

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the 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. Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the April 8, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one present for Public Comment Time.

Janet Boardman was recognized. Janet Boardman is concerned about the weeds and blight in the village. Janet reported a dog at large. Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. Kim Bohnenkamp commented on the letter concerning blight and yard maintenance sent to everyone in the village. How will the village enforce this? The village will contract with a 3rd party.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the April 26 (check#26777-26794) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the April 26 (check#10828-10839) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to report.

PARK COMMITTEE: Light poles are installed. The exterior lights will be installed next.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report.

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: See Old Business, Item I

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report

Bird City Wisconsin – Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report

Mill Park Bridge Replacement – See Old Business, Item C

Tourism Commission-Nothing to report

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement – Received May patrol report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: If we hook the siren to NOAA, it will cost approximately \$5,000. There might be a grant available from Vernon County.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Scott discussed properties on Ridge Street.

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Tim Gillespie will take Board of Review training. Discussion on sign pulled down and vandalized. Tim Gillespie will contact the sheriff.

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.-Included in Strategic planning.
3. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – A fine will be sent
4. Property owner at 635 Ridge St – A fine will be sent
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 – Included in Strategic planning
9. Property owner at 222 Mill Park Dr – Included in Strategic planning
10. Property owner at 816 S Treadwell St- Needs another notice.
11. Property owner at 524 Wall St – Dog violation letter sent.
12. Property owner at 509 Ridge St – Letter sent.

- B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE**
See New Business, Item B & C
- C. DISCUSS/REVIEW MILL PARK DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STATUS**
Concerns of school bussing was discussed during construction
- D. DISCUSSION ON CHANGING CLERK/TREASURER POSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED.**
In Progress
- E. MURAL FUNDRAISER UPDATE**
The cost of signage while the mural is worked on will be around \$700. Tim Gillespie will pay for the cost of the signage.
- F. CONNECT COMUNITIES**
Mitchell will attend a webinar and will attend a conference in Madison next week.
- G. 7 RIVERS ALLIANCE**
Discussion on the strategic planning meeting on April 14, 2026. Another meeting will be set up with Chris Hardie to discuss the results and actions to take.
- H. REVIEW ORDINANCE#24: DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNREASONABLE NOISE, CREATING A PUBLIC NUISANCE**
The ordinance is still be reviewed. Tim Gillespie will set up a meeting with LaFarge to discuss how they are enforcing their ordinance.
- I. REVIEW 5 YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS**
Tim Gillespie will talk to Steve Holt about estimates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. OPEN BIDS FOR 2026 DE SOTO CEMETERY CARE**
Only one bid was received. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to award the bid to JC Landscaping for the 2026 De Soto Cemetery Care mowing season.
- B. REVIEW /APPROVE RESOLUTION #2-26: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TO COMMIT MATCH FUNDS & CERTIFICATION OF MATCH FUNDS SECURED**
Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to accept/approve Resolution #2-26: Authorizing resolution to commit match funds & certification of match funds secured. Motion carried.
- C. REVIEW /APPROVE RESOLUTION #3-26: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION.**
Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to accept/approve Resolution #3-26: Authorizing resolution to submit a community development block grant (CDBG) application. Motion carried.
- D. SET DATE FOR 2026 OPEN BOOK AND 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW**
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set Open Book for May 26, 2026 from 10 am to noon. Motion carried.
Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set Board of Review for June 2, 2026 starting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Scott Ducharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday June 2, 2026 at the De Soto Village Hall: 7:00 pm. Motion carried.
Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to adjourn the village board meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.