STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

December 4, 2023

President Eric Schuler called the first regular monthly meeting of the De Soto Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 P.M. Village Clerk Paula Parks was present to record the minutes.

Present Brian Gleason Eric Shuler

 Jennifer Morgan Cristy Desormeau

Absent: Tony Rushing Paulette Johnson

 Rachel Alstat

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to approve the November expense report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cristy Desormeaux, seconded by Brian Gleason, to pay the list of bills. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes. Motion carried.

The Phase IV Watermain Replacements project will require boring under the Illinois Central railroad tracks to install a water main. Illinois Central Railroad Company requires a license to construct and maintain the pipeline across, along and underneath the property of the Railroad. The one-time fee for such a license is $5,400.00.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to approve the agreement with Illinois Central Railroad Company for underground pipelines, cables and conduits and to pay the $5,400.00 fee. Upon roll vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Jennifer Morgan reported that after voting at the previous meeting to approve cyber protection with Cowbell Insurance Company, Sheffer Insurance Company had found another company that offered cyber insurance with better coverage, a lower deductible and a little less premium.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to rescind the motion from the previous meeting approving cyber insurance with Cowbell Insurance Company and to approve cyber insurance with CFC Underwriting Insurance Company for an annual premium of $1,275.00, effective November 22, 2023 through November 21, 2024. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to approve the 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cristy Desormeaux, seconded by Jennifer Morgan, to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion carried.

President Eric Schuler presented three (3) estimates for remediation of the mold at the park house as follows: Majestic Enterprize, Inc. for $3,722.00; Servpro of Carbondale/Marion for $11,858.60; and Foundation Recovery Systems for $22,000.00 or $5,451.00 depending on the type of work performed. Board members felt that the work provided by Majestic Enterprize would be sufficient to treat the mold. The Village would purchase a dehumidifier for the basement and possibly paint the walls for maintenance after the mold had been abated.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Brian Gleason, to hire Majestic Enterprize, Inc. to abate the mold at the park house for $3,722.00 to be paid from the Park Fund, Line Item 152-492. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Jennifer Morgan, to transfer $5,400.00 from the Water Savings account to the Water Operating Account, Line Item 200-495. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes. Motion carried.

President Schuler reported that he had met with Darrell Bryant of Jackson Growth Alliance and Brooke from Greater Egypt. They had explained that Jackson Growth Alliance and Greater Egypt could help find a grant for village beautification and provide ideas for economic development.

Director of Public Works Danny Vancil reported that there was 2 ½ feet to 6 feet of sludge in the lower cell of the lagoon. He said there should not be any. The Sewer Committee had met with Village Engineer Harold Sheffer prior to the board meeting to discuss a plan of action for sludge removal and wastewater treatment options to alleviate the problem.

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local #316 had donated a large box of toys to the school for the Christmas toy drive.

The next village board meeting will be held Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Brian Gleason, to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Parks

Village Clerk