

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 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-. absent, Scott DuCharme-present, Mitchell Schiffer-present. Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the December 2, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the November 11, 2025 Special Board meeting minutes with correction of Trustee to President. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the December 2, 2025 2026 Public Budget Hearing meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one present for Public Comment Time.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the December 25 (check#26675-26710) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the December 25 (check#10778-10792) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.

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: Nothing to Report

LIBRARY: Kari Sanding reported on the library activities and the annual report.

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report

Bird City Wisconsin – See New Business, Item D

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report

Mill Park Bridge Replacement – See Old Business, Item C & New Business, Item B.

Tourism Commission-Nothing to report.

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement –Nothing to report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Nothing to report

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Nothing to report

CLERK: Presentation of Kari Sanding's Public Librarian Certificate.

A choking rescue device was delivered

Letters will be sent to businesses & residents for next meeting

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 625 Ridge St – Clean up in spring
4. Property owner at 635 Ridge St – Letter
5. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – Monitoring.
6. Property owner at 1042 Main St- Monitoring
7. Property owner at 474 Main St and 502 Wall St – Monitoring.
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- Needs another notice.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE

We will have a special meeting to discuss the sewer project with Jamey Makepeace.

- C. DISCUSS/REVIEW MILL PARK DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STATUS**
Nothing new to report.
- D. DISCUSSION ON CHANGING CLERK/TREASURER POSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED.**
In Progress
- E. DISCUSSION/APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DE SOTO AREA TOURISM COMMISSION FOR AIRBNB AND VRBO**
Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DRIFTLESS HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL DOG ONLY CONTRACT RENEWAL**
Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to renew the dog only contract with the Driftless Humane Society for 2026. Motion carried.
- B. DISCUSSION OF CRAWFORD COUNTY MOU-BRIDGE PROJECT.**
Nothing to report.
- C. REVIEW/REVISE ORDINANCE #38, APPENDIX A: SEWER USE AND USER CHARGE**
Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the revision to Ordinance #38, Appendix A: Sewer Use and User Charge to reflect the 2026 Sewer rates. Motion carried.
- D. INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD CITY RESOLUTION #1-26**
Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to accept Resolution #1-26 World Migratory Bird Day. Motion carried.
- E. WINNERS OF 2025 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST**
Winners of the 2025 Christmas lighting contest were: 1st Place – Jim Larsh & Patty Rasque-Larsh. 2nd Place – Emilee Koch. 3rd Place – Lisa and RD Kirby
- F.**

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at the De Soto Community Center: 6:00 pm. Motion carried.
Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.