

**REGULAR MEETING  
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO  
Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 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, Tammy Whyte attending

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the November 7, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda by moving Old Business, Item B, New Business, Item C before Old Business. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. Kim Bohnenkamp asked about housing in the village. Can anything be done to control VRBO's? At this time, nothing can be done.

Public comment time closed.

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

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

**REPORTS:**

**SEWER/MAINTENANCE:** 15,000 gallons of sludge was hauled. Steve will try to haul more in the near future. There is a problem with the brand new 2023 Ford Truck. The air filter plugged up during the first dusting of snow.

**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 January 6, the floor will be cleaned and waxed.

**PARK COMMITTEE:** Noting to report.

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

**CEMETERY:** Nothing to report

**JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report

**ZONING:** See New Business, Item F

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

**Law Enforcement** –Nothing to report

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Signs etc. still need to be finished regarding the Highway 82 project.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report.

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: De Soto Street is being blocked by construction.

CLERK: Gary Mulford asked if we could change the agreement with WordPress. It will cost \$96 instead of \$48 a year. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the change in the agreement with WordPress. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Jamey Makepeace was present for a report. Notice of Intent to Apply was filed in October. CDBG application is due in May 2025. Clean Water Fund application is due September 2025. Jamey is working on the design for every piece of equipment for the new sewer plant.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **C. JAMES MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-WASTEWATER PLANT RENEWAL**

The village board will look at the cost of water quality trading for phosphorus removal. WQT Clearinghouse says they have water quality trading credits available, but they lack transparency. We can't determine if there are any projects started or already constructed. The cost of credits needs to be determined.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### **A. VIEW LETTERS TO ORDINANCE VIOLATORS**

1. Property owner at 111 Spring Street. – No violations currently.
2. Property owner at 168 S Mill Park Dr.-Unregistered vehicles are being monitored.
3. Property owner at 734 Main St – Clean-up is continuing.
4. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – There is no movement on this property. We will get Willie on it.
5. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – Continuing to monitor.
6. Property owner at 1042 Main St- Mr. Erickson is cleaning up the property. Mr. Erickson stopped in and is continuing clean-up.
7. Property owner at 474 Main St and 502 Wall St – Continuing to monitor.

### **C. REVIEW/APPROVE REVISION TO ZONING ORDINANCE #40**

No action was taken at this time.

### **D. DISCUSS/REVIEW MILL PARK DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

The Crawford County Highway Department is not interested in the village's proposal of reducing the village's cost of the bridge replacement project. The village doesn't have any input of any kind (including cost) in regard to this project. They will only give us five years to pay the approximate \$200,000. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded Mitchell Schiffer to counteroffer a 75% payoff at 10 years. Motion carried.

### **E. DECISION ON DOT SIDEWALK GRANT PROJECT**

The sidewalk grant project is pending.

## NEW BUSINESS:

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

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to table appointing library board members. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to remove this item on the agenda. Motion carried.

### **D. SET DATE FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST**

The Christmas lighting contest will take place Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

### **E. APPOINT ELECTION WORKERS**

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to accept the nominations for election inspectors presented by Timothy Gillespie for the January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 term as listed:

1. Joel Greiner, 29 Scenic Point Rd
2. Jean Sandry, 100 De Soto St
3. Marilyn Redenbaugh, 126 S Houghton St
4. Linda Jacobson, 405 Main St
5. Eloda Bohland, 1005 Main St.
6. Kari Sanding, 726 Main St.
7. Shirley Mulford, 134 American Heritage Rd
8. Dawn Meyer, 84 American Heritage Rd

### **F. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION:APPLICATION FOR A 14' X 32' SHED: MICHAEL DURTSCHKE, 243 AMERICAN HERITAGE RD., DE SOTO, WI**

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the site/building application for a - 14' x 32' Shed: Michael Durtsche, 243 American Heritage Rd., De Soto WI. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next meeting for January 7, 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.