St- A letter will be sent.

**B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE**

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to pay the effluent monitoring system software that Jamey Makepeace is using. Motion carried.

**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**

A decision was made that the village couldn't afford the sidewalk project because of rising costs and other projects the village has obligated funds for. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to cancel the TAP project. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 30 % ROOM TAX DISTRIBUTION**

Discussion on the 30% room tax distribution from the De Soto Tourism Commission in the amount of \$4,423.03.

**B. SITE/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION RENEWAL: RYAN & KARI BEEMAN, 116 EAGLE CREST DR., DE SOTO, WI 54624**

Motion by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the site/building permit renewal for Ryan & Kari Beeman, 116 Eagle Crest Dr., De Soto WI 54624. Motion carried.

**C. SITE/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A 16' X 24' BUILDING ON AMERICAN HERITAGE: MITCHELL SCHIFFER, 302 DE SOTO ST., DE SOTO, WI 54624**

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the site/building permit for a 16'x24' building on American Heritage for Mitchell Schiffer, 302 De Soto St., De Soto WI 54624. Motion carried.

**D.**

**E.**

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next meeting for March 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.