STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

February 20, 2024

President Eric Schuler called the first 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 Tony Rushing Brian Gleason

Eric Schuler Jennifer Morgan

Cristy Desormeaux Rachel Alstat

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Brian Gleason, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Jennifer Morgan, to approve the January revenue report. Motion carried.

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

President Schuler officially declared a vacancy in the Office of Trustee.

Nicole Galloway was present to express an interest in the position of trustee.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Tony Rushing , to authorize Du Quoin State Bank to remove Paulette Johnson and add Rachel Alstat as a signer on the following bank accounts at Du Quoin State Bank: 115-767-7 General Operating; 004-100-9 General Savings; 115-765-5 Motor Fuel Operating; 004-100-8 Motor Fuel Savings; 115-764-4 Sewer Operating; 004-100-5 Sewer Savings; 115 763-3 Sewer Bond/Interest Checking; 004-100-7 Sewer Depreciation Savings; 004-100-6 Sewer Reserve Savings; 115-760-0 Water Operating; 004-100-3 Water Savings; 115-761-1 Water Customer Deposit Checking; 115-762-2 De Soto Revitalization Checking. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Tony Rushing, to enter into a five-year agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. to purchase body cameras and necessary accessories and for maintenance with an initial price of $5,109.23 and totaling $18,151.60 over the five-year period. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Tony Rushing, to purchase body armor for Chief Doan from Armor Express for up to $3,432.38. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Tony Rushing reported that there were two applicants for water meter reader. A Water Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30 to interview the applicants.

Trustee Brian Gleason reported that Police Officer Eric Howard was resigning effective March 5, 2024. The Police Department is looking for someone to fill the position.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to approve the application for a building permit from Nicole Doty to install a portable building at 100 N. Hickory St. Motion carried.

The park Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 23 at 10 AM with a rain date of March 30.

The next village board meeting will be held Monday, March 4 at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Jennifer Morgan, to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Parks

Village Clerk