

**Town of Somerset
Special and Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2007**

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at the March 7th meeting.

Special Town Board Meeting: Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Demulling, Schachtner, and Suzanne Peeples, engineer. Plourde arrived at 6:45 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss and review the Capital Improvement Plan worksheet by identifying existing facilities and equipment, future projects, and estimated costs. Peeples requested an additional meeting to work on prioritizing road projects and costs. A special meeting will be held on February 12, 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Regular Town Board Meeting: Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes. No public input.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the January Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Wert presented January report of two new homes, two sheds, and one alteration. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the January Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Belisle regarding January activities. Pricing for purchase of a brush truck is being obtained.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Gunderson reported on past meeting; working with Peeples on standards for Town. Next meeting March 5th.

Old Business-State approved plans for Fire Hall and Town Hall Offices with Consideration of Advertising for Sealed Bid: Schachtner presented state-approved plans received from A/CA Engineering for interior modifications for offices. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve putting out on sealed bid the state-approved plans for offices for the Fire Hall (Phase I), Town Office (Phase II) and a combination of both offices (Phase III) with the cost for each phase being separated out in the bid. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

New Business-Tom Jenkins/Rural Mutual Insurance-Insurance Review and Endorsements: Jenkins presented a detailed printout of current coverage. Jenkins recommended three additional endorsements be added to the policy. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to add the F-824 physical damage for \$25.00/year, F-828 glass breakage deductible for \$50.00/year, and uninsured/underinsured motorist 1-million coverage for \$40.00/year-effective immediately. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission Report-Dennis Neumann/Request to Rezone 128.32 acres (2 parcels) from Ag. to Ag./Residential: Neumann requested rezonement of his two parcels from ag. to ag./residential. Rezonement was approved by the Planning Commission. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the rezonement request by Dennis Neumann for 128.32 acres (2 parcels; 1 in Section 24 and 1 in Section 25) noting there is no problem with the parcel in Section 25 for a future 72nd Street connection, and citing WSS 91.77, which was met. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Discussion on WI Tax Solutions Letter: Schachtner will contact Wisconsin Towns Association, as the Town must respond within 90 days to the letter. No action taken.

House at 2098 Hwy. 35 and Future Extension of 210th Avenue: Mike Germain could not attend the meeting, however, he requested possible options regarding the existing house and the setback from proposed 210th Avenue extension. Board consensus was to send Germain a letter stating they need to see a map with exact measurements from edge of garage to proposed road and edge of house to proposed road before discussion possible options. No action taken.

Class B Temporary Liquor License (Picnic/Gathering) for Somerset Youth Athletic Association: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve issuing a Class B Temporary Liquor License for February 24, 2007 (rain date: February 25, 2007) to Somerset Youth Athletic Association for an ice fishing contest on the north bay of Bass Lake. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Belisle Excavating-Request for \$2,350.00 in Overcharges for 85th Street Project: A lengthy discussion concerning overcharges and misunderstanding from last meeting's invoice. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approve payment of \$2,350.00 to Belisle Excavating for overcharges on 85th Street. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Petherbridge Invoice for \$1,300.00-Erosion Mat on 85th Street Project: Petherbridge was a subcontractor for Belisle. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to postpone payment of \$1,300.00 to Belisle (Invoice 20,142) for Petherbridge erosion mat until May meeting when roadway can be inspected. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consideration of Purchasing Extra Polling Booths: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the purchase of five portable Pollmaster I voting booths at a cost of \$210.00 each plus \$16.00 each shipping. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

NIMS Training Class/Emergency Management: Damage Assessment Training Class is on February 28th at 1:00 p.m. – Demulling, Gunderson, and possibly Schachtner will attend. NIMS Training 100/700 is scheduled for March 12, 6-10:00 p.m. at Hudson Fire Department-all Board members plan to attend.

WI Town's Association District Meeting/Eau Claire: Gunderson, Demulling and possibly Schachtner to attend March 16th.

Review of Employee Handbook (draft): No action taken. Next meeting agenda.

Discussion on Sending a Certified Letter to Constable regarding Town Equipment: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to have Town send Constable a certified letter asking for relinquishment of Town property at end of term (May 1).

Discussion on Animal Control after May 1: Discussion on per call basis, condition of kennel, and hiring out of animal control. No action taken.

Upgrade of 192nd Avenue and County Road I Intersection: Board reviewed St. Croix County Highway Department's plans on improvements, along with costs to Town. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk