

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DESOTO
Tuesday, December 4, 2007**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Office in De Soto.

President Bob Matthews called the regular board meeting to order with roll call as follows: Bob Matthews-present, Jon Fruth-present, Raymond Kirby-present, and Carrie Brudos-present.

Motion made by Raymond Kirby and seconded by Jon Fruth to approve the November 6, 2007 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Raymond Kirby and seconded by Jon Fruth to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Raymond Kirby and seconded by Jon Fruth to approve the general bills. Motion carried.

Motion made by Raymond Kirby and seconded by Jon Fruth to approve the sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Department elections were held. Fire Chief-Chris Mussatti, Treasurer-Deb Mussatti and Secretary-Tammy Gilman. The price to repair the fire truck is not known yet.

LIBRARY:

Christmas party will be December 13th.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Nothing to report.

PARK COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

CEMETERY:

Nothing to report.

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Annexations: Nothing to report.

Recycling Center Building: Nothing to report.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

BOB MATTHEWS:

1. Randy Ballwahn has an interest in the Mill Park Drive property.
2. Winneshiek Manufacturing will close by the end of 2007.
3. Lolita Kohler was reminded of her dumpster. A follow up is planned.
4. Kerry Olson (DNR) said a permit to dredge out the boat landing shouldn't be too hard to get. We need to determine how much volume of dirt, mud and sand needs to be removed. Bob also talked with her about the creek behind Bluffside Mobile Home Court.
5. Mr Davis, De Soto Area Schools wants to meet with the board. A time will be set up.

RAYMOND KIRBY:

1. Steve worked on the sewer mains for the Bluffside Mobile Home Court. The village truck needs a different snow plow; it goes through too many cutting edges. Raymond will look into it.

JON FRUTH:

1. Fireworks have again been a problem for the village. A letter will be sent concerning this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:

Bob Frank was recognized. He is concerned about traffic in Bluffside Mobile Home Court. The board will order 10 m.p.h. signs to hopefully slow down traffic.

Motion by Raymond Kirby seconded by Jon Fruth to purchase the Canon Copier instead of leasing it for 3 years. The Maintenance agreement will stay the same at \$18.00 a month. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DISCUSSION ON CRAWFORD COUNTY TOURISM DONATION

Motion made by Bob Matthews seconded by Raymond Kirby to decline a donation of \$700.00 to the Crawford County Tourism Committee. Motion carried.

B. SET 2008 BUDGET HEARING DATE

Motion made by Bob Matthews seconded by Jon Fruth to set the 2008 Public Budget Hearing for December 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

C. DISCUSS OR APPROVE ASSESSOR'S CONTRACT

The contract will be 2,500.00 for the 2008 tax year for McGuire-Nagel Assessment Service. Motion made by Jon Fruth and seconded by Bob Matthews to approve payment of \$11,923.00 per the contract for reevaluation of the village, open book and board of review. Motion carried.

D. DISCUSS YEARLY LETTER TO RESIDENTS

The village board reviewed the 2007 yearly letter to the village residents.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Bob Matthews and seconded by Raymond Kirby to set the next regular board meeting for January 8th at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon Fruth and seconded by Bob Matthews to adjourn. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.