

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Present were: Rauch, Demulling, Germain, Plourde and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. No public input.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the December 2nd and 16th Minutes as provided. Motion carried. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to approve the December Financial Report. Motion carried.

Building Inspector 2009 December & Annual Report: 2009 Annual Report-6 additions, 1 ag. bldg., 4 alterations, 1 commercial, 15 decks, 3 electrical, 1 HVAC, 1 pool, 4 homes, 3 porches, 1 raze, 9 repairs, and 14 sheds. Board is questioning fee formula, if applications are signed by applicant or changed and how estimated building costs are calculated. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve the 2009 December and Annual Building Inspector Reports. Motion carried.

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

Consideration of Amendment to Animal Humane Society Contract Effective February 1, 2010-No Services for Feral Cats: Motion by Germain, seconded by Rauch to approve the amended contract with the Animal Humane Society in Woodbury, effective February 1, 2010, no acceptance or services for feral cats. Motion carried.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Total calls for 2009 = 359. Ken Parent retired after 32 years. Structure fire on 1-3-10; no injuries. New Hurst tool and 4 cold water rescue suits have been purchased. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission Report. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Germain reported Committee is investigating a controlled burn and prairie grass restoration at old landfill site. Costs would be very minimal. Much of the area already has significant prairie grasses. Plourde asked if there would be any restrictions on land. Germain stated no restrictions, just maintain 10 acres of prairie grass for 10 years. Board consensus was positive if costs to Town were minimal, less than \$1,000. Meeting at site January 14, 12:30 p.m. Joint meeting agenda item for January 27th.

Old Business-Mobile Home Construction Trailer on 50th Street-Keith Langness: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to have the Town Board send Keith Langness & Patricia Morris a letter, with the Wisconsin Statute, regarding construction trailer in the right of way. Structure to be moved to comply or Town will make arrangements to have it moved out of the road right-of-way, with special charges put on their 2010 tax bill.

Town Violations- Thomas Reinke Plastic Culvert, Julie Armstead & Leon Reiman – Large Rocks in Right-of-Way: Francis has complied. Reinke, Armstead & Reiman have not complied. Letters will be sent with a deadline of May 1st to come into compliance or Town will contract out to have items brought into compliance and put a special charge on their 2010 tax bill.

New Business-Draw Supervisor Names for Placement on April Ballot: Schachtner drew the supervisor names for placement on ballot: Shane M. Demulling, Lenny Germain.

Attendance for Town Board at WI Town’s Association District Meetings w/Board of Review Training: Plourde & Rauch at Cumberland on Saturday, February 6th; Demulling, Germain, Schachtner & Koester at Eau Claire on Friday, March 26th.

Consideration of Approval of a Temporary Class “B: License to Somerset Youth Athletic Association for Ice Fishing Contest on Bass Lake February 27 (alt. date: March 6): Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to approve a Temporary Class “B” License to Somerset Youth Athletic Association at Bass Lake (745-153rd Ave) February 27, with the notation that a licensed operator from the Town be present at all times. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report-Codification of Ordinances Price Quotes: Plourde wants to confirm ordinances in effect and get final contract for acceptance. Next month’s agenda item.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report- Insurance Claim for Snowplow: Schachtner stated insurance company is totaling the snow plow; \$250.00 deductible.

TRIP Award \$13,193.59 for 45th Street Paving: County will be sending a final contract.

Cost on Surveying/Deed for Correcting Back Property Line: Cost to Town to be minimal.

Convene into Closed Session per WSS 19.85 (1)(c): Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to convene into closed session per WSS 19.85 (1)(c). Roll call vote: Demulling-yes, Germain-yes, Rauch-yes, Plourde-yes, Schachtner-yes. Closed session at 10:05 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Rauch to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Demulling-yes, Rauch-yes, Germain-yes, Plourde-yes, Schachtner-yes. Open session at 11:00 p.m.

Motion by Plourde, seconded by Germain to approve having Doar Drill Skow draft a response to the Better Business Bureau complaint and copy in Joseph M. Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Demulling, seconded by Rauch to appoint Schachtner as the immediate supervisor of the road maintenance/shop employees until further specified. Motion carried.

Announcements: Joint Meeting w/Village Wed., January 27th, 7 pm at Town Hall
Wisconsin Town’s Assoc. Meeting, Thurs., January 28th, 7 pm at Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk