STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

June 2, 2025

President Pro Temp Brian Gleason called the first regular monthly meeting of the De Soto Village Board of Trustees to order at 7:05 P.M. Village Clerk Paula Parks was present to record the minutes.

Present : Tony Rushing Brian Gleason

 Nichole Galloway Cristy Desormeaux

Rachel Alstat

Absent: Eric Schuler Jennifer Morgan

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

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to approve the May expense report. Motion carried.

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

Stephanie Crews, a landlord, was present to express her concern that landlords are being stuck with tenants’ water bills when they move out and leave an unpaid bill. Even though the current ordinance requires the landlord to pay the water bill before water can be turned back on at that particular address and other municipalities have the same requirement, she felt it was not right. Mrs. Crews believes it is not the responsibility of the landlord to pay the tenants’ unpaid bills. She asked the Board to look for an alternative way to resolve this issue.

There were other landlords present to express their concerns in agreement with Mrs. Crews.

President Pro Temp Gleason suggested having a Water Committee meeting to discuss the issue and try to come up with solutions. Trustee Tony Rushing will schedule a Water Committee Meeting.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to table action on the 1% grocery tax until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cristy Desormeaux, seconded by Nichole Galloway, to rescind the motion made at the May 5 meeting to hire MidAmerica Sports Construction. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Nichole Galloway – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Jennifer Morgan – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Tony Rushing reported that the money has been appropriated for Phase IV Watermain Replacements project, but the IEPA is waiting for it to be released.

The next village board meeting will be held Monday, June 16, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Nichole Galloway, to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Parks

Village Clerk