STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

August 21, 2023

President Eric Schuler called the second 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 Paulette Johnson Eric Schuler

 Jennifer Morgan Rachel Alstat

 Cristy Desormeaux

Absent: Tony Rushing Brian Gleason

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

Motion made by Paulette Johnson, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to approve the July revenue report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cristy Desormeux, seconded by Paulette Johnson, to pay the list of bills. Upon roll call vote: Paulette Johnson – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Jose Mendoza was present to discuss the need for repair of the sidewalk at the small diamond to make it handicapped accessible. He also expressed the need for a crossing area from one diamond to the other that is easily handicapped accessible. Trustee Cristy Desormeaux said that the village employees would repair the sidewalk and look into making a handicapped accessible crosswalk.

Trustee Brian Gleason entered the meeting at 7:09 PM and took his seat.

Trustee Paulette Johnson stated that the gazebo at the Seniors Park is in need of being painted. She had an estimate from one person, but the board members wanted to further investigate options.

Motion made by Paulette Johnson, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to table discussion on painting the gazebo until the next meeting. Motion carried.

The area to be mowed in accordance with the agreement with Ronald Bandy had been confirmed, and the Village was ready to move forward with the contract.

Motion made by Paulette Johnson, seconded by Brian Gleason, to approve the agreement with Ronald Bandy, pending Ronald Bandy’s approval. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason -Yes; Paulette Johnson – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Ben Doan reported that the police are still patrolling traffic at the intersection of S. Ash Street and W. Douglas St. Chief Doan said there is not much traffic, and there are no problems.

Trustee Paulette Johnson reported that the Back-to-School Splash went well.

The De Soto Daze Fund had received a $100.00 donation from Robert Kelly. The funds will be used for a future event such as the 62924 commemoration.

Trustee Rachel Asltat reported that a Sewer Committee meeting with Engineer Harold Sheffer will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 5 to discuss options for resolution of the problems with the Landfill’s leachate coming into our sewer system.

President Eric Schuler appointed a special “62924” committee to start planning for an event on June 29, 2024. Those appointed were Cristy Desormeau, Chair, and trustees Paulette Johnson and Jennifer Morgan.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Paulette Johnson, to pass Ordinance No. 2023-6 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason -Yes; Paulette Johnson – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried. Ordinance incorporated by reference.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to allow the Shriner’s to collect donations at the four-way intersection on Saturday, September 16. Motion carried.

The next village board meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Jennifer Morgan, seconded by Brian Gleason, to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Parks

Village Clerk