

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 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-absent, Joel Greiner- absent and Carrie Brudos-clerk. Carissa Brudos, Kari Sanding and Kim Bohnenkamp attending.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the May 6, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the agenda and move New Business Item A, above Public Comment Time. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON TIF DISTRICT: VIERBICHER-MARK STEWARD

There is a 12% limit of the equalized value that can be used for a TID district. Blight Elimination Rehabilitation was discussed. 50% of the parcels must be declared blight. The life of the TID is 27 years with 22 years for expenditures. Consultant would declare blight, letters would be sent to land owners and a public hearing would be held. The village trustees will pick the parcels designated for the TID district. Vierbicher would charge \$20,000 to create the TID district.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Carissa Brudos was recognized. She met with Mike Martino and discussed the Main Street Mural project. It will be historical imagery with 8 to 10 specific items. Grants will be written to CRAVA for the project. After the drawing is finalized, the bids and costs will be discussed. Can it be sealed & primed for us?

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. She asked about the status of blighted property.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the May 25 (check#26489-26514) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the May 25 (check#10692-10706) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Steve will be filling holes with cold mix on Sletten road in preparation for sealcoating. There was vandalism at the Veteran's Park.

The boards were removed from the pond at the bridge and it drained the pond by a few feet. The vandalism was reported to the sheriff's department.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: The community center roof got repaired with new shingles.

PARK COMMITTEE: Need estimate from Pederson for cost of taking down light poles and replacing them.

LIBRARY: Kari Sanding reported. 200 patrons, 2 new. She is preparing for summer school. There will be approximately 25 students from Prairie View and 55 students from Stoddard. Amy Sabin will teach sheep/wool/spinning yarn. Pizza night at Sittin Pretty Farms. A speaker on opioids. Story time and Story Slam.

CEMETERY: Three trees were removed from the cemetery property.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: See New Business; Item D

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report

Recycling Center Building: See Old Business, Item F

Bird City Wisconsin – Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report.

Mill Park Bridge Replacement – See New Business, Item B

Tourism Commission-Canoe/Kayak race will be Aug 1-2.

Boat Landing – The dredging materials are now in the park.

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- Monitoring
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 – A fine was to be issued by William Roesler, Vernon County Sheriff
5. Property owner at 635 Ridge St – A fine was mailed and payment received
5. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – Continuing to monitor.
6. Property owner at 1042 Main St- Clean-up has come to a standstill. Another letter will be mailed.
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- No response. A fine will be mail
11. Property owner at 625 S Mill Park Dr – A letter was mailed. No response. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to issue a \$200 fine. Motion carried. A fine will be mailed.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE

Jamey is checking into the census bureau report.

C. REVIEW/APPROVE REVISION TO ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Waiting for response from our lawyer concerning revision of Zoning Ordinance #40.

D. DISCUSS/REVIEW MILL PARK DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STATUS

New Business, Item B

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

Waiting for response from our lawyer concerning the steps to take to change the charter ordinance.

F. DISCUSSION ON RECYCLE BUILDING NEAR COMMUNITY CENTER

We need criteria for selling land. It will have to go out for bids. We need to find out how much it's worth. An appraiser will be contacted. What are Steve's needs for a concrete floor in the maintenance building? Do we include this property in a TID?

NEW BUSINESS:

B. RESOLUTION #2-2025 PROJECT: 5408-00-00 MILL PARK DR. BRIDGE

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to accept Resolution #2-2025 Project: 5408-00-00 Mill Park Dr. Bridge. Motion carried.

C. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: Site/Building Permit Application for a Driveway Permit: Lester Flick, 316 S Glass Rd, De Soto WI

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the driveway permit for Lester Flick, 316 S Glass Rd, De Soto WI. Motion carried.

D. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: Site/Building Permit Application for a Driveway Permit: Guy Nelson, 642 Ridge St, De Soto WI

The plan commission recommended not approving the driveway permit for Guy Nelson. Guy Nelson put in a driveway without a driveway permit. Guy Nelson needs to properly seed the area, control runoff, add a silt fence and finish the driveway. Carrie and Timothy will draft a letter.

E. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: Site/Building Permit Application for an 8' X 10' Deck: John Roberts, 957 Upham St, De Soto WI

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the 8' x 10' deck: John Roberts, 957 Upham St, De Soto WI 54624. Motion carried.

F. REVIEW/APPROVE BIDS FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT: VILLAGE HALL, MAINTENANCE SHED, VETERAN'S SHELTER AND PUBLIC BATHROOMS.

Only one bid was received. Options Exteriors. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to accept the bid from Options Exteriors to repair the roof of the Village Hall, Maintenance Shed, Veteran's Shelter and Public Bathroom. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to set the next meeting for Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

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