

**Town of Somerset
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2006**

Chairman Schachtner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were Neumann, Demulling, Plourde and Schachtner. Absent: Gunderson. Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Clerk's & Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to approve the March Minutes. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Public Input: Wittig expressed thanks from the Senior Center Board for the removal of the parking barricades. Wittig also inquired when County Road VV will be designated and was concerned about signage. Schachtner announced a resident from the Town had dropped off flyers for anyone who is interested in purchasing meals being prepared and sold to assist families with their large utility bills.

Fire/Rescue Report: Demulling read a report from Chief Reed on calls, new hires, drills, fire truck status, DNR training, CPR/AED training and 150th Celebration plans.

Open Sealed Bids for Phase I & II of Fire/Rescue & Clerk's Offices: Schachtner opened the sealed bid for the Fire/Rescue Dept. office (Phase I) from Severson Construction for \$37,000, not including the electrical. Schachtner opened the sealed bid for the Clerk's office (Phase II) from Severson Construction for \$29,018.00, not including electrical. No other bids were submitted. Board agreed it would be preferable to have electrical included and more than one competitive bid for comparison. Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to table this topic until fall and to re-bid the projects to include electrical for equal comparisons. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Parks & Rec Committee Report: Motion by Neumann, seconded by Plourde to approve two loads of lime for the Larry Forrest Memorial Park ball fields. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Expenditure to come out of the Park Fund account. John Gunther reported on a meeting April 18, 4:00 p.m. at the old dumpsite with the DNR. Town Board and Park & Rec Committee members will meet on site. Meeting will be posted. Discussion on putting Park Fund revenue into a CD.

Building Inspector's Report: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the March Building Inspector's Report (1 house and 1 alteration). Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Old Business-Report on Old Town Hall Restoration Project: Peter Johnson gave a detailed report on the interior and exterior work that has been accomplished. Landscaping was discussed. September Open House date will be met. Board was quite pleased with the project and thanked Johnson for his time and support.

85th Street Project: Schachtner contacted ACA Engineering for an estimate on the engineering part of the project.

Set Date for Special Town Meeting to Inspect Roads for 2006 Road Projects: After checking with Gunderson's schedule, Board will post Special meeting for either Monday, April 24th or Tuesday, April 25th, 6:30 p.m. to physically inspect roads.

Classification of Town Roads and Establishing Setbacks: Much discussion on changing current setback ordinance of 133' from center/100' from ROW to classification of roads D & E and establishing new setbacks. Plourde stated an official road plan review is necessary. Neumann supported all main feeder roads as 100' setback from ROW and the interior roads as 50' setback from ROW. Schachtner suggested Planning Commission take a strong look at this issue.

Discussion on Equipment Needs/Prices on a Tractor Loader: Wally Neumann presented information on New Holland and John Deere tractor loaders. Much discussion. Schachtner suggested Neumann get firm bids and find out the timeframe for delivery for next month's agenda.

Discussion on Road Patching Options and Purchase of a Used Hot Box: Demulling stated cold mix patches are just band aids and he'd like to look into different road patching methods. Al Goodman offered to donate his time to apply three patches-hot mix, square cut patch and cold mix for comparison. Town would have to provide materials at \$50.00 - \$60.00. Board consensus was to try test areas for comparison.

Safety Supervisor Requirements: Board will continue to send road crew to safety training seminars.

New Business-Somerset Library Walk/Run Event: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to let the Somerset Library use the Town Hall on Saturday, May 13th from 7-noon. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Numbering of New Town Frontage Roads: Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to contact the County to grid the new frontage roads for numbering. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Somerset Garden Club-Request for \$300.00: Motion by Neumann, seconded by Demulling to approve \$300.00 for shrubs/landscaping in front of the Town Hall rock sign. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Reduction of 13'(+/-) Right-of-Way on Old Scout Camp Road: Motion by Neumann, seconded by Demulling to approve the reduction of a maximum of 13'(+/-) to a 60' radius cul-de-sac on Old Scout Camp Road. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

Copar/John Hilsen-Road Connection between Pine Meadows and Hillside Estates: Harold Rivard inquired about the 620' connection of road that is currently an easement. Board reviewed letter dated 9-30-97. Schachtner stated letter reads "town will build or will have built" and the Town's intent was to have the next developer build the road, as the Town never spends taxpayer dollars to build road for development. Neumann agreed and stated at the time the easement was put in it was for the benefit of Hilsen because it gave his property access through Pine Meadows on 70th Street instead of on 170th Avenue. Board pointed out when Gerald Smith put in the Whitetail Trails subdivision there is a similar easement with future connection of 67th St. as Mike Germain will have to construct and finance the connection of 67th St. when he develops to the West.

Resolution 2006-01-Town Abandonment of Right-of-Way of Section of Old Scout Camp Road: Board reviewed State Statutes on the process of abandoning road ROW. This section of road is no longer used due to new highway corridor. A public hearing will be held in June, after a class 3 notice is given, to abandon this section of road.

Planning Commission Report: Rauch reported extensive work is being done on revising the Town's subdivision ordinance. Discussion on leaving road standards out of the subdivision ordinance. Board consensus was to have road standards as a separate ordinance.

JEO/Louis & Lorraine Germain/Lenny Germain-1 Lot CSM Parcel Add-On: Lenny Germain presented a 3-acre add on piece to his current 3-acre parcel. Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 lot CSM as presented. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

S & N Surveying/Roy Koester-1 Lot CSM: Letter from National Park Service with 66' driveway easement to existing residence was presented and reviewed. Motion by Demulling, seconded by Plourde to approve the 1 Lot CSM for Roy Koester noting that Town prefers the 66' strip of land to the north to allow for future access to the remaining back property. Motion carried. All members voted yes.

S & N Surveying/Rick Jonk-5 Lot Concept Map: Board reviewed concept map and asked that 1250' dump setback radius be shown on map. Board was pleased with the future road connection to Dayspring Vistas. No action taken.

S & N Surveying/Larry Martell-2 Lot CSM: Neumann questioned if this should be a major. Motion by Schachtner, seconded by Plourde to approve the 2 Lot CSM as it meets all Town requirements. Motion carried. Schachtner, Plourde and Demulling voted in favor. Neumann opposed.

Humphrey Engineering/Dayspring Development-17 Lot Final Plat of Dayspring Reserve: Motion by Plourde, seconded by Demulling to approve the final plat of Dayspring Reserve as presented. Motion carried. All members voted yes. Letter of Credit for roadway is required.

Special Exception Request by Lenny Germain to Construct a Shed for Insulation Business on Lot #1 of CM & E Business Park: Rauch stated Planning Commission approved this request. CM & E Business Park lots must get final approval, but Board had no objections to this Special Exception Request.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Jeri Koester, Clerk