

**Village of Somerset/Town of Somerset/Fire/Rescue Commission  
Joint Board Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2009**

Village Hall, 110 Spring Street, Somerset WI 54025

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President Johnson called the joint meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Somerset Village Hall. Present: Jeff Johnson, Gerald Mullenberg, Bob Campbell, Bartt Palmer, Greg Sayers, Doug Plourde, Ed Schachtner, Lenny Germain, Rita Lawson and Tom Roy. Absent: Ron Hill, Ryan Sicard, Denise Gunderson, Shane Demulling and Robert Goserud.

**Public Comment:** Rita Lawson questioned the school driveway and concerns regarding safety. Doug Briggs discussed a meeting he attended with the school regarding the driveway. The board discussed future roads in the area and safety concerns with having only one exit. Rita Lawson asked about the generators and how they will work during an emergency.

**Minutes:** Motion by Mullenberg, second by Germain to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**2007 Fire/Rescue Audit Report:** Steve Schidler reported on the Audit Report for 2007. He discussed the equity between the Village and Town. The village has a negative balance and the town has a positive balance. The board agreed that at this time it does not pose a problem and will have to be reviewed prior to next contract. Mullenberg left.

**Fire/Rescue Financial Report:** Brian Duncan reported on the 2008 Budget. At the end of 2008 there was approximately \$2900 left in the checking account. There are some outstanding invoices which brings it down to zero. Plourde requested that the report be provided to the committee prior to the meeting.

**Old Town Hall Committee:** Rita Lawson reported on the roof repair and the Halloween activity at the Old Town Hall.

**County Board Report:** No report.

**Annexation Payments:** Schachtner stated that the payment for the town portion of back taxes for annexation is to be collected by the Village of Somerset. The clerk reported that we will change the procedure for collection.

**Fire/Rescue Payment for the 2008 Concert Season:** Chief Belisle requested support from the boards to collect the \$10,000 that is owed to them for the 2008 concert season. The boards discussed adding Fire/Rescue to the Interim Conditional Use Permit. Chief Briggs suggested that they approach it through a written agreement because the ICUP operates on a cost basis only and anything not spent is returned. The Fire/Rescue agreement operates as a donation.

**Jurisdiction of 80<sup>th</sup> Street:** Schachtner said they are servicing a road that is Village of Somerset on one side and Town of Star Prairie on the other. They requested

the Village take over that portion of the road. Johnson said that the road is in terrible condition and would need to be improved. No solution was provided for the issue.

**Fire Dept. Insurance:** A question was raised concerning if insurance quotes had been looked at by the Fire Dept. Chief Belisle stated that last year they reviewed proposals for other insurance carriers. Plourde suggested that those be available.

**Village/Town joint land:** Schachtner asked the Village for permission to pursue some options to develop trails on the old dump site land. The village agreed but Johnson stated that we would not be providing funds for it. Schachtner stated that they are in the planning stage of it and are looking at getting volunteers to assist with project.

**Town request for Village Law Enforcement and Court Services:** Ed Schachtner discussed the need to have someone patrolling the Twin Spring boat landing during the summer months on weekends. They have talked to the county about it but would like to give the Village a chance to do if they want. Johnson expressed concerns. The Public Safety Committee will review.

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**Special Assessment Search Fee:** Motion by Plourde, second by Germain to charge \$15.00 for Special Assessment searches for the Town of Somerset. Motion carried.

The boards tentatively schedule the next meeting to be June 24, 2009 at the Town Hall.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Schachtner, second by Sayers to adjourn and motion carried.  
Adjournment 8:40 p.m.

Pamela Donohoe, Village Clerk  
Village Clerk