

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 2, 2008**

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at February 6th meeting.

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Plourde, Demulling and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Public Input: Howard Cameron introduced himself and stated he is running for Branch 4, Circuit Court judge.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the December 5th Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the December Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector Report for December and Annual Report: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the Building Inspector's Reports. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Animal Control Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the December Animal Control Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: No report from Chief Belisle. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the quote of \$1,500.00 from Gaylen Schilling Construction for a counter top in the fire hall. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Board reviewed draft of Knox Box Ordinance. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to postpone ordinance to February agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Sale of St. Croix National and Concept Plan: Gunderson reported on sale of St. Croix National property; asking price is 2.2 million. Parks & Rec Committee is seeking Town Board approval to take \$2,000 out of the Park Fund to have Stevens Engineers develop a concept plan of the property. Gunderson stated a concept plan would identify the best location for fields, along with excavation needs and costs. The owner wants \$100,000 down/non refundable. Gunderson stated it could remain a golf course until Board decides what they are going to do with the property. John Gunther gave a presentation and breakdown of assets/costs on St. Croix National's buildings, land, and equipment. Gunther added the Town could run a publicly owned golf course. Discussion on costs of running and maintaining a golf course and revenue/expenses. Suzanne Peoples discussed grants, terrain, needs assessment study, maintenance of property and concept plan costs. Steve Whillock, manager of St. Croix National, discussed the flat pieces of land available. Demulling reiterated his opinion that proximity of Town parks to schools and Village parks is most desirable. Schachtner stated his concern with the financing, terrain, and location. Randy Rosburg and Brad Nemecek spoke on behalf of the school district being able to use the park for hiking, cross country skiing, running and maybe a future school site. Lynn Cook stated his opposition to the purchase. Lorraine Germain encouraged Board to pursue other land parcels available and questioned insurance liability. After much discussion, it was the Board's consensus to have the Park & Rec Committee and Town Board members meet with Western Wisconsin Land Trust on January 7th at 7:00 p.m. before approving a concept plan by Stevens Engineers.

Old Business-Suzanne Peeples/Stevens Engineers-Impact Fees: Peeples presented a spreadsheet on commercial impact fee per acre. Peeples will update needs assessment. Town will have to hold another public hearing before considering adoption of an impact fee ordinance. February agenda item-update of needs assessment, review spreadsheet, set date/time for public hearing.

New Business-Invoices for Truck Repairs from Boyer and Interstate: Board reviewed invoices from Interstate in the amount of \$7,937.72 and Boyer Trucks in the amount of \$3,671.43 for truck repairs on the 2005 Sterling. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve \$7,937.72 for payment to Interstate for the transmission repair. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Schachtner will contact Boyer concerning their invoice.

Draw Names for Supervisor Candidates Placement on Ballot: Gunderson drew the candidate's names as follows: Lenny Germain (first), Shane Demulling (second).

Recognition of Receipt of Certified Letter from Riverside Ministries: Board acknowledged receipt of certified letter from Riverside Ministries. Gunderson requested copies of Irwin's correspondence with Riverside Ministries.

Agreement with St. Croix County Dept. of Aging for use of Town Hall for 2008: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 2008 agreement with St Croix County Dept. of Aging. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Dan Baillargeon-Request for Special Exception Permit for Contractor Storage Yard in Ag./Res. District at 2038 Hwy. 35: Dan Baillargeon was not present at meeting. Discussion on Town meeting procedures and setting a precedent. Larry Rauch stated this item needs to be postponed at County pending Town's comments, as Planning Commission and Town Board has not researched or heard the applicant's plans. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde that the Town Board requests the County Board of Adjustments postpone this application for Dan Baillargeon's Special Exception Permit for a contractor storage yard in an ag/res zoned district until the applicant goes to the Planning Commission and Town Board with plans for final approval. Motion carried. All voted yes.

Planning Commission Report: Rauch presented update on Town's new subdivision ordinance for Planning Commission and Board to review and edit.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk