

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 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-. present, Scott DuCharme-present, Mitchell Schiffer-present. Joel Greiner, Chis Hardie, Jamey Makepeace, Wade & Kim Evenson attending. Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the August 5, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to move New Business, Item A, Old Business, Item B and New Business, Item E to above Public Comment Time and approve the agenda. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CHRIS HARDIE – 7 RIVERS ALLIANCE

7 Rivers Alliance is a collaborative economic development organization. They want to make this area a better place to live and work. They help communities reinvent themselves and offer strategic planning services. Chris Hardie can outline the process for us at a cost of \$1,000.

OLD BUSINESS

- B.** Jamey Makepeace explained the Clean Water Fund deadline is 9-30-2025. Jamey handed out some information. The CDBG Grant is in jeopardy with president's state revolving fund not funding CDBG Grant for 2026. The Senate Committee and House Appropriations committee passed funding for it. Whether or not we get a CDBG Grant next year is unknown at this time. The DNR approved Floodplain Modeling. A reimbursement resolution needs to be signed at the 9-24-25 special meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- E.** Wade and Kim Evenson handed out a letter to the village board. Wade talked about all the steps they have taken since they acquired their parcel. They have spent \$40,000 so far. They will build a residence in five years. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the recommendation from the plan commission to issue a site/building permits for a pole shed to Ward and Kim Evenson, Parcel#116-00056-0008, American Heritage, De Soto WI 24624. Roll Call: Timothy Gillespie = yes, Scott DuCharme=yes, Mitchell Schiffer=no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one present for public comment time.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the August 25 (check#26573-26598) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme , seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the August 25 (check#10732-10742) sewer bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to suspend regular board meeting and open public hearing for Zoning #40 Amendment. Motion carried

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Discussion on a new pH meter.

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: Nothing to report

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

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

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: See New Business, Item C

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-Nothing to report

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement –There will be extra patrol on Saturday, September 6, 2025

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Discussion on Wall Mural Fundraiser. We will have a fundraiser on September 17, 2025. We will also open a checking account at River Bank for the fundraiser.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Scott talked to Jason Crager about mowing three properties with Ordinance violations.
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 – To be taken off.
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- Monitoring
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- Jason Crager will mow property.
11. Property owner at 625 S Mill Park Dr – To be taken off.
12. Property owner at 120 N Mill Park Dr – Waiting for response
13. Property owner at 162 N Mill Park Dr – Property has been trimmed and mowed.
14. Property owner at 308 S Mill Park Dr – Jason Crager will mow property.

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

See above Public Comment Time

C. REVIEW/APPROVE REVISION TO ZONING ORDINANCE #40

Public Hearing

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:

A. CHRIS HARDIE- 7 RIVERS ALLIANCE

See above Public Comment Time

B. APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2023 ZERO TURN MOWER

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve purchase of the 2023 Toro Zero Turn Mower from Pork Chop Express in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSS/UPDATE/APPROVE 2025-2029 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Scott DuCharme will look at the roads. Tabled until 9-24-25.

D. DISCUSSION ON RENEWING CONTRACT WITH PETERSON, ANTOINE AND PETERSON S.C.

Timothy Gillespie will go down to Prairie du Chien and talk with Tom Peterson about contract.

E. REVIEW/APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM PLAN COMMISSION: SITE/BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR POLE SHED: WARD EVENSON, PARCEL #116-00056-0008, AMERICAN HERITAGE RD, DE SOTO WI 54624

See above Public Comment Time.

F. SET SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to set a special board meeting for September 24, 2025. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday, October 13, 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.