

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Monday, July 6, 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 June 2, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to move Long Range Planning Report: New Sewer Plant-Jamey Makepeace Engineering above Public Comment Time and approve the agenda. Motion carried.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

8. NEW SEWER PLANT-JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING

Jamey Makepeace gave update on new sewer plant. Derek VanOrden submitted \$700,000 in grant for sewer plant. It is in the house appropriations committee. The CDBG application was submitted in May 2026. We are hoping for \$1,000,000 and will hear the decision in August 2026. The CWF application to due September 30, 2026. We should get more points for the phosphorus limit. We are hoping for \$583,000 to 1,283,900 in grants and we will hear the decision in December 2026. Discussion on BNSF and needing a flag person. We need to determine when a flag person is needed. Current budget includes 55 days needed for flag person.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. Kim asked what progress we have made on ordinance enforcement. We will discuss ordinance enforcement at the Special Meeting on July 22, 2026 at 5:30 pm. Kim also asked when the top of the wall at the cemetery was going to be mowed.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 26 (check#26818-26847) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the June 26 (check#10853-10865) 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: Discussion on Senior Meals and mice problem.

PARK COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

LIBRARY: The summer program is ongoing.

CEMETERY: The space above the wall needs to be mowed.

DE SOTO TOURISM COMMISSION: Meeting was cancelled on June 15, 2026. No quorum

ZONING / COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

CONNECT COMMUNITIES / 7 RIVERS ALLIANCE UPDATE:

MURAL UPDATE / FUNDRAISER: Project will start in August 2026.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: See Old Business, Item B

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report

Bird City Wisconsin – Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report

Mill Park Bridge Replacement – The bridge project will start in August 2026.

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement – Got Patrol hours for July.

New Sewer Plant – Jamey Makepeace Engineering: See Above.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Park board meeting tomorrow, July 7, 2026

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nothing to report.

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Mark Tallman from 7 Rivers Alliance has retired. We will meet Majel Hein his new replacement at the special meeting July 22.

CLERK: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

A. VIEW LETTERS TO ORDINANCE VIOLATORS

1. Property owner at 168 S Mill Park Dr.-Included in Strategic planning.
2. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – A fine and letter was mailed.
3. Property owner at 635 Ridge St – The property is being cleaned up.
4. Property owner at 145 and 165 Main St – Included in Strategic planning
5. Property owner at 222 Mill Park Dr – Included in Strategic planning
6. Property owner at 816 S Treadwell St- A letter was mailed in June 26.
7. Property owner at 34 American Heritage Rd- A letter was mailed in June 26

B. REVIEW/APPROVE BIDS – 5 YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The bids were reviewed. Fahrner = \$11, 000 Scott Construction = \$11, 415. Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the bid from Scott Construction in the amount of \$11,415 plus an additional \$1,665 for N. Houghton St; a total of \$13,080. Motion carried.

C. REVIEW/APPROVE 2025 SEWER UTILITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tabled until July 22, 2026.

D. REVIEW/APPROVE 2025 MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL REPORT: FORM C.

Tabled until July, 22, 2026.

E. JOSCHUA SHARPE: SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Joshua Sharpe discussed the agreement. Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to contract with Joshua Sharpe (an independent contractor) in the amount of \$20 a month. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION #5-26: STATING OPPOSITION OF THE VILLAGE OF DE SOTO TO THE PROPOSED MARIBELL 765 PROJECT

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve Resolution #5-26: Stating opposition of the Village of De Soto to the Proposed Maribell 765 Project. Motion carried.

B. REVIEW /APPROVE PROPOSAL TO MOVE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TO PEOPLES STATE BANK

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to move all of the accounts except the River Bank loan from River Bank to Peoples State Bank. Motion carried.

C. REVIEW/APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES FOR: ALLISON SUDOL, GABRIELLA GROOM, WHITTNEY AUDETAT, WADE BUCKLES, AMY BARBIAN

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve operator licenses for Allison Sudol, Gabriella Groom, Whitney Audetat, Wade Buckles, Amy Barbian. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to set a special board meeting for Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the De Soto Village Hall Motion carried

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday August 4, 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.