

Town of Somerset
Public Hearing on Needs Assessment Study and Impact Fee Ordinance
& Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing

Chairman Schachtner called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. Present were Germain, Gunderson, Plourde, Demulling, Schachtner and Suzanne Peeples/Stevens Engineers. Peeples discussed changes to Impact Fee Statute enacted January 4, 2008. Changes in regard to acquiring parkland, collection upon issuance of building permit and time frame for spending impact fee changed to 10 years instead of 7 years. Peeples has amended needs assessment study and ordinance to correlate with recent Statute changes. No public comments. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to close the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Town Board 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.

Public Input: Mark Gherty addressed those present on his experience and qualifications for Circuit Court Judge. Gherty encouraged everyone to vote for him on April 1.

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

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read a report from Belisle on number of calls, training and grant applications. Discussion on Knox Box Ordinance, requiring all new businesses to conform to the new requirements and encouraging, but not requiring, all existing businesses to conform to the ordinance. Grant applications and discussion on two tier grants, with the possibility of obtaining a generator and some equipment. Grant application due in April. Town building will require two generators. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling that at this time, the Fire Dept. write the grant for the generator for the Fire Dept. only, with the 5% coming out of their budget. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Belisle discussed the second part of the grant application on new equipment, called a Quint. Board consensus was it would be worthwhile to write the grant and try to obtain it.

Park & Rec Committee Report: Gunderson reported on last meeting. Committee is still working on Park Plan. Ad to run in The News to see if any residents have land and are willing to sell it for a park. After Town identifies available parcels, the Board will look at accessibility, terrain, and other pros and cons of each parcel.

Building Inspector Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the February Building Inspector's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Resolution 2008-01: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to adopt Resolution 2008-01 Building Permit Fees. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

New Business: Rural Mutual Insurance/Tom Jenkins: Board reviewed insurance coverage and fees. Discussion on adding \$20,000 vehicle and equipment rental at an annual cost of \$90.00 to the premium. This situation would include trucks being in for repair or destroyed by fire and the Town needing to rent a truck for snow removal. Discussion on Town of Emerald truck destroyed by fire and timeframe for replacement. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to add the \$90.00 annual cost for \$20,000 Town vehicle and equipment rental. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Appoint Renee Rivard as Election Inspector: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to appoint Renee Rivard as Election Inspector. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consideration of Adoption of Impact Fee Ordinance 2008-01: Much discussion on recent statutory changes and park fee. Board consensus was to have the attorney revisit the ordinance with the new statutory changes and reconsider the adoption of the ordinance at the April meeting. Motion by Demulling, seconded Germain by to postpone the adoption of the impact fee ordinance until advising with the Town's attorney, especially regarding park fee. Motion carried. All members voted yes. April 2nd agenda item.

Planning Commission Report: Robert Nagel/2 Lot CSM (180th Ave.): Contiguous buildable area has been added to the map and setbacks have been removed. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the 2 lot CSM for Robert Nagel. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Pat Collova/4 Lot Concept CSM (236th Ave./65th St.): Discussion on blacktopping down the center of the temporary cul-de-sac. No objections to the concept map. No action taken.

New Town Subdivision Ordinance: Working on updates and draft.

Other Announcements: St. Croix County Recycling Public Issues and Mass Notification System meetings held in Hudson on March 13 and March 19. Joint meeting with the Village on March 26, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Spring election on April 1, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk