

**Town of Somerset & Village of Somerset
with Fire/Rescue Commission
Joint Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

Town Chairman Ed Schachtner called the joint meeting to order at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Shane Demulling, Larry Rauch, Lenny Germain, Ed Schachtner, Greg Sayers, Ryan Sicard, Jeff Johnson, Bob Campbell, Bartt Palmer, Ron Hill, Travis Belisle, Tom Roy, Mike Hanks. Absent: Doug Plourde, Rita Lawson, David Carufel and Mike Hammer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda & Public Input: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Palmer to approve the agenda. Motion carried. There was no public input.

Approval of Previous Joint Meeting Minutes: Motion by Johnson, seconded by Rauch to approve the joint meeting minutes from April 27, 2010. Motion carried.

Financial Report as of June 30, 2010: Discussion on 2% Fire Dues being lower this year. Motion by Germain, seconded by Hill to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

2010 Budget Split & Fire/Rescue Contract: Schachtner asked all present to look over the original Fire/Rescue Protection Contract and offer any additions/deletions to the clerks for discussion at next joint meeting. Things to think about: Term/length of the contract. Belisle will put together Exhibit A (List of Equipment) for the next meeting. Fire Dept. owns the Argo; all the rest of the equipment is jointly owned. Both Town & Village are having a revaluation of property assessment this year, as well as the population numbers from the U.S. Census. This data, along with call totals, should provide good information for reviewing the budget split in the contract.

Argo Insurance Claim/Damage: Argo has been repaired and is back in operation. Damage was covered by insurance.

New Business-180th Ave./Parent Street Improvements: Schachtner stated the road is in need of some repair. Town is looking to improve their section of road, but if Village receives an annexation request, the Town would like to be reimbursed for some of the road repair work. Johnson stated Town standards don't require curb and gutter so the road standards are different. Demulling asked if at next joint meeting, there could be discussion on a short-term depreciation schedule. Consensus was further discussion at next joint meeting.

Village's Sidewalk Plans for Property Along Town Hall (Safe Routes to School Grant): Johnson stated Village applied for a grant and would like to get a bike/pedestrian route along the Town Hall in state road right-of-way. Demulling asked if 180th Avenue/Parent Street could be considered as a route. Sicard stated the route would cross the highway where there is no stop light/crosswalk and there is a stop light/crosswalk by the Dairy Queen. If grant is obtained, construction would be in the Spring.

Consumption of Alcohol on Fire Hall Premises: Belisle stated one day out of the year, beer is donated during Pea Soup Days after hosting water fights with other departments. Staff was available and on call. Johnson questioned proper policing of who is underage and not, sobriety when on call, and written policy on this issue. Belisle stated all areas have been addressed. No problems; no issues; department was discreet. Belisle will check with insurance company on liability issue and amending policy for coverage. Next joint meeting agenda item.

Payment to Fire Dept. for Services at Country Splash Concert: Belisle submitted a bill to Village for approximately \$4,100. No payment has been received. Belisle stated assumption was Village would pay the Fire Dept. and it was up to the Village to collect the payment from the concert promoters. Johnson responded the bill is not being ignored and that was the language in the Conditional Use Permit. Johnson informed Belisle to request the item be brought back to the Finance Committee and then placed on a Village Board agenda for consideration.

Set Date & Time for Next Joint Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Hill to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Town Clerk