

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 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-absent, Mitchell Schiffer-present. Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the July 6, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the July 22, 2026 Special Board meeting minutes. Motion carried

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the June 2, 2026 Board of Review meeting minutes. Motion carried

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Timothy Gillespie to move New Business, Item B above Public Comment Time and approve the agenda. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. REVIEW/APPROVE EXTRATERRITORIAL SUBDIVISION OF TOWN OF FREEMAN LOT

The extraterritorial subdivision of the Town of Freeman Lot was reviewed. Rick Gilman was recognized.

He explained that the village president needs to approve the subdivision before they can proceed. Timothy Gillespie signed the document.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Kim Bohnenkamp was recognized. Kim was asking about what we were doing to address the weeds at various residences in the village. There was a discussion on four letters sent out to residences to address weeds.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the July 26 (check#26848-26877) general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve the July 26 (check#10866-10874) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Ordered epoxy for pump at lift station.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The financial statements 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: A regular meeting will be held every 2nd Tuesday of the month until September, then it will be every other month.

LIBRARY: The summer program is ongoing. The library and village hall were treated for fleas.

CEMETERY: Jason needs to mow the space above the wall.

DE SOTO TOURISM COMMISSION: The commission gave \$5,000 to the Park Committee.

ZONING / COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Nothing to report.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

CONNECT COMMUNITIES / 7 RIVERS ALLIANCE UPDATE:

MURAL UPDATE / FUNDRAISER: The project has begun.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report

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 – Nothing to report

New Sewer Plant – Jamey Makepeace Engineering – Nothing to report

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: Discussion on Bright Spot sign

SCOTT DUCHARME: Absent

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Discussion on trimming bush by Horkheimer property.

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. Another letter was mailed July 24, 2026
7. Property owner at 34 American Heritage Rd- A letter was mailed in June 26
8. Property owner at 418 Main St- A letter was mailed on July 24, 2026
9. Property owner at 137 Ridge St – A letter was mailed on July 24, 2026
10. Property owner at 162 N Mill Park Dr – A letter was mailed on July 24, 2026

B. REVIEW/APPROVE 2025 SEWER UTILITY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The 2025 Sewer Utility financial statement was approved.

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

The 2025 Municipal Financial Report: Form C was approved.

D. REVIEW/APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT

We will revise and get it back to them.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW /APPROVE CHANGING CLERK/TREASURER POSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to approve Charter Ordinance #1 as revised to reflect changing the clerk/treasurer position from elected to appointed. Motion carried.

B. SEE NEW BUSINESS ABOVE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

ADJOURN

Motion made Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Timothy Gillespie to set the next regular board meeting for Tuesday September 1, 2026 at the De Soto Village Hall: 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Timothy Gillespie seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to adjourn the village board meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.