

Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2007

These Minutes are unofficial until approved at April 4th meeting.

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Plourde, Demulling, Gunderson, Germain, and Schachtner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes. No public input.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the February 7th meeting minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve the February 12th special meeting minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the February 28th special meeting minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to approve the February Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Demulling read the February report from Belisle. 2008 F-350 V10 Extended Cab truck has been ordered and will arrive in 6-8 weeks. Foreman Fire to install equipment. Two structure fires in February. Requested Emergency Operations Plan to be discussed at next joint Town/Village meeting.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Gunderson reported on March 6th meeting. Town standards, acquiring land, meeting with athletic organizations to help identify what their needs are were talked about. Hiking/walking trails with small parking area at old dump site to be an agenda item at next joint Town/Village meeting.

Old Business: Suzanne Peeples/Stevens Engineering-Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan Worksheet: The Board worked with Peeples on the Capital Improvement Plan spreadsheet for two hours, prioritizing road projects, municipal buildings, equipment, fire protection and park/recreation needs along with projected costs for the next 7 years.

Ann Burton Court Case Decision and Judgment for Costs Option: Attorney Brose notified the Town they have prevailed in the Burton case. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to pursue filing the Judgment for Costs against Ann Burton and have Brose file the necessary paperwork at a cost of \$200.00. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consider Approval of 192nd & County Road I Intersection: Discussion on St. Croix County's estimate to Town of \$91,000 for Town's share in improvement of 192nd and County Road I intersection. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Schachtner to approve the project with St. Croix County at an estimated cost of \$91,000. Motion carried. Gunderson, Schachtner, Plourde, and Germain voted yes. Demulling voted no.

WI Tax Solutions Letter to Town and Consideration of Disallowance of Claim: Postponed until April 4th meeting.

New Business: Consider Advertising for Sealed Bids for Surfacing Roger LaMirande's Driveway-85th Street: Demulling presented a spec sheet for sealed bid ad. Motion by Germain, seconded by Demulling to approve advertising for sealed bids for the surfacing of LaMirande's driveway in connection with the 85th Street Project. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Somerset Garden Club-Request for up to \$300.00 for Town Hall Sign Garden: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Germain to approve up to \$300.00 to the Somerset Garden Club for the Town Hall Sign Garden. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Sealed Bid Advertisement for Phase I, Phase II and Phase III Interior Modifications to Town/Fire Hall for Offices: Advertised in The News and Tri-County North & South (yellow paper). Bids to be opened at April 4th meeting.

Review Draft of Employee Handbook: Discussion on safety rules being a separate document. Postponed.

Discussion on Animal Control after April: A contract from Kathi Pelnar, who provides this service for other towns/cities, was reviewed. Board consensus was to invite Pelnar, and any other interested parties, to the April 4th meeting. No action taken.

Planning Commission Report: Rauch addressed the Board with the progress that is being made on the Town's subdivision ordinance. The first 20 pages of second draft are complete. Rauch will meet with Ellen Denzer to discuss referencing County's charts/diagrams in Town's ordinance to simplify it and cut down on the number of pages. By April 4th meeting, a credible draft should be available.

Schachtner reminded Board of NIMS Training on Monday, March 12th from 6-10 pm at the Hudson Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Clerk