

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2009**

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. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Germain to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Public Input: Bert Krueger inquired about number of delinquent tax properties. Kris Kielsa requested that the Town Board accept his application for future consideration of abandonment of 188' of Heron Lane for the purpose of being able to raze and rebuild a new house on the current site. The County will not grant a variance to the setback, due to the acreage, however the best place for the house would be at the current site. The Town Board agreed to review the submitted information and hold a public hearing with consideration of a resolution at the May meeting. Jerry Sandahl requested more gravel at the bottom of Twin Springs Road so the bus company can turn around. Road crew will look at the area and try to make some improvements. Sandahl was advised to take the busing matter up with the bus company.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the March 4th Minutes with the correction that the Library's walk/run event will be held on May 9th. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Plourde to approved the March Financial Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission Report: The Kraemer Company is seeking approval to renew the 5 year special exception permit for non metallic mining at P & P Pit. Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to recommend approval of renewing the 5-year special exception permit for The Kraemer Company at P & P Pit. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

S & N Surveying/Jerry Sittlow-1 Lot CSM: Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 lot CSM for Jerry Sittlow pending receipt of the park fee and removal of the 50' setback line. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the March Building Inspector's Report with the condition that the Kris Kielsa new house permit be approved with proper setbacks. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

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

Fire/Rescue Commission Report: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the Fire/Rescue Commission Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Parks & Rec Committee Report-Draft Ordinance 2009-01 Pay Box and Regulations at Twin Springs Park: Inquire with attorney about towing drop fee. Board consensus was to have attorney review ordinance and consider adoption at May meeting along with resolution setting fees.

Park Fund Donation Request Guidelines & Procedures: Parks & Rec Committee is still working on guidelines for donation requests. Plourde suggested an annual deadline for grant applications.

Transportation & Facilities Committee Report-Consideration of Approval of Painting

Exterior of Town Hall: Motion by Germain, seconded by Plourde to approve Hurd Maintenance's proposal to paint the two exterior walls and one service door at a price of \$5,414.00. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

80th Street: Transportation & Facilities Committee met with Town of Star Prairie both Towns agreed to mill and overlay 80th Street this year.

Consideration of Hiring a Surveyor for 85th Street and 160th Avenue Project: S & N Surveying quoted \$2,500; St. Croix County quoted \$1,750 with an extra \$250.00 to stake the new road location. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to accept St. Croix County's Surveying quote not to exceed \$2,000.00 for a survey and creation of a CSM, including all drafting of legal descriptions and the recording of pertinent deeds for the conveyance of land and staking the new roadway location. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consideration of Advertising for Bids on 85th Street & 160th Avenue Project: Motion by Germain, seconded by Gunderson to approve putting the 85th Street & 160th Avenue Project out for bid. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Consideration of Advertising for Bids for Seal coating & Crack filling: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to advertise for bids on seal coat (4.3 miles) and crack filling (11.0 miles). Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Old Business-Pine Lake Project: Demulling will contact Belisle's.

New Business-Somerset Baseball-Request to Use Town Hall: Motion by Germain, seconded by Gunderson to postpone the request as no one was present. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Change of Agent and Transfer of Liquor License for Potting's Restaurant & Lounge: Motion by Gunderson, seconded by Demulling to approve the change of agent and transfer of license from Kenneth Potting Sr. to Janice Potting. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Letter from Charles Bailey: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to deny the demand for refund for 30 days. Motion carried. All members voted yes. A letter will be sent to Bailey.

Mileage Payment to Town of Richmond for Capital Day: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Gunderson to reimburse Town of Richmond \$75.00 for mileage to Capital Day. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Designate Three Posting Sites for Agendas/Public Notices: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to designate the Town Hall, American Legion, and Potting's Bar as the official posting sites. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Planning Commission-Ed & David Schachtner (81 +/- acres), Wilma, David & Ed Schachtner (74 +/- acres) and Schachtner Limited Family Partnership (351 +/- acres) -Request to Rezone from Ag. to Ag./Residential: Ed Schachtner excused himself from the Board and asked Plourde to Chair this section of the meeting. County's Technical Review Committee comments and Schachtner's responses were reviewed and discussed. Rauch commented this land's best use is ag/residential and houses will eventually go in on this land because it is not good farmland. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Gunderson to recommend to St. Croix County the rezoning of all three parcels from ag. to ag./residential, citing these requests meet WSS 91.77. Motion carried. Demulling, Gunderson, Germain, and Plourde voted yes. Schachtner abstained.

Other Announcements:

Spring Election, Tuesday, April 7, polls open 7 am – 8 pm

Annual Town Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk