STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF JACKSON)

VILLAGE OF DESOTO)

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 4, 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 Cristy Desormeaux

 Rachel Alstat

Absent: Jennifer Morgan

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

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Brian Gleason, to approve the February expense report. Motion carried.

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

Mark Sutton of J. T. Blankinship, Inc. was present to discuss possible additions to the Phase IV Watermain Replacement. Mr. Sutton explained that the only transite lines left to be replaced are at Camelot and Heritage Drive. He asked if the Board would want to replace those lines with the Phase IV Watermain Replacements Project so that all transite lines in the village would be replaced. The total cost to add these lines to the project would be $125,000.00. If these lines are added, total project cost would be estimated at $1,315,000.00. With 50% debt forgiveness, the annual payment would be $36,354.00 for 20 years.

Mr. Sutton reported that there are two vendors for the radio read meters to be purchased for the project. The cost for Zenner meters would be $144,954.00. The cost for Badger meters would be $145,904.00. The monthly fee for maintenance would be $1,200.00 for Zenner and $2010.00 for Badger.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Brian Gleason, to add replacement of the two transite lines at Camelot and Heritage Dr. to the Phase IV Watermain Replacement for an additional cost of $125,000.00. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Tony Rushing reported that the Water Committee had interviewed three applicants for the water meter reader position. The Committee recommended hiring Rachel Gould.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to hire Rachel Gould as a water meter reader as soon as she is available to start. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Brian Gleason read the letter of resignation from Utilities Clerk Tricia Burns. Mrs. Burns is resigning effective March 29, 2024.

Trustee Cristy Desormeaux reported that she is continuing to make plans for the 62924 event. The Tomcat Hill’s Social Club Band and a food truck are booked so far.

Trustee Desormeaux also reported that the Jackson County Historical Society has asked that the Board of Trustees let them know where they want the marker commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1925 tornado placed. Placing the marker at the school, the cemetery or the village hall was discussed.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Rachel Alstat, to go into executive session at 7:39 PM to discuss personnel, pursuant to *5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)*. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brian Gleason, seconded by Tony Rushing, to come out of executive session at 8:06 PM. Upon roll call vote: Tony Rushing – Yes; Brian Gleason – Yes; Cristy Desormeaux – Yes; Rachel Alstat – Yes. Motion carried.

No action was taken.

The next village board meeting will be held Monday, March 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the village hall.

Motion made by Tony Rushing, seconded by Cristy Desormeaux, to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. Parks

Village Clerk