

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 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-present, Joel Greiner- absent and Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the July 2, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes with changing Mitch Schiffer to present instead of absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the July 17, 2025 Special Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda and add Resolution #7-2025 to New Business, Item H and move New Business Item A, above Public Comment Time. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LARKIN BRECKEL, VERNON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING COORDINATOR

Larkin Breckel discussed what Vernon County has been doing for economic development. Some things would involve Economic Development Strategy to enforce, tourism, grants, support of businesses and entrepreneurs, economic development revolving loan, leadership & outreach, resources and Community Development Grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. She was discussing the weeds at various locations in the village. Kari Sanding was recognized: She wished to Thank everyone involved in Vendors in the Park.
Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the July 25 (check#26548-26572) general bills.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the July 25 (check#10720-10731) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Bill's Outdoor Network cannot put their garage on the sewer line. Steve Holt has informed them. They also covered the manhole.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to report

PARK COMMITTEE: The park has lighting poles in Elkader. We just need to pick them up.

LIBRARY: Kari Sanding discussed all the activities in the library. Circulation was 396, 8 new patrons. Electric was repaired in the storage room.

CEMETERY: Joel and Carrie put flags on the veteran's graves in the cemetery.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: See New Business, Item F and Old Business, Item C

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Sletten Road will be seal coated 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 – See New Business, Item C.

Tourism Commission-The live music and vendors in Cottonwood Park on August 1st went very well. They had a good turnout.

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement –Nothing to report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Discussion on Wall Mural - VFW Steak Fry Presentation, August 16th.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Scott wants letters sent to three different properties.

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Discussion on connect community and TID#2

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 – The property will be mowed and billed to the property owner.
5. Property owner at 635 Ridge St – Property has been sold.
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. Another letter will be mailed concerning weeds.
11. Property owner at 625 S Mill Park Dr – The fine was rescinded. The property owner is cleaning his property.
12. Property owner at 120 N Mill Park Dr – A letter will be mailed.
13. Property owner at 162 N Mill Park Dr – A letter will be mailed
14. Property owner at 308 S Mill Park Dr – A letter will be mailed.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to suspend regular board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to reconvene the regular board meeting. Motion carried.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE

Nothing to report

C. REVIEW/APPROVE REVISION TO ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the revisions presented by Joel Greiner to Ordinance #40. Motion carried.

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 includes the recycle center.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. OPEN/APPROVE 2025-2026 PROPANE BIDS

The village received four bids. Premier Coop = \$1.499, Consolidated Energy Co = \$1.44(PreBuy) \$1.49(booking price), Chaseburg Coop = \$1.39 and Agvantage FS= \$1.19 a gallon. Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to accept the lowest bid in the amount of \$1.19 a gallon, from Agvantage FS for the 2025-2026 heating season. Motion carried.

C. EASEMENT FOR XCEL ENERGY: POLE NEAR MILL PARK DR BRIDGE

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the Village of De Soto easement with Xcel Energy Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the De Soto Fire Department easement with Xcel Energy. Motion carried.

D. DISCUSSION/APPROVE PLAN AND COSTS FOR SEWER HOOK-UP ON MILL PARK DR & SPRING ST

There are no new updates.

E. DISCUSSION OF CAMPER REQUEST ON AMERICAN HERITAGE

The camper request was withdrawn.

F. RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: SITE/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR 40' X 40' POLE SHED: LESTER FLICK, 316 S GLASS RD, DE SOTO WI 54624

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the 40' x 40' pole shed building permit for Lester Flick, 316 S Glass Rd, De Soto WI 54624. Motion carried.

G. APPOINT MEMBERS TO REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

President Timothy Gillespie appointed: 1 Year Term - James Brudos, Carrie Brudos, 2 Year Term – Joel Greiner, Marjorie Gillespie, 3 Year Term – Scott DuCharme, 4 Year Term – Amy Nofsinger, and 5 Year Term – Joshua Petzel as members to the Village of De Soto Redevelopment Authority.

H. APPROVE BLIGHT DETERMINATION OF TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT #2

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to accept the recommendation from the De Soto Plan Commission to approve the Blight Determination of Tax Increment District #2. Motion carried. Mitchell Schiffer-abstained (conflict of interest).

I. REVIEW/APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSE: AARON LAHAIE, AMY NOFSINGER, LYLE MICKELSON

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve operator's licenses for Aaron LaHaie, Amy Nofsinger and Lyle Mickelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer seconded by Scott DuCharme to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.