

**Town of Somerset & Village of Somerset
with Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission
Joint Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 26, 2008**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall.
Present: Ed Schachtner, Doug Plourde, Shane Demulling, Denise Gunderson, Lenny Germain, Jeff Johnson, Ryan Sicard, Gerald Mullenberg, Tom Roy, Rita Lawson and Bartt Palmer.
Absent: John Nash, Carol Switzer, Greg Sayers, Bob Campbell and Robert Goserud. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Input: Rita Lawson announced that Martell's Landing's director, Nancy Brown, will be recognized by the St. Croix River Association.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion by Sicard, seconded by Demulling to approve the December 12, 2007 Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Financial Report for 1st Qtr. 2008: Chief Belisle and Brian Duggan presented a detailed financial report. Discussion on truck maintenance, donations and 2007 DNR grant money received. Gunderson suggested adding percentage of total budget used column on next financial report. Motion by Sicard, seconded by Germain to approve the 1st Qtr. 2008 Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Knox Box Ordinance: Belisle has revised the Knox Box Ordinance. Town will seek legal opinion from Town attorney.

Old Town Hall Committee Ordinance: Lawson has made revisions to ordinance. Village will make a donation to the committee. Town will consider adopting ordinance at April 2nd meeting.

Apple River Bridge Crossing-Access to Village: Sicard reported Village met with D.O.T. and they suggested putting on/off ramps, east of new highway 64 (for emergency purposes), at 50th Street instead of County Road I in the long range plan. Current Apple River Bridge has been inspected three times and has received excellent ratings. New highway 64 has reduced the truck traffic significantly. Discussion on official mapping of this area.

2007 Actual Budget Overages: Belisle presented actual 2007 budget overages in the areas of payroll, maintenance, gas/oil, and auditing. Overages totaled \$4,318.24. Discussion on increase in calls, diesel, and repairs. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Mullenberg to approve the 2007 budget overages of \$4,318.24 (to be split 45% - 55%) with the Village paying \$1,943.21 and the Town paying \$2,375.03. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

New Business-Grants: Belisle discussed the grants he is writing for equipment and a generator for fire hall.

Vision 64: Gunderson addressed importance of planning for the area. Johnson stated the importance that the Vision 64 group comes to the Town & Village meetings. Lawson stated Village & Town both need to look at the broad picture because what we do now affects the future. Johnson stated Village is looking to expand their industrial park and that may not coincide with the idea of the group. Johnson questioned if the representation on the committee is broad enough. Sicard stressed Vision 64 committee be aware they are an advisory committee to the Boards. Johnson suggested Vision 64 be on the next joint meeting agenda for a brief presentation and discussion. All in attendance agreed that would be beneficial.

Set Tentative Date/Time for Next Joint Meeting: Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Joint meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Somerset Town Board: Review of St. Croix National Golf & Event Center LLC Transfer of Liquor License: Board reviewed the application and saw no foreseen problems with the transfer scheduled at the April 2nd meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jeri Koester,
Town Clerk