

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
WEDNESDAY, July 2, 2025**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 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-0.present, Scott DuCharme-absent, Mitchell Schiffer-present, Joel Greiner- absent and Carrie Brudos-clerk. Carissa Brudos, Mark Tallman attending.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the June 3, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the June 18, 2025 Special Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the June 3, 2025 1st 2025 Board of Review meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. WEDC: MARK TALLMAN

A CDI Grant focusing on business owners jump starting their business, is available. Any vacant business downtown is a loss of \$133,000 economic activity annually. This is a grant, no loans. Connect Community is an effort to support downtown revitalization. WEDC provides technical assistance to communities in the planning, management and implementation of development projects in downtown districts through the Connect Community program. The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corp. (WWBIC, KIVA Lending, Arts Wisconsin (Anne Katz) was also discussed as potential sources for economic development and Larkin Breckel, the Vernon County Economic Development Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one present for public comment time.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the June 25 (check#26515-26547) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the May 25 (check#10707-10719) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Lenwid Sandvick had a complaint about the silt placed in Cottonwood Park from the boat landing.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to report

PARK COMMITTEE: Costs from Bryce Pederson for replacing the light poles is still being sought.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Sletten Road will be sealcoated soon

Recycling Center Building: See Old Business, Item F

Bird City Wisconsin – Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report.

Mill Park Bridge Replacement – Nothing to report

Tourism Commission-Canoe/Kayak race was postponed until 2026. There will be live music and vendors in Cottonwood Park on August 1st.

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement –Nothing to report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Discussion on light pole ordered.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Steve needs to remove the steel by maintenance shed.

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. A fine of \$200 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 was mailed
11. Property owner at 625 S Mill Park Dr – A letter was mailed. No response. A fine was mailed.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to 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

Ongoing

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 are creating a TID District which will include the recycle center building.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. APPROVAL OF OPERATOR’S LICENSES: WHITTNEY AUDETAT, ALLISON SUDOL, JESSICA ONEAL, LORI LACHMAN, WADE BUCKLES, AMY BARBIAN, NICOLE JOHNSON

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve operator’s licenses for Whittney Audetat, Allison Sudol, Jessica Oneal, Lori Lachman, Wade Buckles, Amy Barbian and Nicole Johnson. Motion carried.

C. TID#2 CREATION: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve authorization to proceed with TID #2 Creation. Motion carried.

D. IDENTIFY TID#2 BOUNDARY

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve TID#2 Boundary as presented with revisions discussed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to set a special board meeting for Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer seconded by Timothy Gillespie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.