STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

December 16, 2024

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

Present: Brian Gleason Fern Martin

Eric Schuler Rachel Alstat

Absent: Tony Rushing Jennifer Morgan

 Cristy Desormeaux

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

Motion made by Rachel Alstat, seconded by Brian Gleason, to approve the November Revenue report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fern Martin, seconded by Brian Gleason, to pay the list of bills. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Fern Martin – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

President Eric Schuler said that Milk and Cookies with Santa went well. He thanked everyone who helped and donated cookies.

Trustee Rachel Alstat reported that the Water Committee had met prior to the regular meeting to interview the applicant for the water meter reader. Trustee Alstat stated that the Committee liked the applicant and recommended hiring Jeramy Wright as the water meter reader.

Motion made by Rachel Alstat, seconded by Fern Martin, to hire Jeramy Wright at $.72 per meter for 450 meters. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Fern Martin – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Rachel Alstat, seconded by Brian Gleason, to suspend the rules to move Agenda Item 6b, Pay Increase for Utilities Clerk, until after Agenda Item 10a, Ordinance 2024-5 Amending Chapter 6 of Revised Code – Building Code. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works reported that a new cleaning head for the jetter, costing about $600.00 would be needed in the new year.

Village Clerk Paula Parks explained that a new law effective January 1, 2025, would require a municipality currently having a building code to adopt the International Building Code and enforce it. The law does not require the municipality to adopt a building code. Since the Village of De Soto does not have the resources to enforce the International Building Code, the current building code will be deleted and a Construction Code passed, which relieves the Village of the enforcement of the International Building Code and puts the responsibility on the owner and the contractor.

Motion made by Fern Martin, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to pass Ordinance 2024-5 Amending Chapter 6 of Revised Code – Building Code. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Fern Martin – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion Carried. Ordinance incorporated by reference.

Motion made by Fern Martin, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to go into executive session at 7:18 PM to discuss personnel, pursuant to *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)*. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Fern Martin – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Rachel Alstat, seconded by Brian Gleason, to come out of executive session at 7:34 PM. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Fern Martin – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Rachel Alstat, seconded by Fern Martin, to increase the utilities clerk’s pay to $16.00 per hour and to include all paid holidays. Upon roll call vote: Brian Gleason – Yes; Fern Martin – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion Carried.

The next board meeting will be held January 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Parks

Village Clerk